

Getting out of the way!

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Have you ever noticed siblings who were raised by the same parents don't become carbon copies of one another? You know what I mean, where one child will grow up to be happy and successful while a brother or sister can experience a very painful life?

There are times when I get together with my siblings and we're talking about childhood experiences it often sounds like we were raised by entirely different people in entirely different neighborhoods!

It can leave me wondering if parental influence, which is similar for each child, especially if they're close in age, has any significance at all in factoring out how children turn out. Seems to me the differences must lie within the children.

I have no doubt there are times when a parent can be a catalyst for influencing us in one direction or another... in other words, in the direction of striving for alignment with our broader non-physical Being... or in the opposite direction.

With my understanding that children left to their own instincts will naturally gravitate toward finding that alignment because we're born wanting to feel good, I'm left to wonder if it's not the influence that hinders our natural inclination by worrying about what could happen and thus influencing us away from our own guidance system that is the truly significant factor that could use some exploring.

Now... before you leap to the conclusion that I'm 'parent bashing' here... let me just say that I know as parents... it's an almost irresistible pull to worry about what could happen... because it's equally irresistible to have hopes and dreams for our children. Yet if there is evidence that 'getting out of their way' is truly the thing that best supports our children in achieving the life of their dreams... wouldn't it be worth it to start re-training ourselves and our thinking?

What if it's true that the less concern we feel for the welfare of our children, the better off the children will be, because in the absence of negative speculation and worry... the children are more likely to gravitate to their own alignment?

Of course... this requires accepting the idea that our Inner Being (The Eternal part of you that perceives all that you have ever been and all that you currently are. A perspective always available to you if you will "allow" it.) knows a greater truth about every subject. Because if you're not willing to consider that... the following isn't likely to make much sense.

In order to become the best guardian you can be for your child you may have to... in a sense, create some 'new' memories for yourself. In other words, you may go back and recall some incident where your mother was pointing out some flaw in you... perhaps even comparing that flaw in you to someone else who shared a similar flaw... and in a sense, trying to control you by threatening you with the prospect of an unhappy outcome. This may have had the effect of you making different decisions and adopting the belief that you were somehow 'flawed'. It may have felt awful to you... and that is because your Inner Being was offering a very different opinion of you. (That's how your

