

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Here are some questions just for you. Given the year we have had in 2020, I think these quotes are rather timeless. Can you guess the origin of these quotes?

**“Come on, perk up. Won’t you smile for me?”**

Never underestimate how powerful picking up the phone can be when you call an OES sister or brother. You can perk someone up and bring a smile to both their heart and yours. This was from Snow White.

**“You’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think”**

This is encouraging because we all are braver than we believe in things. Hang in there! This was from Christopher Robin.

**“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day”**

Did that make you smile given our COVID situation? This was from Winnie the Pooh and it gives a different view of the word “nothing.” Though some may feel they are just doing nothing...you really are doing a lot and maybe you can think of this cheerful bear the next time you think that “nothing” is “nothing.” There has been a lot of cheer spread around from this bear and you can do the same.

**“It’s so important to always look where your headed rather than where you were!”**

I do believe it is so important to look to all the positive that is headed our way. Yes, it has been a hard year, but next year is a new year and so much good can happen. We can be a part of that good. This was from the Lion King.

**“All it takes is faith and trust.”**

I shall conclude with this one, as we all need to keep the faith and trust things will be okay. There is hope and so much beauty in the world. We each have the power to add that beauty. This quote was from Peter Pan.



## **Now I ask, what do all of these quotes have in common?**

When I reflect on positive people who have made positive contributions to mankind, one that does come to mind is Walt Disney. All of these quotes are from Disney movies. Snow White was chosen as the first quote to share very deliberately as when Disney embraced his dream it was during the Great Depression. He borrowed \$1.5 million in the midst of the Great Depression. He refused to listen to all those who said it would not be possible to create a successful full-length cartoon based on a musical fairy tale. But Disney knew something about mankind and that was every grown-up is “a child longing to dream freely again.”

As you know the rest is history, from Snow White to Winnie the Pooh, to Peter Pan, to the Lion King, to Frozen and so many others, the Disney dream is alive and well. We can never forget the power of positivity-the power of dreaming.

Keep your dreams alive, your faith intact, your heart warm—a new year and chapter in our world is about to begin. I have missed each of you so and sincerely wish you a beautiful holiday season that is SAFE. Take time to reflect on the positive and to remember loved ones, but keep them physically afar so to keep them safe. There will be times in the future to be together again.

Remember these words of Walt Disney—“Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever.” We will laugh together soon and the beauty we hold in our hearts for our beloved OES – is forever, just like each of you are in my heart.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,**

**Hakuna Matata!**

**Sabrina Pack-Your Grand Conductress**

**P.S. I would love for you to share your favorite Disney quote!**