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Everything that you encounter in your life, every experience, believe me you are going to be able to draw off of it. I used to sit around these old, old guys on this tree. They had a tree they called the Tree of Knowledge. But they sit around and I would listen. My friends would ask me "Why you sitting around with those old heads"? And I used to always tell them, I am getting schooled. I am learning. A bunch of old black guys just kicking it, telling them old stories about baseball and about the women and all. But to be honest, a lot of stuff I learned - this one guy told me an example about a situation in life. I did not say it but I think to myself "This old coot do not know what he's talking about". I say 18 years later I was confronted with this situation that this man had spoke on way back then and I had shrugged off. That is what I am saying. Everybody has a message. Everybody has a story to tell because they have experiences because that is why you give everybody the benefit of the doubt. I do not care how many degrees you got and stuff you know. Everybody has something to say. That is how life is supposed to be. You know you are going to die. You do not know when, but it is destined, that it's going to happen. So the time that you are here you get it, obtain it, and share it. Pass it on. **-Major Chism**

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