

American **Inspiration**

Thoughts for today and every day . . .

“If you stand up and be counted, from time to time, you may get yourself knocked down. But, remember this: someone flattened by an opportunity can get up. Someone flattened by conformity stays down for good.” Thomas J. Watson



“My challenge to the young people is to pick up where this generation has left off to create a world where every man, woman and child is not limited, except by their own capabilities.” Colin Powell



“People need role models at every stage of their lives...not just when they are kids. Don't expect a role model to come along all by him or herself. There are plenty of classy people out there who want to help. Instead of waiting for somebody to take you under their wing, go out there and find a good wing to climb under.” Dave Thomas



“Everyone is a potential winner. Some people are disguised as losers; don't let their appearances fool you.” Kenneth Blanchard

American Update

With most teams a little over halfway through football season, interest in building for the **2011 American Contest Season**. We are getting numerous inquiries into some of our top competition locations and teams are beginning to plan their contest trips. If you are interested in an American Contest, make sure to reply to this

email with your questions and we will do our best to answer them all! You can also find more information on our web site, including last year's contest schedules and results at www.DanceADTS.com. If you need a bid for your team's travel plans, make sure to contact Dalana at ATS Tours and Travel (ats@atstoursandtravel.com). Not only are there contest destinations to Santa Fe, NM, Galveston, South Padre Island, and San Antonio, but ATS also has special trips to California, NYC, and Florida.

We still have some spots still available for the **SMU Football Extravaganza** on November 13th. This is a great opportunity to participate in a great NCAA televised football game for only \$109! To find out more, visit our Special Events page at www.DanceADTS.com/specialevents.htm.

Inspiration of the Week

You Are A Marvel

Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that will never be again . . . And what do we teach our children? We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France.

When will we also teach them what they are?

We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you. Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move.

You may become a Shakespeare, a Michaelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel?

You must work - we must all work - to make the world worthy of its children.

By Pablo Casals

from Chicken Soup for the Soul

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