



Dr. Ernest Holmes and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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Could there be an anymore fascinating person for our founder, Dr. Ernest Holmes, to converse with than Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart — child prodigy, musical genius and third bestselling classical composer of all time? Interestingly, both men were born in January only six days (and 131 years) apart; Mozart on January 27, 1756 and Holmes on January 21, 1887. It has been reported that Holmes and his wife Hazel enjoyed classical music. No doubt they listened to Mozart's music and heard the transcendent vibrations of the Divine. Below is an imaginary conversation between Holmes and Mozart with actual quotes from the two men appearing in italics.

HOLMES: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, your music is sublime! I'm sure you agree that *the greatest music ever composed was written by the hand of a mystic, and the highest and best in art has come from men of spiritual perception.*

MOZART: Thank you, Dr. Holmes, but may I say *I pay no attention whatever to anybody's praise or blame. I simply follow my own feelings. I choose such notes that love one another. If only the whole world could feel the power of harmony.*

H: That is a profound statement. *Infinite Love harmonizes man's entire being.*

M: *Love, love, love — that is the soul of genius.*

H: Yes! *Pulsations of life are governed by Love!* Tell me, Mr. Mozart — or may I call you Wolfgang?

M: Call me Wolfie. Everyone else does!

H: OK, Wolfie! How do you receive inspiration?

M: Actually, *when I am traveling in a carriage, or walking after a good meal, or during the night when I cannot sleep, it is on such occasions that ideas flow best and most abundantly.*

H: Fascinating! *A power greater than I am flows through me into everything I do or think about. I know that at all times I have a silent partner walking with me, talking with me, operating through me.*

M: You're "plugged in," my friend!

H: Well, I believe *the possibilities of my experience are unlimited.* But Wolfie, how do you "download" the music in your soul?

M: *You know that I immerse myself in music, so to speak — I think about it all day long. I like experimenting, studying, reflecting. Music is my life and my life is music. I tell you, when I am at peace with myself, then thoughts flow into me most easily and at their best. And what I've really learned is the music is not in the notes, but in the silence between.*

H: *Sweet song of the silence, forever singing in my heart!*

M: Dr. Holmes, *to talk well and eloquently is a very great art, but an equally great one is to know the right moment to stop.* I have to write the Jupiter Symphony before dinner, but I do have a final question for you. Do you have nickname like Ernest or Ernie?

H: Call me Dr. Holmes. ☘

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