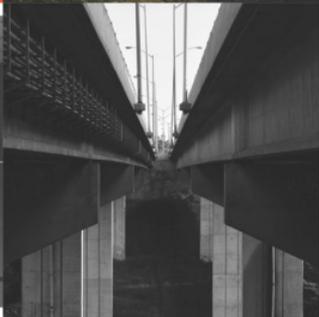




# VENTURE FORTH X DISCOVER

BOOK II OF III



*“Every day is a day to keep on living or die. Be happy to die  
as you are in the pursuit of your personal legend.”  
– The Alchemist.*

A meeting space for **O**rganic passion &  
**E**nlightenment.

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GET READY TO BOB YOUR HEAD IN STYLE, JIMMY.





## ~~You Are Going to Die.~~

HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK ABOUT THE TRUTH BEHIND THAT STATEMENT? MANY PEOPLE SAY THAT THEY HAVE, BUT IN REALITY, THEY **HAVEN'T**. HECK, I'M WRITING ABOUT IT AND I STILL CAN'T EVEN SAY THAT I FULLY COMPREHEND THE REALITY OF MY OWN NON-EXISTENCE.

I SUPPOSE THAT NO ONE REALLY KNOWS WHAT THAT STATEMENT TRULY MEANS UNTIL THEY ARE FACE TO FACE WITH THE ETERNAL.

THOUGH, IN THE END, IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL ALL HAVE TO COME TO TERMS WITH, TO **REALIZE** AND **ACCEPT**. SURE, DEATH MAY BE IMMINENT, BUT DOES THAT REALLY HAVE TO BE A BAD THING?

Audio track [:] Cole - Lights Please

EACH OF US SPEND OUR DAYS, DAY IN AND DAY  
OUT, FINDING NOVEL WAYS IN  
WHICH TO **CHEAT DEATH**, TO PROLONG OUR  
LIVES FOR JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER  
- **BUT FOR WHAT?**

DOES THE MAN WHO BUYS ALL OF THOSE ANTI-  
AGING FORMULAE NOT KNOW THAT HE IS GOING  
TO DIE, REGARDLESS?

HOW WILL THAT FORMULA HELP, SHOULD HE  
UNEXPECTEDLY BE HIT BY A BUS TOMORROW  
MORNING ON HIS WAY TO WORK?

MOROSE IMAGERY THAT SHOULDN'T CLOUD YOUR  
JUDGEMENT, BUT UPLIFT YOU AND HELP YOU TO  
REALIZE THAT: BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING TO  
DIE, WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT **LIFE** A  
LITTLE BIT **DIFFERENTLY**.

Audio track [:] Jay Z - Allure feat. Pharrell Williams



THE TRUE BEAUTY OF LIFE LIES IN KNOWING  
THAT WE ARE **GOING** TO DIE.

THAT WAY, EACH DAY THAT WE WAKE UP IS  
A BEAUTIFUL ONE, SIMPLY BECAUSE WE ARE  
**STILL ALIVE** - IF ONLY FOR JUST A LITTLE  
BIT LONGER. GRANTED, THERE ARE SOME OF  
US THAT WAKE UP DREADING THE DAY, HOPING  
THAT IT WILL ALL END IN ONE FOUL SWOOP.  
AND TO THEM, I ASK **WHY?** BOTH THE BEAUTIES  
AND THE STRUGGLES OF THIS LIFE ARE  
NON -RECURRING AND MAY ONLY BE EXPERIENCED  
ONCE IN A LIFETIME, AS NO TWO MOMENTS ARE  
EVER TRULY THE SAME.

THIS HARROWING REMINDER BECKONS US TO  
EXPERIENCE EACH MOMENT UNIQUELY BECAUSE  
IT TRULY IS OUR **LAST**.

SURE, LIFE CAN BE QUITE HARD.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SHOULDER  
A MORTGAGE THAT I'M INCAPABLE OF PAYING  
BACK.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WORK  
TIRELESSLY AND TO **NO END**, JUST SO THAT  
MY KIDS WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO WAKE  
UP EVERY MORNING AND FETCH A PALE WATER  
50-MILES DOWN THE ROAD, JUST SO THAT MY  
FAMILY AND I CAN HAVE CLEAN WATER TO  
DRINK.

NO, I **DON'T KNOW** ANY OF THESE THINGS, BUT  
I DO KNOW HOW BEAUTIFUL LIFE CAN BE.





AMIDST THE HARDSHIP AND THE PAIN, WE  
ARE EACH PROVIDED WITH DAILY MOMENTS OF  
INSPIRATION - TRUE **HAPPINESS**. AND IN THESE  
MOMENTS, EVEN A SIMPLE BUT GENUINE BURST  
OF LAUGHTER SHARED WITH FRIENDS CAN MAKE  
ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

I ASSURE YOU, THE BEAUTIES AND THE PAINS  
OF THIS LIFE ARE PREVALENT, BUT THEY ARE  
HERE ONLY FOR A **LIMITED AMOUNT** OF TIME;  
AND FOR THAT, THEY SHOULD BE **EMBRACED**.

EVERY EXPERIENCE, GOOD OR BAD, IS STILL A  
**UNIQUE** EXPERIENCE UNTO ITSELF.

ONLY WHEN WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE GOING  
TO DIE, CAN WE EVER REALLY SAVOUR EACH  
MOMENT TO THE **FULLEST**. EACH MOMENT IS  
NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD, BUT RATHER, A GIFT  
FOR **BEING ALIVE**. EMBRACE YOUR GIFT.

Audio track [:] Kendrick Lamar - Wanna Be Heard

SOME OF US WILL SUFFER A HEART ATTACK,  
OTHERS WILL DIE FROM A STROKE,  
MOST OF US WILL EXPERIENCE CANCER,  
BUT **IN THE END**, ALL OF US ARE GOING TO  
DIE.

DO WHAT YOU **LOVE**, AS WE'VE EACH ONLY GOT  
ONE SHOT.



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