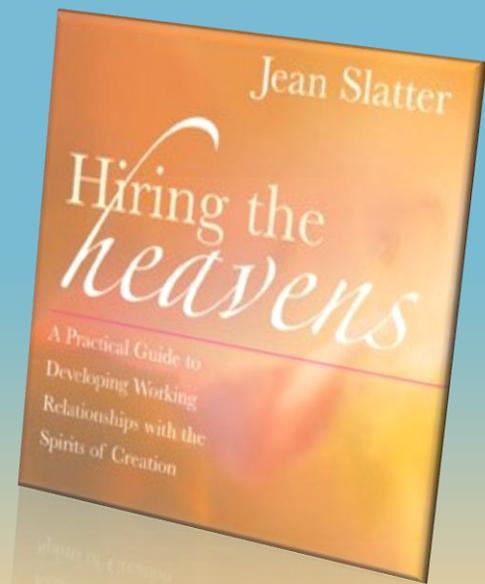


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SETTING THE STAGE

I was guided to write this book. At first I couldn't imagine how my ideas could fill a book—because they seemed too simple! After all, I had been using them for years without any special effort or training. In fact, they had become so much a part of my life that I never went through a day without them. And it took only about ten minutes to share my process with friends, so how could I possibly expand the material enough to create an entire book? Yet that's what my inner guidance insisted upon.

It began to dawn on me that the simplicity of my process was in fact its greatest beauty. I loved the idea of offering a path to Spirit that was child's play so to speak, one so easy

and openhearted that it left room for the reader's own imagination to ripen. I wanted my book to be short and sweet and yet overflowing with possibilities, something that could be read in a few hours and yet potentially change the reader's perceptions in a profound and lasting way.

So I began in the spring of 2002 to put pen to paper. In my attempt to describe what I envision as the Spirits of Creation, I called upon a number of different terms to express this concept such as: celestial helpers, guides, angels, invisible assistance, the Universe, Spirit...the list goes on and on. I did this so that the reader would not be boxed into any particular image. The reader may take any imagery as literally or as symbolically as they wish or even come up with different words that better suit their frame of reference. My effort was simply to inspire, not prove the exact reality of my concept.

The process of writing a book, as I soon discovered, becomes an incredible growth experience for the author. I watched as my ideas, while retaining their precious simplicity, began to deepen and fill out. As the book evolved, my own personal awareness about who we really are and what we're here to do expanded dramatically.

Many spiritual teachers tell us that life is a gift to be lived in joyful alignment with our divine source. But until a few years ago I didn't understand that in order to do that, I had to own, accept, and *employ* the part of me that is divine. Otherwise, my essence and my purpose in this lifetime would not be fully expressed.

Employ my own divinity? What exactly did that mean? I discovered that for me it lay at the heart of “creating my own reality,” an idea that's very popular these days but that only became real for me when I embraced the employment concept described in this book. Ultimately, it meant a shift in perception that changed the way I viewed everything.

I began to truly understand that I was not alone. That spiritual helpers stood ready and willing to be “hired” in the co-creative expression of my divinity. Unified with Spirit, I realized I was master of my universe and designer of my world. This was a message of freedom and power.

I must admit that much of what I'm about to share with you came as a big surprise to me. Watching it unfold was an exhilarating experience, but it also triggered some internal resistance. Part of it, I felt, bordered on irreverence. I now recognize that my apprehension was nothing more than

growing pains within my consciousness. As my spirit expanded into fuller understanding, new perceptions replaced those beliefs that no longer served me.

As I shared this information with others, I received heartfelt responses from many people who also heard an inner whisper urging them to create their lives in tandem with the power of the Universe. I came to see myself as a bridge, my mission being to connect people with the spiritual world in a tangible way that they could easily embrace. Writing this book was an inevitable step on my path towards owning and accepting my own divine power—and inspiring others to do the same.

BRINGING HEAVEN DOWN TO EARTH

Do you feel connected to Spirit? I'm not talking about a religious background or affiliation. I'm talking about being connected to the power of the Heavens—and bringing it right down here to Earth to use in your everyday life.

