

# The Whole Point

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There is more than one kind of motivation. When we realize something that we don't want; something that fuels us with abject terror, or something that repulses us and drives us, we can launch ourselves forward with tremendous energy. That kind of motivation can break us free from situations that are painful and unpleasant. We must use this kind of energy at times, but we must also remember that beyond that there is another kind of motivation called "inspiration." Beyond the fear; beyond the dread that we are going to fail, inspiration is a far more valuable motivator of human behavior, and it leads us to places that our fear can never take us.

When we as a species realized, independently and then collectively, that we wanted to leave our planet and set foot on another world, we were not motivated by the fear of avoiding something like running out of money, or being destroyed in war. We were not driven toward the compulsion toward safety, but of something bigger. We decided to explore this possibility, through our connection to a dream that was so deep-seated in our souls; so universal, that we found ourselves unified in this vision. Throughout the species, humankind has looked up toward the moon, and said: "I wonder what it is like up there?" We thought: "I don't know how we are going to go there, but one day I believe we will."

The whole world felt something when we watched that massive rocket rumbling on the launch pad, with those three brave people sitting on top of it. When watched this incredible human creation launch itself up into space, our hearts were touched. We were touched because this was a transcendently brave step towards something novel; towards something far beyond the mere drive to avoid pain and suffering. This was motivation toward something that was absolutely beautiful, and reflective of the nature of the human spirit.

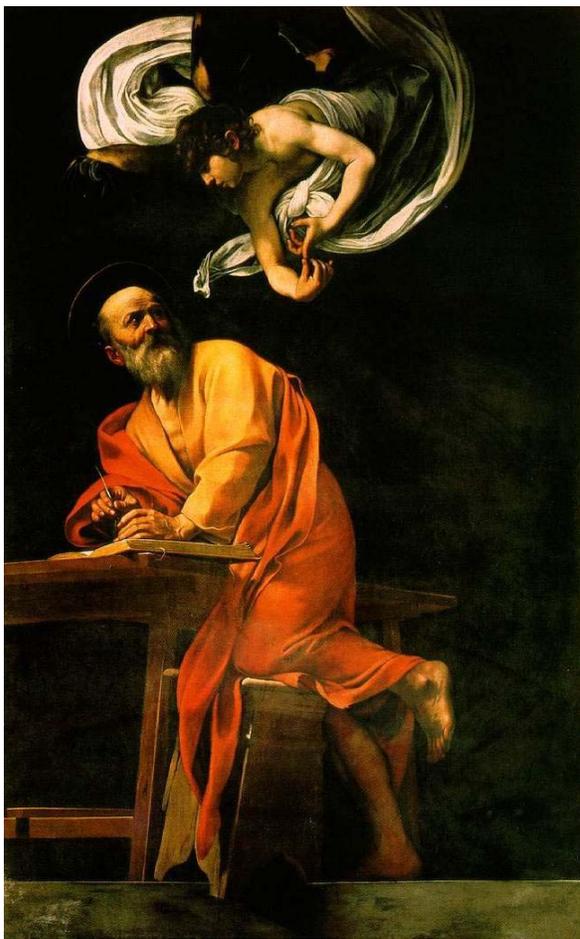
It is this kind of inspirational motivation that we must tap into, and further must allow it to become the fundamental factor that drives us forward. We must have goals that



anyone could look at and say: "This is an authentic dream. This is worth investing time and energy in. This is creating something meaningful."

The point of transcending fear, and the reason why it is so essential for our people to survive, is because when we let go of our fear, we have the ability to dream bigger, we have the ability to look beyond "what is" into "what could be?" Whether or not we are able to transcend fear is the pivotal factor that decides whether or not we as a species can look beyond where we have been, beyond where we are, and dream of something more; something so far beyond where we are that only a vision born outside the confines of rationality could offer.

Something will occur to you in your future that will have the potential to change your life. In a moment of calmness, a moment of silence, a stroke of genius will wake you in the night, filled with enthusiasm and hope. You must



remember and act upon this brave new idea. You must write it down. You must speak it to others, and you must speak it to yourself. Your future will change as a result of letting such a vision drive you forward, instead of simply working with "what is," building with only that which has been. You must grab hold of this dream that doesn't seem possible and invest yourself in it, continue to believe in it, and imagine what it would be like to have it and allow the positive emotion to develop within you; to bubble up and become more specific. When you allow yourself to truly believe in it, your dream will become real. This rocket of your dream is ready for launch. Will you be on it?

All humans have dreams. If we let our dreams be our driving factors in life, we deserve all of the resources that we use. We deserve our footprints in the sand, so-to-

speak; our mark on this planet. But when we walk an uninspired life, when we use the limited resources that furnish our bodies with fuel, and our lives with energy, we are merely taking up space. We do not need more people on this planet. We need more inspired people. By living your dreams, you give meaning to the whole of human history.