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Navigating Your World

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WINNING THE BATTLES & CHALLENGES OF LIFE. *WINNING LIFE.*

Successful people clearly understand the concept of waking up each morning, donning their suit of armor, sheathing their sword, brandishing their lance and shield, mounting their horse, and venturing into the forest of opportunity, pursuing the journey toward their dreams, passions, aspirations, and goals.

As the warrior trots into the forest, he maintains his guard for those evil Dragons who will surely attack, create obstacles and adversity, and fight viciously to steal the warriors' dreams, goals, and aspirations.

Dragons are magical creatures that possess powers almost beyond comprehension. They frequently breath fire, are capable of transformation, and they can overwhelm you with pain, sorrow, discouragement, disappointments, set-backs, anxiety, and hopelessness. Among their most mysterious attributes is their uncanny ability to surprise.

By nature, Dragons have a tendency to be bloodthirsty, battling, evil and mean creatures that create obstacles and barriers to anyone attempting to pursue their journey through the forest of opportunity in search of any positive



objectives and goals. A Dragon's primary objective is to limit an individual's pursuit of their dreams and aspirations by causing the warrior to feel overwhelmed, by creating confusion and disorganization, barriers, obstacles and ultimately, total devastation. Dragons want nothing more than for the warrior to give up his dreams and spend his days as an empty and hopeless carcass. A person without a dream is a person without life.

Dragons come in many sizes and forms however, their objectives are the same. They want to steal the warrior's dreams, rob him or her of hope, and cause him to give up his journey and quest for achievement and success.

As a warrior ventures into the forest in search of his treasures, the pursuit of his dreams and life's rich rewards, the forests' perimeter is protected by small dragons, not much bigger than a house cat. However, despite their size, these vicious creatures are extraordinarily fast and agile, and they have devastated many apprentice warriors at the very onset of their journey. These creatures are not to be underestimated. They tend to attack in groups and their defeat requires immediate, fast, organized, decisive and focused action.

Dragons survive on a steady diet of human dreams, aspirations, goals, and ambitions. Over the millennium, their bellies have remained full, leaving behind victims filled with defeat, discouragement, and hopelessness.

It is astounding how Dragons can sniff out those ripe dreams that are on the brink of attainment and realization. When a warrior is just inches away from the attainment of a dream or goal, Dragons are certain to launch their most ferocious attack. Dragons will go to extraordinary lengths to trip-up the warrior and cause him to simply abandon his dreams and



goals – to regress to an existence without a journey - a life of mediocrity.

Dragons will attack a warrior when he is most vulnerable – when he's tired, in a state of disorganization, feeling overwhelmed, sick, frustrated, or angry. Like fruit on a tree, it is the ripe dreams that are the most delicious, and Dragons will stop at nothing to steal these dreams. Dragons form squadrons and launch coordinated vicious attack waves, striking the warrior with compounded assaults from multiple directions.

Many Dragon targets, in fact the majority are easy prey – those who choose to lie down and quit. But occasionally, a Dragon will pick a battle with a true warrior.

A true warrior is a determined individual unwilling to give up his dreams, and who is driven to continue the journey irrespective of the price – *a Dragon Slayer* – one who also receives inspiration, strength, counsel, and guidance through alliances with other Dragon Slayers.

Learning to slay Dragons is not unlike learning any of the many techniques of battle. It takes a lifetime of dedication to become a *Master* in any of the various forms of combat, and Dragon slaying is no different.

To achieve any significant and worthwhile goal in life, one must learn the innumerable Dragon slaying techniques, moves, maneuvers and postures of Dragon slaying. If any individual ever hopes to achieve their greatest potentials, their dreams, their aspirations, goals, and the extraordinary treasures that life has to offer, they must first face the fact that Dragons will forever make every ferocious attempt to prevent the warriors' pursuit of his journey toward attaining anything good.



If you ever want to achieve anything in your life, developing your ability to slay Dragons is simply a prerequisite, and you must be prepared to get bloody, singed, burnt scratched, bit, broken, injured, overwhelmed, discouraged, frustrated, knocked down and set back – but, *never defeated!!!*

No matter how much pain, you can never allow the Dragon to slay you and feast upon your aspirations, dreams, and ambitions. No matter how tired, injured, frustrated, and defeated you will feel from time to time in your journeys through the forest of opportunity, and your many battles with Dragons, you must never accept defeat!!! Never negotiate the price of success. Get some rest, lick your wounds, and fearlessly charge the Dragon, engage it in battle head on, and emerge victorious. *Be a warrior!*

Acquiring the many skills and techniques of Dragon slaying requires a great deal of effort, discipline, focus, practice, patience, and intestinal fortitude. Dragon slaying is perhaps among the most noble, yet difficult disciplines and forms of combat to master. However, along the way and through the warrior's journey toward mastering Dragon slaying, he will experience many victories, achieve many of his goals and dreams, collect treasures and leave in his wake many a slain Dragon.

It is important to note that Dragon's possess enormous stashes of gold, silver, and jewels. Once slain, the Dragon's hordes of treasure are the warrior's rewards to keep. More importantly, with each victory, the warrior keeps his dreams and moves that much closer to their realization.

