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Profound commitment to a dream does not confine or constrain: it liberates.

Even a difficult, winding path can lead to your goal if you follow it to the end.

<sup>-</sup> Paulo Coelho -

Dedicated to the memory of Rudi Drent, to Ben Koks, to my parents Christa and Gerd, and to my nephew Nico



It is precisely the possibility of realising a dream that makes life interesting.

- Paulo Coelho