

## Moment by the Lake

He had been expelled from college, and his business attempts had failed. Now, as he stood on the windswept shores of Lake Michigan one wintry night, the 32-year-old man took one last look up at the sky as he prepared to jump into the icy water.

It was an overpowering moment. He felt a rush of awe as he saw the starry heavens, and the thought scared his mind: *You have no right to eliminate yourself. You do not belong to you.*

R. Buckminster Fuller walked away from the lake and started over. From that point on, he embarked on a journey that led him into careers as an inventor, engineer, mathematician, architect, poet and cosmologist. He eventually won dozens of honorary degrees and a Nobel Prize nomination.

Fuller invented the geodesic dome, wrote two dozen books, circled the globe 57 times, and told millions about his dreams for the future. He seldom repeated himself in lectures that sometimes lasted three to four hours on topics that ranged from education to the origin of life.

The day Buckminster Fuller encountered hope was the day he began finding meaning for his life. There is always hope. Hope gives us the strength to walk away from failure and move on to success.

*Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God (Psalm 146:5).*

– Beecher Hunter

