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 Who Has The Answer?

Each year we stop and attempt to answer that question to end all questions. What will be my goals that I will set for the upcoming year? Will they be so high that I won’t be able to get over the top, or may be so low that I will be unable to get under them, or may be so wide that I will be unable to get around them? Either way, they must be goals that I feel at attainable.

Compare the Japanese bonsai tree, which is a beautifully formed plant. Though its stature is small and remains that way no matter how old the tree gets, it will never grow over 15 to 18 inches in height. When the bonsai pokes its head above the ground, it is pulled from the soil. Then its taproot and some of the feeder roots are tied off with the result that the bonsai tree is deliberately stunted. A miniature tree, beautiful, but small.

Now, take another tree that grows on the other side of the continent. California possesses

many of the giant sequoia trees, one of which stands 272 feet tall and is 75 feet in circumference. It is said that 30 to 40 houses could be built from this one tree.

A major difference exists between the growing patterns of the sequoia and the bonsai tree. While the bonsai tree is purposely stunted, the sequoia, while started from a seed and allowed to flourish and become a giant. Neither one had a choice in determining how large it would become.

So, as we set our goals for the year before us, we must ask ourselves, is our thinking going to be of limited growth like the bonsai tree, or will it be unlimited growth like the sequoia tree?

Only you and I can answer that question.

Fraternally,

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