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(another chapter from the i-mail saga)

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"Been setting a lot of goals for us, have you?"

I had just finished a session of goal setting and was feeling rather good about where I was going and what I intended to accomplish. Then came the i-mail from Other-Self. An i-mail is like an e-mail except it arrives internally, can't be ignored and doesn't have a delete button.

I looked at my goal sheet again and smiled. "Yes...I think even you will have to agree that these represent a worthwhile plan for my future."

"I would if I could see some overall purpose behind them."

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"Purpose! What do you mean, PURPOSE? They're covered with purpose."

"Such as?"

"Success! Financial prosperity! Fulfillment! Get with the program. It's the stuff of life."

"I couldn't agree less."

This really unplugged my wires. Sometimes Other–Self can be so completely no–where that I question if he's part of me. "All right...let's take this slow and easy. Are you telling me that you don't think success, money, fulfillment and all that good stuff amounts to anything?"

"I don't recall having said that at all. I was simply observing that the good stuff, as you call it, doesn't amount to a whistle in the wind without a purpose behind it."

"I think I left you behind somewhere. Success IS a purpose. Money IS a purpose."

"Wrong as usual. They may be goals but they are not a purpose."

"Sounds to me like we're having an argument over words."

"Not at all. Let me ask you a few questions. Why did you choose the goals that you did? What else should or could you be doing with your life? Where are you going? For that matter, where did you come from?"

"Oh...now I get it. This is one of your feet off the ground head in the sky discussions. Sorry...I'm not feeling very high–minded today."

"Well, pardon me! I didn't mean to overload your thinking circuits. But what we are discussing here is basic hard–core reality so listen carefully. **YOU WILL NEVER SUCCEED BEYOND THE PURPOSE TO WHICH YOU HAVE DEDICATED YOUR LIFE.**"

"Oh...wow. That's really deep. Excuse me while I go stick my head in a book of wise sayings or something."

"Stick your head wherever you like. Sand if you prefer. But when you re–enter the reality zone, truth will still be truth."

"Okay. I'm in an accommodating mood so let's say there is a difference between a goal and a purpose. I know about goals. How do I determine a purpose?"

"To begin with, it's not A' purpose. It's THE' purpose. And you begin by asking yourself what are your best talents and abilities? In other words, what do you do extremely well? What do you enjoy doing?"

"And what do I do with THE' answer?"

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"Decide the best way for you to serve God, others and yourself by using these talents."

"Ahhhh. I knew there was a catch to all this. You're suggesting sainthood."

"Not at all. I doubt if you'd even qualify for consideration. I'm merely pointing out that you were put here on earth for a purpose. Your talents and abilities will point you in that direction if you stop long enough to really look at them. Despite appearances, you are not a cosmic accident. You do have a mission. And until you discover and align yourself with that purpose you can set all the goals you want but you'll still be tap dancing in the wrong ballroom."

"Give me a for instance."

"You've got writing skills. You enjoy writing. So maybe your real purpose in life is to use your writing to help others walk taller. Someone else might be a gifted sales person. Their mission could be to help people live better or more successfully through valuable services or products. Get the idea?"

"Maybe. I will admit the idea is worth thinking about. But just out of curiosity, what is your dedicated purpose in life?"

"Saving you from your Dumb-Self. It's a full-time commitment."

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### **How To Find The Perfect Dancewear**

**By Simon Oliver**

If you are into dancing, you need the perfect dancewear. Dancewear is the term used to describe the clothing worn by dancers. Dancewear includes: tap shoes, slippers, pointed shoes, tights, leotards and unitards, tutus, legwarmers and cardigans. These are the perfect clothes to wear when dancing.

There are different types of dances and each requires certain types or dancewear. For example, in ballet you are going to need ballet shoes. A ballet shoe lets a ballerina dance freely. Ballet shoes have

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no hard cloth or rubber at all. This is important because a ballerina stands on tiptoes. Soft ballet shoes allow her feet to bend and stand pointed. Ballet shoes must fit properly and not be loose on the feet. Some steps require the ballerina to jump and make fast movements. If the shoes are not compact with her feet, she might fall or stumble.

In ballroom dancing, dancers use different dancewear. Ballroom dancers wear high-heels or stilettos to give impact to the dropping of their feet. It also gives an elegant impression and gives emphasis to the legs of the dancer. For the female, the perfect dancewear would be skirts which are not below the knee. Short skirts will help them move freely. Wearing long skirts can cause them to step on their costume. If not, the male partners might step on it and ruin the scene. Wearing tank or short sleeved tops that shimmer are the perfect match to skirts. Wearing glimmering dancewear will help you stand out among the rest. With the lights circling, your shimmering dancewear will surely be the highlight.

In dancing, the shoes are the most important item of all. After all, it is your feet that make your body move. Your feet carry you so it is important to choose your shoes seriously.

In choosing the perfect dance shoes, go for quality. It may be more costly but there are a lot of shops and stores that offer great discounts on dance shoes. With dancing's popularity, there are a lot of affordable shoes on the market. Don't go for the cheap ones because they will not last for long. Your dance shoes will undergo a lot of stress. It is best to choose one that is durable.

If you want to find the perfect dancewear that suits you, you can have your own costume designed by a professional. Ask a designer to make a dress exclusively for you. Matching your dance shoes to the color and design of your dancewear will give you that prosperous look. So get your dancewear on and do the groove.

Hannah Roberts has an interest in Dance Wear. To access more articles on Dance Wears

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