Are You a Secret Agent?

There were things said in my church meetings that got me thinking about secret agents. I'm guessing you've seen a movie or TV show about one. A person, probably with special skills or tools, who is given an important mission to accomplish. That person is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. They stay in the shadows so they don't get caught. They have a team they can count on for help in a pinch. As they proceed with their mission, things do not go smoothly or according to plan. Regardless, they figure out a way through and we cheer when they are eventually successful in their mission! (I feel theme music would be appropriate here.)

Well, look at this scripture:

> *"For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves…." (D&C 58:28)*

Did you see that? We are agents! Yes, this is talking about our agency, our ability to choose. But to me it's insightful to think of ourselves as agents. Someone with special "power" and skills to complete a specific mission. Do you know what your special powers are? Do you know what your mission is?

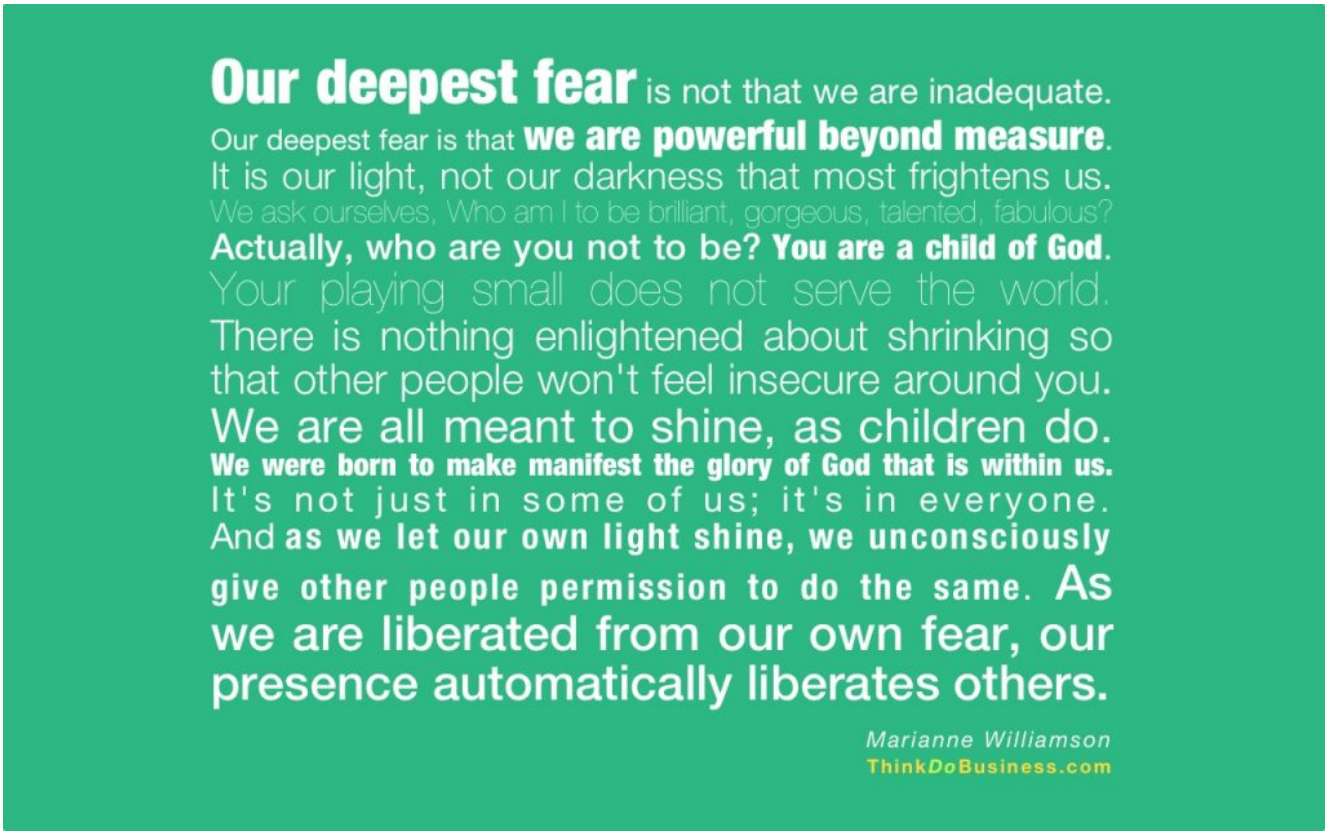
We also have a team we can count on for help and there are people who will cheer us on in our successes. Who is on your team?

The agents in the movies sometimes remain secret because their mission requires it. But mostly likely our mission doesn't. We do not need to be SECRET agents. When we try to stay in the shadows, not only do we keep our mission secret from the world, but we often keep the secret so well that we keep the secret from ourselves.

We are agents! We are agents! We are agents! We do not need to

be secret agents.

I should point out that being a non-secret agent doesn't mean we have to be totally out going and in the spot light all the time. Some would never be comfortable there for long. And some actually hide there. However, being a non-secret agent does mean that we spend our energy and effort finding out and completing our mission and being who we are instead of using all of that energy keeping people at a distance, worrying what others think of us or making sure that no one sees our talents. Sometimes some of us try to hide like this. We may not even know it. (Actually I think most of us try to hide like this in someways.)



I bring this up now because it's on my mind. But also because as I have been studying President Uchtdorf's conference talk, I'm intrigued how fear keeps us a secret agent. How fear keeps us from acknowledging our special skills and holds us back from discovering or completing our mission.

If you're intrigued by this idea, try writing a list of your

missions. What are you here on earth to do? Write as many thoughts as you can. Then come back to it later and write some more. Write down all the ideas that come. I think you'll be amazed at the specialized skills you've been given and the amazing mission you have (should you choose to accept it).

Accept it. Let yourself be you! It will be amazing!

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