

## Mysterious Coincidences, by James Redfield

"This is hard to explain," she said. "But the priest put it this way. He said the First Insight occurs when we become conscious of the coincidences in our lives." She leaned toward me. "Have you ever had a hunch or intuition concerning something you wanted to do? Some course

you wanted to take in your life? And wondered how it might happen? And

then, after you had half forgotten about it and focused on other things, you suddenly met someone or read something or went somewhere

that led to the very opportunity you envisioned? "Well," she continued, "according to the priest, these coincidences are happening more and more frequently and that, when they do, they strike us as beyond what would be expected by pure chance. They feel destined, as though our lives had been guided by some unexplained force. The experience induces a feeling of mystery and excitement and, as a result, we feel more alive. The priest told me that this is the experience that we've glimpsed and that we're now trying to manifest all the time. More people every day are convinced that this mysterious movement is real and that it means something, that something else is going on beneath everyday life. This awareness is the First Insight." She looked at me expectantly, but I said nothing. "Don't you see?" she asked. "The First Insight is a reconsideration of the inherent mystery that surrounds our individual lives on this planet. We are experiencing these mysterious coincidences, and even though we don't understand them yet, we know they are real. We are sensing again, as in childhood, that there is another side of life that we have yet to discover, some other process operating behind the scenes." --James Redfield, in 'Celestine Prophecy'

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