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The First Step to Seeing Your True Being

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Key Lesson: The Vine doesn't fear the passing of the branch; it was there before it. The Vine gives rise to the branch; it will be there long after the branch withers in winter winds, and falls away. The branch fears its own passing, knowing nothing of the Vine from out of which it has come... or that it will be born again come the light of spring. All is Vine for those who can see the branch for what it is.

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Talk Takeaways

- You have a nature that is intended to be in relationship with the present moment.
- Moments turn into a problem because we don't see that we say 'I' to the moment. Something within us begins to tell us what we are feeling and what to do about those feelings.
- The only way that we can be carried away by thoughts and feelings is if we don't see them when they appear.

- We are betrayed by a part of us that wants to feel as if it is real, which means that it feels unreal, incomplete. And so it identifies with anything through which it can recognize itself.
- We keep trying to solve a problem that we can't solve, because the problem we're trying to solve is born of an incomplete perception. Our incomplete perception of the moment IS what turns the moment into a problem.
- We typically have no awareness of the fact that we are a creation of nature, and that nature itself is a creation of a higher order of being, and so on in levels and scale.
- There is no intelligence in ambition. You think ambition is something you wield and have control over, but it is a function of nature sorting out predator and prey.
- When we get to where nature told us to go, it does not deliver the feeling that it promised.
- Within us is seeded something that is greater than the laws of nature, which is why we remain unsatisfied every time we fulfill nature's laws.
- We are dissatisfied with the level of being that we are at because there is another higher level of being already within us as a possibility.
- We can go to where we have been called to go only if we have been completely stripped of all the former ways that we have known ourselves. We cannot take those psychological possessions with us because they cannot enter into the next kingdom.
- Anything that has an intrinsic value does not need anything outside of itself to measure its worth. We have an intrinsic nature that does not measure, compare, or look for itself outside of itself.
- The Kingdom of Heaven is intrinsic. It cannot be separated from the self that lives in it, and that it lives within, because they are one thing.

- "To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour."
-- William Blake
- We are given light from above in order to understand what is below.
- You would not know that you missed the mark unless already within you, and above you, is the mark that shows you to yourself as you are.
- If the principle didn't already exist, then we would never know the pretense of the principle or the antithesis of the principle. For instance, if real kindness did not already exist, then we would never know what is NOT kindness.
- "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." -- Book of Psalms -- The more still you can be, the more perfect will be the reflection.
- If can you see yourself, you will not buy into what your mind is telling you about yourself.