

# CHAPTER 6

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Discussion with spirit guide  
**Abraham Lincoln**

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN: Greetings everybody! Picture me sitting at my desk in a large den. I am wearing the same type of clothes that I did as “Abraham Lincoln.” I am also wearing reading glasses—not because I need them, but for effect. I am fumbling through papers now trying to figure out how this manuscript could be written for the best of everybody concerned.

[A long pause follows.]

It’s dusk outside now. And believe it or not, in the afterlife, there is something to be said about the fact that it is always dusk (or dawn) because we experience time a lot differently than you do. As a spirit in

the afterlife, I could see how “beginnings” and “endings” are much more tied together than they seem to be in physical reality.

Dr. Frick is sitting in front of me writing down everything I’m saying. . . .

[He takes off his reading glasses and poses in a reflective position.]

So what do you think, Gary? Even though I am very much open to your suggestions, I have a good idea of what needs to be done. I believe that I need to explain to people more explicitly why this series of books have been written.

You know, I’d really hate to say this, but sometimes there may be an element of truth to the saying “ignorance is bliss.” A lot of you want to pretend to yourselves that somehow, someday, everything will work out in the end. There is no reason to worry about the state of the world today because worrying won’t make the world any better of a place to live.

And besides, God is with you at all times, anyway. Why should you worry about world peace? Unless you are the President or a prime minister you feel you have very little effect on the world anyway. Why not just spend your energy concerning yourselves with your jobs, your families, or whatever personal situation you are in?

[A long pause follows.]

You’re all wanting for me to give you all a good chewing out right now and say “What’s wrong with you all? You should care about world peace? You should care about the world that your children and grandchildren live in!”

[He laughs.]

Maybe I should yell at a few of you, but I'm not going to do that. What good would it do? And besides, maybe a little blind optimism isn't so bad. Maybe this type of manuscript is truly not meant for everybody.

For those of you who really feel that God is with everybody and everything will work out in the end—good for you! Maybe in some ways you are wiser than I am.

On the other hand, as of these writings, the world still is a potentially dangerous place, and it has been for quite some time. Consider the Cuban Missile Crisis: there was a very real possibility of a nuclear holocaust during that time period in the 1960's. Do you think that some modern day version of that can't happen again? For those of you who really believe it won't, good for you! As long as your heart is in the right place. . . like I said, a little bit of blind optimism isn't so bad.

[A long pause follows.]

Dr. Frick, I want to help you be a little more at ease with yourself now. I would like to somehow, within the space of three chapters, cover what I consider to be the most important topics and perspectives. I would like everybody who reads this manuscript to have a good idea of why this series of books was written to begin with.

[A long pause follows.]

Dr. Frick, there are a few chapters from your first book that I believe are worth repeating again, and then I'd like to discuss those chapters in more detail for the sake of clarity. . . .

[He laughs.]

And don't worry people, we'll give you your money's worth. Maybe we'll let "Bob Hope" or "Johnny Carson" write a little something again—but don't expect them to be all that funny this time, because these writings do contain a serious message.

[He laughs again.]

As for me, I'm always a barrel of laughs, so you don't have to worry about not getting entertainment from me!