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In Search of a Love Without Beginning or End

Key Lesson 1: As long we find value in being identified with anything, we remain the captive of an unconscious nature that not only never stops longing for what it imagines will make it secure, but that also consents to suffer over its inability to satisfy its own insatiable desire.

Key Lesson 2: Evil is the ugliness of unconscious identification; the conscious sacrifice of Love is its redeemer.

Key Lesson 3: All creatures serve a creation that is greater than the sum of its individual parts. And, by whatever name we give this timeless Creative Intelligence, our life exists - as it does - to serve its purpose to the best of our given ability. To understand (the truth of) this relationship changes, in a dramatic way, what we call "free will." It means that ours is the right to choose - or to refuse - this obligation.

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Talk Takeaways

- Shocks are mandatory in your inner spiritual work.
- There is an unconscious nature within us that only knows itself through what it is unconsciously identified with.

- The acronym in the doctor story was IROTNK stands for "Instant Reaction Of The Negative Kind."
- There is no redemption in a time to come. In real life, redemption is always taking place now, but humanity's attention has been diverted from where that is taking place.
- Reactions are impersonal, but unawareness of reactions, and the subsequent identification with them, turns those reactions into something that seems personal, providing a familiar sense of self.
- One of the essential spiritual shocks necessary for you and every sincere spiritual aspirant is that you are not what you are identified with.
- Your true self never thinks about itself at all. The false self that seeks to feel good about itself all the time, hates itself.
- "Sell all and follow me." What has to be sold is the consciousness itself that knows itself through the people, places and things that it identifies with. What has to be sold is the illusion of yourself.
- Throw away promises, heros, tomorrows and hope in things seen. Those things don't exist outside of imagination.
- There is a space, an interval that exists between the event and the 'I' that negatively reacts to it.
- What if whenever there was an event you could observe the accompanying familiar 'I' appearing right before your inner eyes? That is what revelation is.
- The revelation of the old nature is the invitation for the new nature to come in.
- No revelation can change you by accident. It must be by choice. You have to agree to it.
- The purpose of any kind of practice is to allow for the possibility of being perfected by love.
- Something is always trying to rescue itself through imagining a consolation and then running after it.