

## CLAIMING YOUR MAGNIFICENCE

What is happening, friend? Have you discovered how truly amazing you are and begun to share YOU with the world? Or are you still stuck in disbelief that this question:

***Are you ready to claim your greatness, the magnificence that you are?***

was meant for you? Well, it was. I know you are hesitating because I have hesitated so very often in my life. By the way, I am 55 years young as I write today. In those 55 years, I have tried to be great as the world defines greatness, hid my light behind fear and "not good enough", and taken time to discover my gifts and talents and dared to share them freely in the world around me. It wasn't until my fifth decade of life that I could really believe in my own magnificence.

Think about that - for 50 years I hid, played small, lived in fear, refused to let you see me and benefit from my life experience. It is true that the 10 years prior to age 50 were filled with growth and expansion and the budding of the Jeanne you know today. And today's bloom is sure to drop some petals, sprout new ones, continue to expand. But if I have anything to say about it, I want your budding to begin and your magnificence to bloom long before age 40. If you have already passed this milestone, please stay. Us late bloomers matter too!

Why do I want you to bloom NOW? The world needs you, that's why! Each one of us who has been gifted with human life has a unique and powerful role in humanity's evolution. I really believe this. Our roles take all shapes and sizes, to be sure. We are not all destined to be President of the United States or the Dalai Lama. Some of us will have the difficult role as caregiver for an ailing spouse or parent, others will give all their love to young children in their care. Some will bloom on the job, adding levity, respect and kindness to the workplace. There is no greater or lesser.

I think I owe you an explanation as again I've gotten a bit preachy. Earlier I mentioned a leadership development program that I'd attended in 2010. Along with 21 others from around the world, we traveled the ten months, learning leadership concepts in a very experiential way. Every piece of learning was on display for all to see. Talk about inner critics: mine raged for ten months! I didn't ask for help ... until the very last day. Yes, you heard me. I think they call this, "learning the hard way". At any rate, on that day, through a face red with tears, I approached one of our co-leaders. She looked at me and simply said:

**"Jeanne, the world needs leaders NOW.  
Get out of your shit and lead!"**

Oh, Karen (Karen Kimsey-House, CEO and Co-Founder of The Coaches Training Institute), your words hit hard, deep and true. Nothing else would have had the same impact. With those few words, I was lifted out of my navel and ordered to step up in my life. I was given freedom to lead everywhere and freed from the need to be "big". Leadership was no longer just about some world-class event with widespread impact and name recognition. Leadership was a daily occurrence in the trenches of life. Leadership was about being all of who I am in all that I do and listening intently for the ways life was calling me to step up.

There you have it. This is why I believe you need to bloom - now. Each of you - now. In your own unique way - now. In the life that surrounds you - now. Now is the time to step up and act. Now is the time to continue to listen, grow, expand AS YOU ACT.

Will you make mistakes? Will you fall flat on your face at times? Will you act in ways you will later regret? Most probably.

Will you learn? Will you do some amazing things? Will you delight yourself and others? Will you shine in your own special way? Most probably.

Will you be afraid at times? Will you want to turn back or run away at times? Most probably.

**Will you quit?  
Most probably NOT.**

What makes me say that? You have come this far. This hasn't been an easy journey. You are changed inside and out. You have expanded and no longer fit in the box that was your life. How phenomenal is that?

What, you don't feel comfortable at this new size yet? I understand. You've heard of growth spurts, haven't you? You've seen the klutzy teenager whose nose is too big for his face and who hasn't quite learned how to maneuver those long legs and arms without stumbling around and breaking things. Well, you are in a growth spurt! You have a glimpse of magnificence but don't yet know how to be with it. You have a vision of this bigger, more amazing you, but don't yet know how to express yourself fully.

***I am SO celebrating with you!***

You are well on your way as a leader and deeply touching humanity with your life. You cannot shrink enough to fit into yesterday's box. And, sooner or later, you won't want to. This brings such a smile to my face. You see, the more of you there are, the more company I will have in this place of big blooming. We are in this together. Imagine our garden now. Blooms of every shape, size, color, scent. Imagine all who stop, soak in our beauty, find rest and restorative energy, inspiration and delight!

What more can I say? I vision a world where human beings find and express their unique, powerful, magnificent voice in service of us all. I see teachers, healers, parents, children, partners, leaders, visionaries in full bloom. I see YOU ... here.

***Now are you ready to claim your greatness,  
the magnificence that you are?  
What is your vision?***

## Your turn: Explore Your Inner Landscape



**A NEW FOCUS** is an invitation for you to be with your vision, your magnificence, the "iew" in your "view". Let yourself relax into the spaciousness beyond the horizon. Notice and release thoughts, ideas, fears and inner critics that cloud your vision. This is your time to dream, to imagine, to feel into your greatness.

What game is over?  
What is your viewfinder?  
What view is at your back?  
What is your intuition's guidance?  
What is coming into focus?  
What clouds the lens?  
What if trust wanes?  
What shift enhances focus?  
What vision is illuminated?

What are your eyes blind to?  
What remains blurred?  
What is incredible?  
What is beyond your view?  
What is the game changer?  
What 'iew' is expanded in the view?  
What intuitive hit are you blocking?  
What is your new focus?

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