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Once you discern the path that is yours, you discover how difficult it will be to tread it alone. Not to say that individuality excludes having friends, but your real friends will understand that you must follow your own light, and they will be your companions in that they, too, are pursuing their own dreams. Pursuing your own destiny is like climbing a mountain: it can't be done *for* you, and it is going to take endurance. Endurance, in turn, depends on the strength of your dream. Do you really believe in it? Is it really worth what you will have to sacrifice? Without that faith, why bother? *With* that faith, you're already half way there. Forget the daydreams of fiction. The sober fact is that the friction from obstacles in your path will only be worn smooth by persistence.

You must determine, as the Buddha and Hesse's Siddhartha did, that nothing will stand in your way, that there are no conditions, *e.g.*, "I will strive to attain my goal so long as no one opposes me, as long as public opinion is in my favor, providing I can do it while getting rich, etc." Sorry, that kind of double-mindedness will never make it. Do you want it or not? Drop all the conditions. Unconditional courage and conviction alone can drag this dream across the finish line.