

To dream the impossible dream

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Steve Jobs is often credited with having said, "If your memory list is longer than your dream list, it then means you have become old"; such is it for all of us.

While we may be assailed with infirmities, by illness, by disease, some curable some not, we are not being denied the ability to dream, to anticipate, to seek and even to ask. It therefore is important, nay, enjoined that we dream.

Said a poet of yore, "More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of." A modified version may read, "More things are wrought by dreaming than we can imagine."

I do not wish to pontificate, yet it is my urging that each of us dream, for it is the only way we can give meaning to our lives.

For much of my childhood, I lived out my days in comparison, in regret that I did not have enough, until I realized when I was older that I had missed out on so many things, not because I did not have them but because I had focused my attention on all that I did not have and in so doing had let opportunities pass me by.

It is not the end they say, till the last post had been played, so let us dream as long as we can!

In the film and stage play, by the same name, The Man of La Mancha, Don Quixote sings a song whose words, paraphrased, go like this: "To dream the impossible dream; this is my quest; my heart will lie peaceful and calm, when I know I have tried, when I am finally laid to my rest."

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