

# CHAPTER 20

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Discussion with spirit guide  
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CORETTA SCOTT KING: The playoffs have begun! The regular season is over! I like that analogy. If it weren't for the fact that life isn't a game, I'd say it was an excellent analogy.

[She makes a “so-so” sign with her hand and then laughs.]

But it's still pretty good. Good enough for us to mention again. . . . Let's see. Let's follow that analogy: if the twentieth century was the “regular season,” then the twenty-first century is the “playoffs.”

And what happens during the regular season? Bad decisions that you make are not as costly as they are during the playoffs. A quarterback could take that extra second to throw the ball during the regular sea-

son. If he waits that long during the playoffs, he may find himself in the hospital. There is less “room for error” in the playoffs. You need to be at the top of your game!

During the twenty-first century, people in general will need to change their mindset about certain matters. . . . Who are your heroes, ladies and gentlemen? What kind of people do you look up to? During the twenty first century . . . if you want to think that Winston Churchill, Ronald Reagan, George Patton and Franklin Delano Roosevelt were heroes, then go ahead!

[She laughs.]

But with respect to the necessary mindset of the twenty first century, regarding those people as “heroes” would definitely be a stretch!

One point that is worth mentioning yet again is that we spiritual guides are against war, period! And in order for the world to live in peace, a few brave people need to come forth and stand up for the cause of “peace at all costs.”

I’m really turning your reality inside out, aren’t I? And you thought the brave ones were the ones who were willing to march off to war! Who would have thought that the real heroes of the world are those who are willing to take a stand against war no matter what happens?

I know some of you are wondering right now “What if the United States gets attacked again? Do we just stand by and do nothing?” No, that’s not what we are suggesting. Many terrorist attacks have already been prevented before they even started—and peaceably! I don’t have a problem with that at all—as long as you understand that I am also against capital punishment and torture.

During the twenty-first century, eventually it will

get to the point in which people in general will need to think in the manner that I am describing. The cost of not thinking that way will just be too much, and I have faith in you all too!

I too believe in the Power of Positive Thinking! God is with you at all times, and I really do believe that the world could be a better place to live—not a perfect place to live but, better! It's just that many of you need to grow up—not in human terms but in spiritual terms.

Being a mature human being isn't that difficult. . . (laughing) maybe I spoke too soon! What I'm trying to say is that some of the most dangerous people in the world are what you would consider to be "mature."

And what is a mature person? A mature person is one who has little difficulty accepting life's circumstances as they are. Is that really a great quality to have? Yes and no, as long as you realize that it is more important to be a mature spirit than it is to be a mature person. Didn't Jesus Christ encourage you all to be humble like children?

And what is spiritual maturity? It usually takes many lifetimes on Earth for a person to realize that God does not favor one culture or one race of people above any other. If you have to deal with people (such as terrorists) who are less spiritually developed than you are, and you stoop down to their level by fighting back, then you are no "greater" than they are!

Anybody could fight back! It takes a particularly brave person not to fight back! When Jackie Robinson was preparing to be the first black baseball player in the Major Leagues, he asked the President of the Brooklyn Dodgers: "Do you want a ballplayer who is afraid to fight back?" The President then replied, "I want a ballplayer with guts enough NOT to fight back." That is what we are looking for! We are looking for a few good men and women who are strong enough NOT to fight back! Come join the crusade everybody!