

NINE: MAKING CONNECTIONS



A few steps into the woods Amara realized that if she wasn't afraid, her dream would be to "live beyond her wildest dreams." This would require her to put an end to playing small. As she made her way down the path and out of the woods, Amara decided to open her journal again, and was taken back as she saw the words of Marianne Williamson:

"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, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. 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 as 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."

Amara loved the idea that liberation from her own fear may help to liberate others, and she stepped up her pace, letting the warmth of the sun bathe her face and exposed arms. She grew excited thinking about the many opportunities that existed right now to be of service to others while being who she was and doing what she loved.

Amara imagined networks of people supporting each other, growing and expanding, linking many individuals across the nation and eventually the world. She embraced her essential nature with one thought: I want to be more intentional right now about calling in the opportunities to be connected with others and own my shine! With the guidance of the MAKING CONNECTION questions, Amara continued her journey.

Along with Amara, ask yourself the MAKING CONNECTION questions.



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- How can I be “well used” to support another’s dream?
- What’s “wanting to happen” so that I can make a valuable contribution?
- Who could really benefit by what I have to offer?
- How will the expression of my human spirit make a difference today?

Track your connections on the form below by listing names of people, groups and organizations you know and/or meet in the following categories:

- **Possibilities:** People, groups and organizations you think may benefit from what you have to offer and/or that you believe you can support in pursuit of their dream.
- **Opportunities:** People, groups and organizations who have a specific and/or well-defined need that you believe you can support.
- **Realities:** People, groups and organizations who have expressed interest in what you have to offer.

Possibilities	Opportunities	Realities



NEXT SMALL STEPS

What will you do? By when? How will people know?