



Introduction

I'M A MOTHER

There can be no life without blood and pain, I know. I'm a mother. Chrissie Hynde sings words to that effect in her song "I'm a Mother" on the Pretenders' *Last of the Independents* album.¹ There is a primal scream in the reality of these words. I know; I'm a mother too. You know; you experienced birth.

Birth, death, blood, pain, sickness, and other people's actions are aspects of life we don't have full control over. They force us to deal with honor. Honor is standing for the good of all in the face of forces we cannot control. In the face of pain, you can choose to lash out and cause everyone else pain too. You can build a wall of apathy and isolate, allowing the pain to fester and oppress you. Or, you can choose to work through your pain, discharge it by crying, and heal. The latter is the honorable way to deal with pain.

Honor then demands that you act to ensure that others do not suffer the same pain in the same way. You act so that others will have help dealing with similar pain. Honor, standing for the good of all, makes the world as one a possibility.

This book is intended to help you find your place of honor. This book is intended to inspire you to take part in realizing one world that operates for the good of all.

My content editor, Virginia Crane, calls me an autodidact. This was a new word for me. Sounds like some kind of addict. This could be oversensitivity on my part, as I do have addictive tendencies. My mantra as a young adult was that I would try anything once. When it came to drugs, my caveat was that I wouldn't use needles. Good caveat; it probably saved my life. Drugs were pervasive in my youth, but they were not my addiction. I am addicted to learning. An autodidact, Virginia let me know, is a person who is self-educated. As far as the content of

¹Hynde, Chrissie. "I'm a Mother." 1994.

this book goes, she is absolutely right. I wasn't pursuing a degree when I learned this information. I was seeking answers to my own questions about life. What I have found and share in this book does not come from my conventional education. What I write in this book is also not conventional wisdom.

A lot of what I write contradicts the very basic things most of us have been taught about our religions, our families, and the United States of America. For some people, the information I share will threaten their deepest held beliefs. For me, what I know and share in this book strengthens belief. Understanding what I write clarifies truth from trapping. In the interest of readability, I have blended information. At the same time, I include footnotes and a bibliography for you to check my facts and find out more for yourself.

My formal education is in film and television production. I have a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and a producing fellow certificate from the American Film Institute. I spent years in television production, working my way up from grip to production manager and producer. Television and film production is a wonderful art form. One engineer early in my career said to me, "The day you stop learning in this business is the day you need to get out." I took that advice to heart and upped it to my philosophy, "The day you stop learning in life is the day you start to die."

After my children were born, my real education began. I left the entertainment business for a new way of life. I also returned to seeking answers to the many spiritual questions I had from my devout Roman Catholic youth. I began working in the education field. I've taught preschool, elementary, and high school students. For over eight years, I have also coordinated, produced, and attended continuing education courses for psychologists. A number of psychologists who are regular attendees of these courses like to joke that I probably know more about personality disorders, mental health issues, and treatments than they do. I do know that a PhD does not give you common sense.

This book comes from my common sense. That being the case, according to Leonardo da Vinci, this book comes from my soul. He wrote, "The soul apparently resides in the seat of judgment, and the judgment apparently resides in the place where all the senses meet, which is called common sense." My soul is crying out.

I was born in 1960 in San Jose, California. The spirit of the peace movement, the women's liberation movement, civil rights, sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll

²Suh, Anna H., ed. *Leonardo's Notebooks*. Black Dog & Leventhal; New York, 2005. 149.

heavily influence my judgment. I am also the daughter of an IBM engineer. My family spent most of the 1960s and early '70s living in South America and Italy. Globalization—who and what the United States says it is versus who and what it is from an overseas perspective—has also heavily influenced my judgment. The reality that we are currently living in an Age of Corruption has heavily influenced my judgment.

We the People of the United States need a Messiah. Neil Young, a very influential singer and songwriter in my life and in countless others' lives in the 1960-70 era, reflects this need in his 2006 song "Looking for a Leader."

The thing is, Messiahs get assassinated. There will be no one leader, no one Messiah for us. The only ones who are going to end the corruption, despair, apathy, isolation, and violence in our world today are you and me. Regular people like you and me have to step up and realize what is known as Messianic consciousness if the world is going to change. The way we work on the inside has to change. No leader is going to emerge and save us all. Each and every one of us has to become a Messiah. We have to save ourselves. No one is going to come and save us.

The good news is we have all the knowledge and power to do the job. We even have a nation, the United States of America, founded on principles that will enable us to do the job. All we have to do is set what is currently upside down in our nation's principles right side up again.

What I've found to be upside down or in need of attention is in this book. The same things will reflect in your life in ways different from they have in mine. But you will find things to be equally upside down and in need of attention in your life.

The way to being a Messiah is through adherence to a list of Absolutes that I include in this book. These Absolutes do not vary. They are not laws; like gravity, they just are. Adherence to them holds the promise of the power to make miracles happen.

Each of us must discover his or her own way to realizing the miraculous power at work in our lives. My hope is that reading this book will inspire you to pay attention and seek ways to raise yourself to Messianic consciousness. In turn, you will inspire others to do the same and someday the world will be one with the Absolutes.

Someday, we will all be Messiahs with the power to create miracles.