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Hello Friends

I wanted to share the text of a speech that I put together for "The South Bay Gavel Club" - It is a Prison Chapter of TomStammers' INT'L. (www.tomstammers.org) I was recently honored to be elected as V.P. of Education for the Club, and it is a position that I take very seriously. - I hope you enjoy the message. ^{our}

Butterfly Effect

It's been said that the flutter of a butterfly's wings on a dusty savannah in Africa, can set in motion a chain of events which leads to a hurricane bearing down on Florida's coast.... Now, that may seem far fetched, but let's see if we can visualize such a thing.

Let's say a butterfly emerges from a cocoon and spreads its wings. That sudden movement could startle a bird into flight. The whole flock could then take off and start a stampede of nearby zebra - The dust that rose into the air from the beating of

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Thousands of hooves could get caught up in a jet stream and carried out over the Atlantic. There, high up in the atmosphere, the dust particles and water molecules form an "invest" or depression... from depression and tropical wave into a storm warning - the next thing you know, there could be a hurricane taking aim at Florida's coast.

So - the next time you find yourself at home doing stocking up on hurricane supplies, you can blame it on those damn African Butterflies. ;)

Scientists have some pretty fancy terms for this effect - a chaos theory - cascade event - or even deterministic chaos. But no matter what we decide to call it, we can see examples of the butterfly effect all around us - we can see it in scripture (where some might simply refer to it as the hand of God.) We can see it in nature and among nations. We can even see it being played out in society, in our communities, and in our personal lives.

Ever since man's original fall from grace in the garden, we have been looking for something or someone to blame

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WHEN THINGS GO WRONG. - ADAM CLAIMED,
"IT WAS THE WOMAN WHO YOU GAVE TO BE
WITH ME, SHE GAVE ME OF THE FRUIT
AND I DID EAT OF IT." IN ONE
SNEAKY MOVE, ADAM MANAGED TO BLAME
IT ON GOD AND THE WOMAN. ^{uh} AND EVE?
OF COURSE, SHE SAID "IT WAS THE SERPENT,
HE TRICKED ME AND I DID EAT."

THE WORLD'S CHRISTIANS CAN NOW
BLAME ORIGINAL SIN ON ADAM AND EVE -
AND IT WAS THEY WHO SET IN MOTION
A CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT, PERHAPS, LED
BRUCE JENNER TO SAY, "CALL ME CAITLIN." ^{uh}

THE FACT IS, THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT
HAS BEEN SETTING THINGS OFF LONG BEFORE
QUEEN LATIFAH MADE THAT MOVIE. ^{uh}
BUT FAR TOO OFTEN, BY THE TIME WE BEGIN
TO NOTICE THE "EFFECTS", WE'RE IN THE
MIDST OF SOME KIND OF CATASTROPHE.

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE EXTREME
WEATHER EVENTS THAT GREET US EACH DAY
ON GOOD MORNING AMERICA ARE THE RESULTS
OF GLOBAL WARMING - THAT GREENHOUSE GASES
AND THE BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS COULD BE
CAUSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND SHIFTING
WEATHER PATTERNS. - NOW, WE MIGHT NOT
AGREE ON THE CAUSES, BUT WE CAN
CLEARLY SEE THE EFFECTS WHEN WILD FIRES
ARE BURNING OUT OF CONTROL OUT WEST,

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And homes are being washed away by historic floods in other parts of the country.

In 1914, a little known Duke was shot in Sarajevo - a place that many had never heard of - but most agree that his death set in motion a chain of events which led to WWI. That war merely set the stage for WWII which followed. By the time the smoke had cleared, the United States and Russia would be facing off in a cold war as the last 2 remaining super powers.

In 1979, Russia invaded Afghanistan - Our C.I.A. was used to help arm and train a tall Arab in flowing robes to defeat our cold war enemy. By the time the Russians left, 10 years later, the man with the flowing robes enlisted some students to join his Mujahedeen and form a base of power - the Arabic word for the base is Al-Qaeda... and the word for student is 'Talib', better known as the Taliban. - As Malcolm X may have said 50 years earlier, it wouldn't be long until the chickens came home to roost. You see, that tall man in the flowing robes was Osama bin-Ladin - and tragically,

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The world would soon be swept up into a war on terror.

In 1955, a secretary would refuse to give up her seat on a bus - and a little known preacher would help to organize and lead a bus boycott - sometimes, a cascade event can produce a dream, as it did in the case of Rosa Parks and Dr. King. But far too often, what we get is chaos.

Rodney King made a decision to hit the gas rather than get pulled over - and it wasn't long until Los Angeles went up in flames. - Travon Martin just went out to pick up a bag of Skittles, and soon America will realize that Black Lives do matter.

But gentlemen - what I want us to consider today is this - no one wakes up one day and says, "I want to set in motion a chain of events that will lead me into the Valley of the Shadow of Death" - or to a double digit prison sentence So why is it that so many of us have found ourselves in that valley - or with so much "time" on our hands?

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IF WE CAN RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT A NEGATIVE CHAIN OF EVENTS CAN SO EASILY BE SET IN MOTION - THEN THE OPPOSITE MUST ALSO BE TRUE! Shouldn't it be possible for us to set in motion a POSITIVE flow of events? And shouldn't we make every effort to do so?

THE SAME WAY THAT IT DOESN'T TAKE ALL DAY TO RECOGNIZE SUNSHINE - GENTLEMEN - IT SHOULDN'T BE THAT DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT WHEN WE'RE WALKING IN DARKNESS, PLAYING IN THE SHADOWS, OR ON THE VERGE OF SETTING IN MOTION A NEGATIVE CHAIN OF EVENTS.

LIKE PEBBLES IN A POND WHOSE RIPPLES REACH FOR DISTANT SHORES - YOUR ACTIONS MAY, POSSIBLY, IMPACT YOUR FAMILY, THE COMMUNITY, OR SOCIETY - THEY COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE NATION OR EVEN TOUCH THE WORLD.

NOW - WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO STOP A HURRICANE FROM FORMING - BUT WE CAN BEGIN TAKING CONTROL OF OUR LIVES. WE CAN BEGIN STRIVING TO SET FORTH A POSITIVE FLOW OF EVENTS INTO THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND US, RATHER THAN LEAVING BEHIND US A TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION.

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WE CAN'T CONTROL OUR DESTINY -
WE CAN'T CONTROL WHAT MAY BE HAPPENING
5-10 OR 15 YEARS FROM NOW - WE CAN
ONLY CONTROL OURSELVES, AND THAT,
ONE ACT AT A TIME! BUT EACH ACT
BECOMES A BRICK - AND IT IS WITH THOSE
BRICKS THAT WE WILL LAY THE PATH THAT
LEADS US TO THAT DESTINY. EACH ACT
BECOMES A BRICK - AND IT IS WITH THOSE
BRICKS THAT WE WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION
UPON WHICH OUR LIVES WILL EITHER RISE
OR FALL.

WHAT WE NEED TO REALIZE, IS THAT
EACH ACT OR ACTION IS PRECEDED BY
A THOUGHT... SO LET US THINK CLEARLY
AND ACT WISELY - AFTER ALL
GRAVELEERS, WE HAVE A LOT MORE TO
WORK WITH THAN SOME DAMN AFRICAN
BUTTERFLYS. ☺

Thank You