For many people, spiritual connection means going to church and praying. And even though they may believe they have a soul or spirit within, they feel separate from the power of the Universe. They can worship it and form religions around it, but it remains outside of them. Only in times of crisis or noble cause do they feel justified in calling upon that power—and even then they believe the response (or lack thereof) is entirely up to God.

The fact is, even those of us who believe in our oneness with Spirit often find it difficult to envision such a tremendous force as a tangible, viable energy in our daily lives. The idea that God is within each and every one of us may be inspiring, but it's just pretty prose unless we can somehow get it into bite-sized pieces.

What we really need is a way to make our lives better. To be happier and more at ease, find a fulfilling job, create a great marriage, help our kids, be a good friend, make payments, reduce the stress in our lives. You know, get through the day with as much grace and wisdom as possible.

We need help with the real stuff in our lives—the ups and downs and challenges and yearnings we experience every day. If the power of the Heavens can't be brought down to that level, then what earthly use is it? I don't expect to be creating planets anytime soon, do you?

It's amazing, really. Many of us believe we are divine vessels in physical form, and yet take any mundane human problem, such as a bill that needs to be paid or a deadline that's too close, and suddenly we forget all about that. We were born with the power that created the world, and yet we fall apart when we have to create a workable schedule!

Somehow our true nature gets buried under the constant hum of our busy minds, our busy lives, and our busy fears. Even with all the poetic reassurance of the omnipotent support within us that's provided by popular religion these days, we still feel alone.

But what if it could be different? Let's explore a shift in perception that will make your connection to the creative force of the Heavens so real you can reach out and grasp it. One that will turn familiar but abstract expressions, such as "God is within you" and "Ask and you shall receive," into something immediate and real. Suddenly the expansive power of the Universe, which had seemed so impossible to relate to, will be sitting right in the palm of your hand. No longer will God seem like a lofty king choosing among the myriad of prayers drifting His way. Instead, He—and all of the Heavens—will become your ally and confidante, sitting right beside you and supporting your every intention.

In these pages you'll discover a fresh, revitalized way of looking at spirituality that will ever so gently bring God down to Earth. And consider this: What if that's exactly where He's always wanted to be? What if He's been calling to you all along, reminding you that you are an extension of Him,

and that as such it is your prerogative—no, your God-given *mission*—to take command of this omnipresent power?

As far as I'm concerned, the single most important message in this book is this:

BY DIVINE DESIGN WE ARE *CREATORS*, AND IT IS OUR BIRTHRIGHT—INDEED, OUR DIRECTIVE—TO JOYFULLY WIELD THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE.

This bears repeating. I'm saying that we are extensions of the creative energy of the Universe, and that this vast resource is always available to us—without restrictions. I'm saying that the same creative force that existed from the beginning of time is our essential nature. I'm saying that flowing through each and every one of us is a dynamic energy that is ours to use deliberately to create the life we desire. Its potential is unlimited, unbounded—and it *belongs* to each of us.

When we see ourselves as divinely sanctioned creators, something quite amazing happens. The transformation is unmistakable. Life is lived from a different vantage point. We recognize our authority to summon the vast resources of the Heavens and all of the eager spiritual assistance that's

available for everything we do. We discover that all conceivable tasks can be facilitated and orchestrated, and all conceivable problems can be solved, by our connection to this incredible power. With this new awareness we can shape our lives on purpose, creating joy and fulfillment with such ease that it feels like a miracle. Forevermore our lives can be a deliberate, joyful expression of the infinite Source of all creation and possibilities. Heaven can finally be brought down to Earth.

And it's really quite simple. It's as near as your next thought—or even closer. Even if you read no more than the first few chapters of this book, your life can be changed forever.

As Oliver Wendell Holmes said, “A mind stretched by a new idea can never go back to its original dimensions.”

Are you ready to have your mind stretched?

