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Dear Mr. Albom,

Before I read your book, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, I thought of heaven on very simple terms. It was where you went when you died; where all was bliss. Reading your book opened my eyes; made me realize; *what greater bliss than to understand? Your life? Your death?*

Your book showed me that everything happens for a reason, and that all lives affect others. It reminds me of Buddhism; Buddhists believe that everything you do, no matter the intention, creates a ripple, affecting all the universe, like a pool of water. Only yours is a fabric, and each string is a life. They all intertwine, all affect one another. If one is cut, all near it sag. Your book has changed how I see life forever.

Your book also said that everything happens for a reason. One string is cut or wears away so another doesn't. Sometimes, two strings rub against each other so, that one or both wear away, like the key and the cable. The string is very delicate; you have shown me that. Your book has forever changed the string that is mine.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Quinn Severs

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