

Learn to Think for Yourself

*I*f you don't know what thought is, you can't possibly know how to think.

If you can't think for yourself, your mind will gravitate to, and then identify with the thoughts of someone else.

When you continue to identify with the thoughts of others, it's only a matter of time until their thinking becomes the foundation of your own.

And, as how you think becomes reliant on the thoughts of others, an unseen—ultimately destructive—form of dependency creeps into your mind, corrupting it.

Gradually, so slow as to be unnoticed, the mind begins to die because—like a fruiting branch separated from its founding vine—it has been cut off from its fertile connection with a Divine intelligence designed to develop its innate perfection.

— Guy Finley