HIRING IN THE SPIRIT REALM

Just for fun, imagine that the spiritual world is every bit as diverse as our own physical world. Imagine that it possesses every personality, style, skill, interest, motivation, talent, and ability that we humans do. For example, here on Earth we find people with all kinds of personality traits. Some are funny, some are analytical, some are spontaneous or assertive or efficient. We also find people with every possible talent, ability, and job description. Some are exceptional as teachers, some as negotiators, some as gardeners or counselors or childcare providers.

So imagine that all of these characteristics and job descriptions also exist in the nonphysical dimension. That no matter what the subject, it has a match in the spiritual realm. Science, mathematics, art, music, philosophy, construction, and every other possible arena all have their spiritual doubles. In fact, for a talent or ability to exist here on Earth, its corresponding nonphysical energy must also exist.

Next imagine that this entire universe of celestial experts and attributes is yours for the asking. That the Spirits of Creation are standing ready to assist you in the making of your world. And that not only is the power to summon that creativity flowing through you, it is your divine right—divine *assignment* even—to wield it.

I believe that in one way or another this picture is true. If I'm right, how could it change your life? What if all of these skills, traits, and talents were virtually at your fingertips?

The Universal Yellow Pages

Let's go even farther and imagine that each of us has access to the expansive, unabridged, revised-every-minute Yellow Pages of the Universe. Next time you're in need of a special

talent or skill, let your mental fingertips do the walking! Whatever project or need you may have, I invite you to open the Universal Yellow Pages and choose the professionals with the perfect skills to assist you.

If a talent or ability exists here on Earth, the Universal Yellow Pages has a section for it. In fact, even if you've never heard of anyone with the exact package of skills and traits you're looking for, you can be confident that somewhere in the Universe, precisely what you need is lined up and ready to serve you, just waiting to be asked.

This concept is easy to work with because it utilizes a template with which you are already comfortable. Your conscious mind is familiar with the process of hiring from the physical Yellow Pages, so imagining doing the same thing in the nonphysical dimension is also a simple process. Suddenly, connecting with Spirit becomes as conceivable as any other endeavor. You create the thought, you bring in the talent and energy and ability, and then your request begins to fulfill itself.

Contemplate for a moment how easily some things just fall into place as if they were meant to be. How chance meetings serendipitously occur as if written in a play. And how

you sometimes get an impulse to go somewhere that puts you in the perfect place at the perfect time. These are not accidents. Wouldn't it be wonderful to increase the frequency of these amazing "coincidences"? That's what can happen every day when you open the Universal Yellow Pages and let the Universe arrange and orchestrate the details of your intentions.

Think Heavens First

On the physical plane we always *seem* to be dealing with limited resources. Not enough money, not enough time, not enough people or experts. If we switch our perception to the Universe, those restrictions don't apply. So just imagine that you have all the money, time, and resources in the world to hire whatever kind of assistance your mind can come up with.

Let's say you're planning a trip to another country. I encourage you to think about the heavenly resource pool *first* and hire a spiritual travel agent and a spiritual activities coordinator to help make it the most enjoyable visit ever. But don't stop there. Remember, anything you think of can be facilitated by your invisible helpers. You can bring in a spiri-

tual tour guide to show you around, a spiritual translator to bridge the language gap, and a spiritual comedian to make sure there's plenty of laughter.

Likewise, if you want a new house, think Heavens first and hire a spiritual real-estate agent. Ready for a new job? Get some inspiration from a spiritual job hunter. Looking for a new car? Hire a spiritual car salesman. Feeling overextended? Ask for a spiritual time manager. Having trouble with your computer? Requisition a spiritual computer expert. In a tight jam? Call spiritual 911.

Are you getting a feel for this? Every aspect of your life can be enhanced by tapping into the aptitudes of the Universe. Everything you do can be facilitated by help from the Divine. Think Heavens first and you'll thank Heavens!

