Adventurer's Perspective: Raam Dev

In case you're new, every week, I post some valuable advice and other tidbits I've gotten from talking to some of my adventuring heroes.

This week's perspective comes from Raam Dev of RaamDev.com.

Who is Raam Dev?

He is a philosopher, awesome writer, traveler and minimalist. He lives as a digital nomad and travels the world with a mission to develop sustainable abundance through living and working with purpose.

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Raam's Definition of Being an Adventurer:

"To be an adventurer is to have an unquenchable thirst for experiencing things that few others get to experience. It's having a burning desire to explore and turn dreams into reality. To be an adventurer means to blaze a trail in the darkness of ignorance, while shining our only light behind us for others to follow. It means using dreams as guideposts instead of accepting them as impossible. It means climbing mountains of impossibility, planting a beacon for others to follow, and then, without taking a break, making our way to the next impossible summit.

It means having a passion to see things from a new perspective and to recognize that we are but mortals in this playground of life. It means to refuse accepting the status quo and to demand from ourselves the realization of our greatest human potential."

Raam's Advice:

"Start small. If you don't have the money or the freedom to fly to the other side of the planet, just go on a short all-day adventure to a place you've never explored but have always been curious about. There are so many places around you to explore!

Start big. If you have the freedom, block out three to six months and just go. Do some research online, email others who have travel experience, and figure out exactly how much money you'll need to survive at your destination. Reading blogs of others who have taken the plunge and are living the life you want to live is also a fantastic way to stay motivated!

The more people you tell, the less likely you will be to back off!

The world isn't going to fall apart when you leave. Everything is going to stay exactly the way it is right now. Friends and family will continue living out their routine lives and wishing they were in your shoes. When you get back, the only thing that will have changed is you! You will have incredible experiences, new perspectives, and stories that others will listen to in awe and wonder."

7 Responses to Adventurer's Perspective: Raam Dev

Andi
November 4, 2010 | 8:06 am
Very inspiring!!!

Raam Dev
November 4, 2010 | 9:34 pm
Thank you, Andi! :)

Adrienne
November 4, 2010 | 3:05 pm
Raam, that is hands down the best and most inspiring definition of an adventurer I've come across! I'm printing that one out to paste into my dream book. :)

Raam Dev
November 4, 2010 | 9:35 pm
Thank you so much, Adrienne! :)

Bill Gerlach
November 5, 2010 | 9:29 am
Raam,

You know I love your writing and are one of my favorite 'eco-beings' out there, but these words could be the BEST you have ever written (seriously):

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Shout it from the rooftops, brother!

Jodi
November 5, 2010 | 9:37 am
I know, right?! I read this like one hundred million bazillion times. Uh-may-zinggg!

Raam Dev
November 6, 2010 | 8:02 pm
Thank you, Bill! :)