

♥ Snippets of Encouragement #20

Hello darlings,

YooHoo! It is day 20 of Snippets of Encouragement. In yesterday's Snippet I spoke about the importance of using our gifts and shining, but if we are to be honest with one another the truth is we often compare our gifts to others and then believe we are unworthy.

We see how successful or popular others are or how far ahead of us they are. While we are so busy looking outwards at others we forget to hold onto that which is uniquely ours.

Be honest with yourself for a moment... how often have you not followed through on a great idea because someone else has something similar or you believe you're too late to the party.

This is what I'd like to encourage you with today... **Don't Despise Small Beginnings.**



Many times when we look at where we should be, how far others are, or how long the journey will take we often become discouraged about starting but remember, absolutely everything in this universe started small.

Everything!

Last week my partner and I went for a walk in the forest near our home and I noticed a strange phenomenon. Strewn across the path were literally hundreds of acorns. I was amazed by the volume of acorns lying around, crushed and whole, atop the path,

trodden down, everywhere hundreds of acorns.

In the 10 years that I have lived here and trampled that pathway, I had never seen anything like this before. We have had an extremely hot and dry summer this year and it's been my observation that the fauna and flora have behaved differently to previous years and adopted different coping mechanisms.

It seemed to me that in these extreme conditions, the oak trees have produced more seeds than in previous years and I am once again amazed by the intelligence and beauty of nature.

As I picked up some of the acorns I stood admiring the oak trees and was reminded again that such beautiful, strong, resilient trees came from such a small acorn.



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Now imagine for a moment if the Oaks of the forest were worried about the drought and winter to come. Imagine that they knew how limited the ground water was and they heard the birds talking about the extremely harsh winter to come. Imagine that they had always envied their neighbouring pines who drop gorgeous cones that upon impact burst open and spread their seeds. Imagine that the oak hated the birch for their papery thin seeds that float through the air like snowflakes.

Imagine that the Oaks decided not to spread acorns on the earth because all the other trees seemed so much more efficient. Imagine that the oak thought nothing good could come from its little acorn or that to drop another acorn to the ground would not create another oak tree. Imagine if the oak despised its small beginning...

Just imagine.

Yet this will not happen. The Oak does what it's gotta do.

It adapts to the conditions around it and carries on. It perseveres in the face of adversity even though success is not guaranteed.

It does what it was created to do, and it does not despise its small beginning because it knows from something so small, greatness will grow!

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