Angels for Hire

My guidance wants you to know that there are thousands of unemployed angels. Don't ever think your problem is too trivial to call upon divine assistance. Don't ever think you might be bothering the celestial helpers. You're not bothering them; you're giving them a job! Think of the world of

Spirit as someone you can talk to about anything—or nothing in particular. There’s no reason to put on airs or speak in a stiff, formal voice. Spirit *knows* you. Be real, be spontaneous, be silly, be anything that makes you feel close to this incredibly warm and loving energy. Know that Spirit is honored to be included in every detail of your life. Truly, this is where you’ll find unconditional love and the best friend you could ever have.

Angel Express Card

To make the Hiring the Heavens process even more fun and familiar, imagine that you’ve been given an Angel Express Card, a celestial credit card (with no credit limit!) that is accepted everywhere. It’s at your disposal and can be used to hire invisible assistants to help advance your dreams and goals, your projects, your relationships, your life’s work, your spur-of-the-moment fun. (In the back pages you’ll find an Angel Express Card to cut out. This is a whimsical reminder that these resources are always abundantly available, everywhere you go. Put it in your wallet and never leave home without it.)

CHAPTER 3

HIRE AWAY

Now that you've got your Angel Express Card, you're ready to begin hiring. You'll appreciate the fact that when you hire in the spirit realm, there are no applications to review, no resumes to read, and no appointments to make. The hiring process is as simple and effortless as your imagination. Think back to when you were a child. As children we never had any trouble imagining our most exciting adventures and fantastic wishes. Asking for what we wanted was second nature. Can you remember playing in your own world, one that was filled with numerous imaginary characters? Perhaps you were a castaway on an island, saved by a group of friendly villagers.

Perhaps you were a detective, certain you were close to solving the case with the fortuitous assistance of passing street vendors. Whatever your game was, you knew you could create characters at will, even change them mid-story if it suited your plot. You never dreamed there were any restrictions on how many characters you could involve, or their level of prestige. If you wanted a king or a pauper, you just imagined it.

That's what hiring in the spirit realm is like. Bring out the child in you and imagine the most fantastic adventure you can. Experience your day-to-day life with a secret world *inside* your world that is assisting you at every turn. Loosen your belt of restrictions and drop any notions of limitation. Open the Universal Yellow Pages and have fun as you expand your mind and discover that you can have whatever energy you wish to bring in, no holds barred. You may find that visualization works for you, or a simple verbal description of what you want. It doesn't matter! The only requirement is your *intention*. Simply intend and the assistance will be there. Remember that help is there for any and every aspect of your life—from the mundane to the profound.

Dare to Dream Your Biggest Dream

As adults we stop dreaming and imagining because we think we have to figure out how it will all happen. We are inhibited by the “rules” and statistics of how other people have created their lives. I encourage you to leave the *how* up to your celestial workforce. Whenever other people tell you what is or isn’t possible according to their experience or understanding, silently say, “Yes, but that’s not true in my world.” Smile to yourself, knowing that your spiritual power team isn’t restricted by those rules and statistics. All things are possible from a place of grace. So go ahead and dare to dream the biggest dream you can imagine. Go for the gold even if “they” say it can’t be done. You are a creator, and the Heavens will part the seas and roll out the red carpet to support you. Dare to ask for the unrealistic, the impossible, the outrageous. Dare to expand your horizons to the Heavens, where all things are possible.

As Robert Browning said, “Ah, but a man’s reach should exceed his grasp, or what’s Heaven for?”

And Your Smallest

Likewise, we often stop ourselves because we think our requests are too small. We feel awkward asking the Universe to go to all the trouble of arranging circumstances just to our liking. Imagine asking the Powers That Be to arrange the weather for a special day, or to clear the traffic ahead so we can get to an appointment on time. Isn't that a bit selfish? Do we think the whole world revolves around us? The real truth is, yes! The whole world does revolve around each and every one of us. If we are indeed creating our world in each moment anyway, why not create it the way we want? When we realize this, we understand that far from being selfish or conceited, we are joyfully fulfilling our God-given assignment. Could we possibly think it's somehow more righteous to create something that makes us unhappy? Be assured that the Universe delights in arranging every little detail for the express purpose of putting a smile on your face, a twinkle in your eye, and a skip in your step.