

Do Not Dream-LIVE

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There is a line in a song I once heard which states "Dreams are for those who sleep." Although the context within the song rang like the Liberty Bell for me, it went deeper into what I was doing or rather attempting to do. Life is so vast and has a multitude of opportunities that lie before us. It is not the opportunity we should strive for but for the importance of that opportunity and what it will provide. It is not enough to go through life without making some mark; I like to think of it as a legacy. Years from now, one should all be able to look back and say-"I did that! I was involved with communities."

Whether you and your sister delivered books to sick children, spent time at your child's school or invented an innovative way to disseminate information, we should be involved in listening to someone. To create. The meaning of create is to come into existence; make; originate; to bring about; give to and cause. It is pretty powerful in meaning as are we. Our creative genius is like a tear, traveling through the duct and waiting to be released on the face of this world.

We all have a purpose-whether your purpose is positive or negative, it is up to you to define it. The main reason we falter or hesitate is because we are concerned about how we will look in the eyes of others. The only eyes that should ultimately count is God's and of course yours. The phrase "being able to sleep at night" or "able to look in the mirror" are small signs to keep us focused and on the right track. Mind you, achieving your goal, your reality, and your passion should NOT be a pressure point. If we couple our passion with understanding of what our ancestors have gone through, it is almost a sin, to sit back and not achieve your goals.

Developing a cure for a disease does not have to be the goal. The goal is pure and simple. Understand that the world is yours. Understand that you are here for a purpose. Understand that you are loved. Understand you have the mental ability. We are capable of enduring any occupation, hobby, or calling. Never be afraid to seek out the counsel of those who may be more knowledgeable in your choice of fields. Don't worry about criticism; those who usually criticize (not constructive) have nothing and actually wish their mind was as focused as yours. Be well and make that dream your reality....no time to sleep!

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