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The Perfect Recipe for a Profitable Life

Key Lesson: Part 1: That we should search only our own conscience for confirmation of what is good and true, this is the best definition of integrity. For that which is good and true is not social in nature, but spiritual in need and in deed.

Part 2: Here is an enigma wrapped in a paradox: we cannot buy the love of the Divine; no good deed can produce the Presence of what is Holy and Everlasting; a billion plaintiff tears are powerless to invoke even the smallest touch of Grace; and yet, at every point along the upper path that leads us into the Light of Love's Perfection, we get only what we pay for...nothing more, nothing less.

Part 3: Remember to ask in deed and your aim is achieved.

Talk Takeaways

- The original meaning of the word "profitable" pertains to the concept of "ascending." And the original meaning of the word "sin" pertains to "missing the mark."
- There is not one moment of the day that you are not experiencing what something in you loves, both on the so-called positive side and the so-called negative side.

- Only love makes us an authentically profitable human being. Struggling to acquire possessions in the visible world gets in the way of being truly profitable.
- The only way to stop chasing after the world's idea of success is to see the unnecessary suffering and misery that is produced by that pursuit.
- A spiritual shock is the effect of seeing that you are not who/what you have taken yourself to be. You will be genuinely profitable if you face those shocks time and time again.
- The idea that "our hope must be in things unseen" has to do with an awareness of the intelligence that is the never-ending source of all life.
- Spiritual ideas alone are not enough to sustain a constant connection to the invisible source of life.
- You can't know that everyone you meet is in pain until you are aware of your own pain. That awareness is a connection to authentic compassion. In real compassion there is no person there being compassionate.
- Love is understanding, not trying to be understood.
- Memory has its practical uses -- for instance, without it we wouldn't be able to move from Point A to B -- but memory by itself belongs to a consciousness without conscience
- There is no profit in resisting what is revealed to you about yourself.
- The authentic love of life is the life that you are given by love. It is indeed love that gives you this life.
- Remember to ask in deed and your aim is achieved. To ask in "deed" is to ask and act from the whole of yourself as it is being revealed, as opposed to acting from thought, ideas, intellectual knowledge, or memory.

- Here are four new actions: 1) Work in deed to drop any negative reaction. Instead of being the instrument of a dark state, be the impersonal observer of it. 2) Honor the teaching moment when it comes, realize its importance. 3) Test in deed the reality of the resistance you feel in any unwanted moment. 4) Practice conscious patience with what you see in others and in yourself.