

The Search for the Hero's Soul in *The Alchemist*

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Abstract

The Alchemist touches upon two major themes in mythology: The hero journey and a person's spiritual quest to find out his or her true nature. Coelho is asking his reader to take the same journey his character Santiago does. Coelho believes that if we do we will be better people and in turn the world will be a better place.
