

You may say I'm a dreamer by Charlisa Anderson

I have a story about dreaming, not the night kind or the day kind but the 24 hour kind. Dreaming that keeps you hopeful and jumping out of bed every morning in anticipation of something wonderful coming into your life.

I was a single parent for 13 years before I met my husband, Steve. I met and dated many men in that period of time, but none them had all the qualities I was looking for in a partner. Oh, I could have settled many times, but I was happy being single and really didn't want to enter into a permanent relationship with anyone that didn't "knock my socks off"!

Most people think that it is impossible to get ALL the qualities you are looking for in a partner, but I disagree. I have always believed that if you decide what you want (with regard to ANYTHING), write it down and read it aloud often, anything is possible. Wayne Dyer says, that "by believing passionately in that which does not exist – you create it. And that which does not exist has not been sufficiently desired." He may have been quoting someone else, nevertheless that is a very powerful statement.

A couple of years before I met Steve, I was running errands in the car and saw a bumper sticker with a sketch of John Lennon and the quote, "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one." Well, I have always loved his song, *Imagine*, but for some reason that day, those words made my heart leap with hope. I had pretty much resigned myself to the fact that I would be single forever, and was getting used to the idea, even though I really wanted to find "the one" and grow old together. I wrote that quote down. Then when I got home, I started listing all the qualities I wanted in a mate. Here is what I wrote:

"I am attracting a single, heterosexual, available, non-smoking man. I am attracting the perfect mate for myself. I want him to appear when God deems it appropriate. He is good looking, to me, warm hearted, healthy, intelligent and witty. He loves my children and they love him. He is supportive and proud of me and knows who I am. I know who he is and he is living an authentic life. He takes good care of himself, dresses well, is very clean, well groomed, and has an attractive physique. He enjoys life, has a positive attitude, is easy and fun to be with, and is a good listener. Our love making is wonderful and perfect for both of us. We will grow old together. I will be ready when he appears!"

This was the final draft. At one point I added "available" because I met several married men who were "looking" and also non-smoking because I met one man in particular who said he didn't smoke but did. I also added "knows who I am" because I wanted someone who really "got me". I really had fun reading it often and trying to picture what he would look like. I didn't worry about it, or keep wondering when it would happen, I just DREAMED.

Well, if any of you know Steve, you probably know that he fits that bill to a tee (well, maybe you don't know ALL the details!) I met him on an Internet dating site, emailed him, talked with him on the phone and met in a restaurant a few days later. We have been inseparable ever since. He is my dream mate.

So, I want to encourage you to search your heart for what is missing in your life or what you want to add to an already good life. Then write it down, read it over often and you may be pleasantly surprised at what comes into your life. BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS. What have you got to lose?

Now Steve and I dream together, and I have that same bumper sticker on MY car to hopefully inspire someone else to dream.