

## Signs from the Universe Can Increase Your Resolve (and Help Save You Money)

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Early in 2007, I went through a stressful period with a top-rate consultant I had hired to help me with my book project. Rather than honoring her word to do as I had requested of her, she had spent many hours reformulating my project--exactly what I had asked her *not* to do--and then sent me a huge bill.

Although she was tops in her field, my intuition as well as my own logic and reasoning told me to do the project in a nontraditional way, which I had explained to her earlier and to which she had finally agreed. (Since this was a book on intuition, it only made sense to me that I walk my talk and honor my intuition.) Anyway, since she hadn't kept her agreement, it turned out that I could only use a small portion of her work. I sent her a three-page letter explaining the issue, including references to our previous emails, and paid her for slightly more than half of her bill. I thought I was being fair as well as generous.

She was adamant that I pay every penny and threatened legal action against me, but I chose to stick to my convictions because I felt I was in the right. Furthermore, I only had a small sum of money to launch my project and now needed to search for and hire someone else.

Two months later, I received a letter from a collections agency. Informing myself further on standard industry practices confirmed to me that I had a good case. I wrote the agency a letter explaining the matter, and then another letter in rebuttal to hers, thinking that this would finally clear things up. (By the way, in her letter she had stated that in her 38 years of service, nobody had ever taken issue with any of her invoices.)

But no, the case wasn't closed. About a month later, at the end of June 2007, I received a letter from a law office in San Francisco. Too flustered to open the letter immediately, I shoved it in between the seats in my car. A few days later, while listening to music over internet radio, I got an intuition to go to the car and get that letter. (Because it's distracting, I don't listen to the radio while writing. But I "just so" happened to that day.)

I opened the letter and began reading. The letter stated that if the balance of the bill wasn't paid immediately, a lawsuit would be filed against me. Furthermore, additional amounts would be owed in the event of litigation.

I have never been sued before, so this was disturbing news. Furthermore, I was now risking lawyers' fees in addition to the original balance out of the small sum of money I had to launch my book project. I trudged back into my house disheartened, heading towards my bedroom, to my computer. And as I was walking into my bedroom, I heard "Bad to the Bone" George Thorogood singing (with typical George Thorogood attitude), "She a-howlin' about the front rent, she'll be lucky to get any back rent, she ain't gonna get none of it!"

I knew this was a sign from the universe, as such things happened to me almost daily when I was writing my book. (That's because when you get serious about your higher life purpose, your mission, the universe begins to support you in all sorts of ways.) I felt inspirited immediately and wrote a letter to the law office explaining exactly why I wouldn't be paying the balance, including copies of previous documentation. I have not heard from the lawyers or from the consultant since, and it's been over a year.

Our life experiences aren't necessarily supposed to be easy and trouble-free (my intuition is what had brought me to her in the first place), but if we trust ourselves, things do become easier. Furthermore, learning through sometimes challenging experiences helps us become more

capable, more confident individuals--which is what this Earth experience is all about.

To better recognize "signs from the universe" in your life, check out my book and also my article "Is it Coincidence, or a Sign From the Universe?"

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