

Our Deepest Fear

By Marianne Williamson

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond
measure. It is our light, not our darkness
that most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant,
gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.*

*Your playing small does not serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking
so that other people won't
feel insecure around you.
We are all meant to shine, as children do.*

*We were born to make manifest
the glory of God that is within us.
It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine,
we unconsciously give other people
permission to do the same.*

*As we're liberated from our own fear,
our presence automatically liberates others.*

This quote is taken from Marianne Williamson's book [A Return to Love](#).