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## **Light the Fuse that Leads to Liberation with this One Explosion Realization**

Key Lesson #1: To identify with even the brightest star is to lose sight of the boundless heavens within which it shines...without whose vast tracts of darkness would no celestial light be seen.

Key Lesson #2: Identification (of any kind) is an unconscious, but nevertheless self-induced form of blindness.

Key Lesson #3: Before we can see the Divine Life in all things, all things for us must be...the Life of the Divine.

### **Talk Takeaways**

- The parable of the Prodigal Son is a story about our never-ending relationship with the Divine Creator. There is no end to that journey.
- We are not moving through time and events. Time and events are moving through us, and it all takes place first of all within consciousness. Events do not unfold outside of you.
- The Kingdom of Heaven is not found outside of you, and there is no moment in which that Kingdom is not being revealed.

- The observer is not the observed for those who believe that their real life is to be found outside of themselves. The observer is gradually realized as being the observed when the individual turns inward.
- Part of awakening is the realization that what you see inside of yourself has always been there, waiting to be revealed.
- If you are captured by resistance to some kind of event that is happening, then you believe at that moment that the event is taking place outside of you.
- The feeling of chaos in a moment is the mind having an interior dialog with itself, lost in associative thought, trying to understand the moment so that it can get through the chaos.
- How do we know that a moment should not be the way that it is? A part of us is convinced that the moment must match its ideas, based on memory, of how the event should unfold.
- When you are caught up in not wanting a condition, your eyes are not seeing the condition itself, but instead you are fixated on thoughts about yourself.
- You are in conflict with conditions that your own mind has created and then does not want.
- We like watching a stream or a river because it is ceaseless movement that has no beginning or end. We surrender ourselves to the movement of the water. In other words, we don't resist it.
- We can't derive an identity out of something, such as a river, that never stops moving. We can only identify with something that has been stopped in our minds, a static image.
- A part of our consciousness can't wait to stop the movement of life so that it, like Narcissus, can gaze upon itself so that it can cling to an idea about who and what it is.
- What seems to be the end of something is always connected to its beginning. What seems to be empty is always connected to what fulfills it.

- The acronym "TI-N-TE" (as in TNT) from the talk stands for "This Is Not The End." This is an explosive revelation if you are willing to see it.
- Events that happen that you don't want are stopped by something in you that does not understand the movement.
- Let the movement be completed, and then let that creation be completed again. Identification with a reaction to the movement is stopping the movement, which is the source of unnecessary pain.
- The real need in the moment is to understand your relationship with the moment.
- The outcome we fear may happen takes place each time we try and stop that moment for our fear of it.
- Love does not differentiate between what it wants and what it doesn't want. It is insanity to "love one and despise the other."
- If you think you know all the answers, then you do not yet understand the real question.