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Pearls of Wisdom

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It is less important by far what happens in the future than what happens in the present. It is *absolutely intended* that you do not know what will happen in the future. For as you practice your techniques for living in the present and discover what is your wisdom, when the unexpected does happen—and it will happen to everyone —you will simply apply your wisdom and move right through it as gently and gracefully as possible, doing the best for yourself and, as a result, doing the best for others. That is ultimately why people are here.

So I say it is better to understand more about who you are, what you can do and why you are here than what is coming. If people actually knew what was coming, they would be prepared and rehearsed like good actors. As a result, they would not apply their wisdom. They would apply their knowledge, and as you know, knowledge is what you have learned from some other place.

Wisdom is the knowledge you apply in your life because it actually works. Never forget that.

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Most people, when they are frightened, are not looking for permission; they are looking for authority. Never forget that. You can give people permission to believe that something else better could happen than what frightens them by simply saying lightly, "Maybe something better could happen." If they want to know what and ask you, then you

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can make suggestions. If they don't ask, then you will at least have given them permission to consider the possibility that something better could happen. If enough people do this, it might just change the frightening event to something easier to cope with.

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Zoosh's rule of thumb: If knowledge, information or wisdom of others feels good without interfering with your own freedom of choice, then apply it.