Dragon slaying requires a lifetime of dedication, effort, patience, and discipline, but the rewards are the inexhaustible stockpiles of gold, silver, jewels and treasures, and the fulfillment of the warrior's greatest aspirations and dreams. Success is not an entitlement. Victory is achieved



through a never-ending series of battles and triumphs, but also with a sprinkling of setbacks and injuries. *“The future is not a gift. It is an achievement.” – Robert F. Kennedy.*

The longer the warrior holds his dreams and the more goals that he achieves, the more caustic the battles will become. Many battles will be long and will drain substantial resources and energy. The warrior will experience injury and setbacks.

The deeper the warrior ventures into the forest, the larger, stronger, meaner, and more vicious and wicked the Dragons become. But also, the larger are their stockpiles of gold, silver, and jewels, and the more delicious is the fulfillment of the warrior’s ripened dreams, aspirations, and goals – all of which become the Warriors’ rewards of battle.

As the warrior slays each Dragon, he will learn greater Dragon slaying techniques that he will apply to the next battle. A wise Dragon slayer builds defenses, an arsenal of appropriate Dragon slaying weapons, and formulates insulations that will become impenetrable barriers to many Dragons. A warrior will learn where, and where not to venture, certain behaviors and habits, and set policies that will avoid or foil many attempted Dragon attacks.

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The Forest and the Dragon are metaphors for the creature of life, its journey’s, and its challenges. Life breathes fire. It is full of surprises. It will challenge you every day. And, if you do not deliberately and consciously *“Slay the Dragon,”* by default, it [life] will slay you. Slaying each Dragon is a step closer to attaining your greatest dreams and aspirations.



The warrior's suit of armor, sword, lance, and shield are its weapons and insulations. In life, the greatest weapon a person can acquire for conquering challenges and achieving goals is education, life skills and experience. Your shields are formed from experience and an ability to forecast how your decisions today will affect your tomorrow. Examining your behaviors, habits, and activities today, and the benefits or consequences those behaviors, habits and activities produce will give you the power to control your paths and destinations.

Life is a dynamic series of challenges and problems. Conquering challenges and solving problems is fundamental to moving forward in life. However, who ever said that facing and conquering challenges – Slaying Dragons - must be a dreadful and painful drudgery?

Slaying the Dragon's called *Life* is an attitude whereby you approach every challenge envisioning yourself as the victor and focusing on the treasures that await you after you slay each of your Dragons. Slaying Dragons can and should be embraced as a sport, albeit with an abundance of benefit or consequence, depending upon whether you win or give up and quit.

Life, and Dragons, will continuously challenge you, place obstacles in your path, knock you down, set you back and attempt to cause you to surrender. You must develop the attitude of a true warrior – never let the Dragon beat you – never let it become your master. Control it, slay it, build defenses and barriers, accumulate a fortress of Dragon slaying weapons, learn from each battle to form insulating policies, and *never, never quit*.

There are several levels of Dragon warriors, ranging from the Apprentice to the Dragon Hunter, Dragon Warrior,



Dragon Slayer, Master Dragon Slayer and ultimately, The Dragon Lord - the person who has mastered the Dragon.

A Dragon Lord is that person who has transitioned from survivor, to warrior, to healer, and whose achievements, visions and dreams are so extraordinary and of such magnitude to have created a legacy for the good of mankind that imparts a profound, positive, and progressive change that endures eternally.

A Dragon Lord's dreams and visions therefore become eternal, which no Dragon can steal. Transformative figures such as Mother Teresa, Christopher Reeve, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy, Congressman John Lewis, Mahatma Gandhi, John Walsh, and Nelson Mandela are a few examples of Dragon Lords.

The art of Dragon slaying is acquired through a close association with others who share a commonality of interest, and are similarly situated and face comparable challenges, which forms unity and comradeship, a success-oriented fraternity, stimulates a collaborative support structure and sphere of influence, and it establishes a noble forum for recognition and commendation of extraordinary achievement and distinction. *It **creates** the requisite powerful and perpetual culture, which in turn inspires the **desire** within an individual to excel.*

Why the *Lords of the Dragon* and *Dragon Slaying* Metaphors? Because it tickles the senses, it massages the imagination, it appeals to reptilian level instincts, it engenders unity and comradeship, it forms a success-oriented fraternity, stimulates a collaborative support structure and sphere of influence, and it establishes a noble forum for recognition and commendation for extraordinary achievement and distinction.



Rooted on the foundation of achievement, the Dragon Slaying metaphor incorporates all the elements that create a culture of similarly situated individuals who share commonality of interest and cause, experiences, challenges, and adversities, and *it creates the requisite desire* for success.

The vision of *Lords of the Dragon* is to facilitate the transition of its constituency members from survivor to warrior, to healer.

Find one Dragon slayer and you will find others. *Lords of the Dragon* is looking for a few good Warriors. *Experience the honor!*

*You have only lost when you quit.*

*Everything you want to be, you already are.*

*You're simply on the path to discovering it.<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Quoted from Alicia Keys – 15-time GRAMMY Award-winning singer, songwriter, musician, producer, accomplished actress, New York Times best-selling author.