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## **We must Continue to try and Improve Ourselves**

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We wonder why, at times, why we are going through the physical, the emotional, the financial problems which beset us when we're on the Earth Plane do we not?

*Yes.*

We consider that it is really reasonable that our friends spirit side allow these things to occur because if they were truly on our side, they would have removed them. They would have taken them away from our personage wouldn't they?

Well that's our perception when we're on the Earth Plane because we don't see the true picture. We don't see the correct picture because each and every one of us, when we visit the Earth Plane have certain criteria to overcome, certain challenges to overcome. And once we have acceded and have reached the point where we have progressed and advanced ourselves to the point which was desired prior to our entry to the Earth Plane, and I don't hope you don't mind if I use you as an example.

*Of course not.*

But you as an individual have exceeded your requirement, but that doesn't mean to say that other problems won't be there for you to overcome. Because once you have exceeded your requirement anything that you do beyond that is a plus is it not?

*Yes I suppose so.*

And therefore we shouldn't limit our desire to overcome these problems. You can liken it to your scholastic progress and you could say that it is desirous that you reach Standard Six. But you reach Standard Six and you still have more time upon the Earth Plane so wouldn't it be more sensible that you continue your education until you matriculate?

*Stands to reason.*

So therefore never ever consider that you have overcome what you have set yourself to overcome because there is no limit to what you can achieve. And each and every one of us have a different perspective, a different rulebook, a different set of circumstances and problems which we have to overcome. And none us are a carbon copy of another and therefore our problems and our advancement is unique to us as an individual.

So therefore we should never compare our problems with the problems of another.

We should never compare our successes with the successes of another because it is an irrelevant subject, the comparison, because we have no idea what the other individual is or has. We have no idea how much that other individual has progressed or hasn't progressed. So we are not in a position to compare are we? Because to compare you have to have an idea of both individuals. You have to have a comparison. And none of us, when we're upon the Earth Plane, have that ability.

So we can only compare ourselves with our ourselves. And the way we can do that is "Am I a better person now than I was five, ten years ago?" That comparison we can do can't we? "Am I more compassionate? Am I more understanding? Am I more tolerant? Am I less to anger?"

These are all something which we can detail in our mind can't we? We can detail it and we can say "Yes. I have become more tolerant because that situation used to annoy me but now it doesn't. I have become more understanding because I am more tolerant with other people and their attitude towards us."

So therefore we can have that subjective comparison. And now I'm going to contradict what I've just said. Don't ever compare yourself because you have no perception of where you are meant to go and therefore if you do that comparison you are likely to get either disheartened or smug. Both emotions are incorrect. So if you want to have an example to set your mind forward to, set your mind to the Nazarene because there is a physical example of a person of almost perfection. And I do say almost because even he was not a perfect individual. And when we compare ourselves with the Nazarene, we find ourselves wanting don't we? And therefore we have a goal. We have a finishing point.

Now in that race to get to that finishing point it is inconceivable that we will reach the end on this visit to the Earth Plane. It is inconceivable. But what is possible is that you will have run the course and you have moved forward. That is your requirement. So don't get disheartened because the goal seems out of reach because it isn't. The goal is within all of our reaches and we can achieve it, albeit not on this visit to the Earth Plane. And I say that without fear of contradiction because if you were capable of achieving it there would be no purpose and point to you being on the Earth Plane at this point in time because you would have moved past the point when you require a physical body to move forward. You don't need a physical experience because you will have moved forward.

So the very fact that we are all on the Earth Plane and are on the Earth Plane at the moment mean that we've all got a little bit of journey towards the end goal. But equally don't be disheartened because we have been given this opportunity. So don't waste it! Try and improve the love, the tolerance, that you have within your being and if you can do that you will have moved forward.

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