

OUR DEEPEST FEAR
IS NOT THAT WE ARE INADEQUATE
OUR DEEPEST FEAR
IS THAT WE ARE POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE
IT IS OUR LIGHT, NOT OUR DARKNESS
THAT MOST FRIGHTENS US.

WE ASK OURSELVES, WHO AM I TO BE BRILLIANT,
GORGEOUS, TALENTED AND FABULOUS
ACTUALLY, WHO ARE YOU NOT TO BE
YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD
YOUR PLAYING SMALL DOESN'T SERVE THE WORLD.
THERE IS NOTHING ENLIGHTENED ABOUT SHRINKING
SO THAT OTHER PEOPLE
WON'T FEEL INSECURE AROUND YOU.

WE WERE BORN TO MAKE MANIFEST
THE GLORY OF GOD THAT IS WITHIN US.
IT'S NOT JUST IN SOME OF US; IT'S IN EVERYONE.
AND WHEN WE LET OUR OWN LIGHT SHINE,
WE UNCONSCIOUSLY GIVE OTHER PEOPLE
PERMISSION TO DO THE SAME.
AS WE ARE LIBERATED FROM OUR OWN FEAR,
OUR PRESENCE AUTOMATICALLY LIBERATES OTHERS.

Nelson Mandella – 1994 Inaugural speech
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