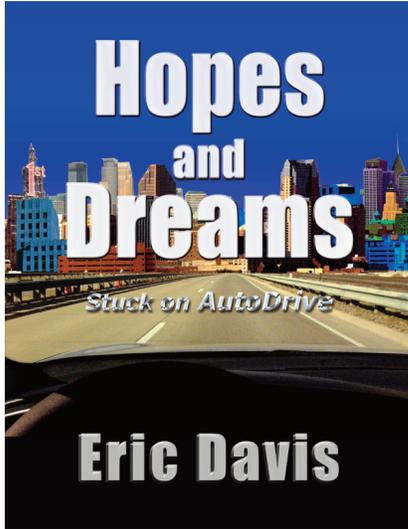


Hopes and Dreams

Stuck on AutoDrive



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Sharon doesn't think she originally set us up together. Is she lying? She is a politician. But Sharon has never lied to me before. I think I know what happened.

Sharon was keeping watch over her flock by night, when behold, an angel of the heavenly host appeared to her from within a bush that burned but was not consumed, saying, "I am the angel of—" And the angel did cough, for the smoke from the burning bush did bother the angel's lungs. And the angel did a great rubbing of the eyes, for the smoke from the burning bush did cause the eyes to weep. "I will step forth," said the angel, "so that you may see me and understand me." The angel did step forth and, upon extinguishing the bush, said, "Woman of great council, there are two with powers and understanding and knowledge and faith enough to move mountains, but they do not have love. Love is patient – hold your place for I have not finished – love is kind. Love binds the souls and spirits together in ways no ring of metal or stone could signify, for the binding of love stretches and is as strong as the strongest polymer and yet is as soft as silk and does not scratch, even accidentally. Love is its own symbol. Hands are held and clasped not to pull or control, but as companions and admirers. Love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love is all you need. Yes, it is." The angel did pause to scratch at a wing, for it did itch, and to give the woman Sharon a moment to reflect upon what was said. "These two must be given to love. You must provide the divine intervention but must not take credit for the act, for even though an idea of nature cannot be copyrighted so too there can be consequences to claiming that which belongs to the Lord." And behold, two widescreen images of the woman and the man appeared along with biographies that appeared to have been gleaned from the Internet, for they contained errors of fact and of omission. Also, the spelling was poor. And the woman Sharon knelt down and wept, for her sheep had wandered as the angel spoke, and she was not acquainted with Hope, and the address given may not be the most current, and she did fear the awkwardness of this more than most things political.

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