
The Eagle & The Chicken !

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A man found an eagle's egg and put it near a hen who was hatching her own eggs.

The eaglet hatched with the brood of chicks and grew up with them.

All his life the eagle did what the chicks did, thinking he was a chicken.

He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He clucked and cackled. And he would thrash his wings and fly a few feet into the air.

Years passed and the eagle grew very old.

One day he saw a magnificent bird above him in the cloudless sky. It glided in graceful majesty among the powerful wind currents, with scarcely a beat of its strong golden wings. The old eagle looked up in awe.

"Who's that?" he asked. "That's the eagle, the king of the birds," said his neighbor. "He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth—we're chickens."

So the eagle lived and died a chicken, for that's what he thought he was !

As the Arabs say the nature of rain is the same, but it makes thorns grow in the marshes and flowers in the gardens.

Same applies to this world - it has equal amount of successes and failures for everyone, same amount of good-luck and bad-luck for everyone -you get what you think you deserve not what

you really deserve.

We see people, things and opportunities not as they are, but as we are. Our thinking is limited by our own thoughts - the thoughts that have been shaped by our own experiences , by our own circle of friends ,by the books we read and the belief-system we're brought-up. This world is nothing, but a story that we tell ourselves about the world

To change thinking, one need to have different experiences(the ones you're not comfortable with) , should read different type of books (the ones that are contradictory to your beliefs), should make different friends (who think differently than you, the ones who make you uncomfortable).

The only way you can change your thinking is in challenging your ideas.

If you're ready to listen and if you're ready to be challenged, then there's one thing that you can do, that only you can do (no one can help you.)

And what is this most important thing of all? It's called self-observation- look how you react when you're challenged , admit how wrong you were about certain things and accept the fact that the world does not function as you were taught .

Once you are able to self observe, you would no longer be an chicken, you may find your wings and you may become that eagle in the sky !