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*The old King of Salem said:
- "A mysterious force shows you how to realize your destiny.
It prepares your spirit and your will,
because there is one great truth on this planet:
whoever you are, or whatever it is that you do,
when you really want something,
it's because that desire originated in the soul of the universe,
and the universe conspires to help that person to realize his dream.
It's your mission on earth"*

Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*, 1988.

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