

Night Drama
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Girl Oh look, a shooting star. I wonder if I should make a wish.

Father If you so desire my dear. You know the universe has many possibilities. Maybe one is some benevolent being that wishes to please you.

Girl You think so? That would be nice. But, it's so big up there. I don't know if my wish will get lost.

Father Not if *you* remember it. It's big up there, but you are big inside your mind. Did you ever dream of being in a spacious place?

Girl Yes, I dreamed we were on a long road trip and we went up a giant hill. When our car went over the top, it didn't go back down to the road. It just kept going up. I was scared at first. Then I woke up.

Father Ah—well you see your mind is much bigger than your body *or* the car.

Girl I wonder if we can hear voices from up there. On a quiet night, I feel like the stars are talking to me.

Father Maybe they are—in their own way. Did you know stars can be much larger than our sun? They say that explosions of stars is what created the elements that you and I are made of.

Girl Oh—then I am made of star-stuff.

Father You said it. And you are no less miraculous. When you meditate, your mind goes back to the source. There is a timeless joining with what you always were.

Girl What is that?

Father It's the beginning of All That Is. The Great Mind. We are all ideas, thoughts and images in the Great Mind.

Girl Uncle Johnny said that's projecting our ideas onto the universe. It's just calling the universe by a different name – like God.

Father Well, I see his point, but still there is a big difference. You see, many people think the universe is simply stuff and physical laws. But it is more. It also contains consciousness. That's where we get it. We have will power too. If the universe didn't have it, where would we get it from?

Girl You mean the universe thinks and wants to do things?

Father In a way that is true, *I* think. Since everything affects everything else, the universe is like one big, complex thing. I can imagine it has an ultimate plan. Much like we do for our life—but *way* bigger.

Girl I think its plan is to swoop us up into all those points of light and tell us things we don't know.

Father You could have something there. We already find that the universe tells us things a little at the time. Each time someone discovers a way to grow better crops and feed the hungry, we are told things. Every time a scientist looks in a microscope and finds out how our bodies work, we are told things. We just need to translate nature's messages to learn.

Girl Do you think we will know everything some day?

Father We may learn a lot more, but the universe will always have mysteries to puzzle over. We need mysteries. We are made to learn and explore new things. What if there were nothing new to find out?

Girl Ooh, that would be like reading the same book over and over. I want to learn and translate for nature so I can discover new things.

Father Yes, so for now just look up there and be glad. Enjoy this moment. It seems to me your heart is leading your mind. That could take you to wonderful places. Things you find inside your own mind could be like an adventure into deep space.

Girl Wow! ...Well, actually that doesn't make any sense...But it surely is interesting to think about.

Father It is, and I feel you will do a lot of that in years to come. I can almost see you now, translating messages from the beautiful Aurora Borealis.

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