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**Jonathan Rotenberg**

Dear, dear Steve, From the day we spent together in June 1981, you have inspired me like no one I have never known to believe in myself and to believe in the greatness that lies within each person. You inspired me to discover meditation and Buddhism. You inspired me to think big and to trust that EVERYTHING fits together. You have been such a tireless servant to all humankind, and we are so much greater for all you have given us. Rest in peace, dear one. You will live forever in our hearts. Much love to you and your family. — in Boston.

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- Peggy George Kilburn** Thanks especially, Jon, for sharing that – you've spread the inspiration several steps further  
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- Sinan Unel** Yes well said, Jonathan. Very moving.  
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- Gwen G. Wynne** What an inspiration he was! Thanks, Jonathan for sharing your thoughts. x  
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- David McMahon** Very well said Jonathan. The world is surely a lesser place today by the loss of Mr. Jobs. To paraphrase Buddah's last words: Do not accept what you hear by report, do not accept tradition,

do not accept a statement because it is found in our books,  
nor because it is in accord with your belief,  
nor because it is the saying of your teacher.  
Be lights unto yourselves.

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shall rely upon themselves only  
and not look for assistance to anyone besides themselves,  
it is they who shall reach the topmost height.

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**Jonathan Rotenberg** David – I believe you are the first person I've ever known who understands the depth of Steve's wisdom and inspiration. The words you've quoted--The Buddha's last words to his devoted attendant Ananda--could not capture more perfectly what I believe Steve would say to each of us today. I am overcome and awestruck reading your post. In some sense, you have captured everything that Steve believed in and stood for. In another, you have shone a light onto what he actually meant by "Think Different." Thank you, David.

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**Linda Emanuel** Thank you, Jonathan.

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