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Don't Let Your Life Be Stolen by the Identify Thief

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Key Lesson:

Emergency! Then urgency!
Oh my... such an important me.
In this blindness, it's unkindness
Too late I see... the insensitivity
Of unseen self-captivity.

Talk Takeaways

- Deep inside our consciousness lives an abiding fear that someone or something will come along to steal our identity.
- Our identity is stolen every single day. Fear, anxiety, negative states and negative emotions have found a way to assume our identity.
- The judge believes that it is different from what is being judged. But the judge and the judged do not exist without each other.
- Your true nature cannot act against itself or another human being. Your true nature is not an identity that is dependent upon passing conditions. Your true nature cannot be stolen.

- Whenever you have an enemy you can be sure that your identity has been stolen.
- The only way that any of us could possibly act against ourselves is when something has stolen our attention and lives at our expense.
- There can be no real identity theft without us also giving ourselves away at the same time. We are complicit in the whole affair.
- The "you" that is feeling positive because of a favorable exterior condition, does not remember anything about the "you" that was feeling negative the moment before.
- To be "Shanghaied" refers to the practice of kidnapping or inducing someone to do something through trickery or force, often to serve on a ship. It is an historical term that has been used in both a literal and metaphorical sense.
- We are shanghaied every time we fall asleep, lost in thought instead of aware of thought.
- That which steals our identity preys upon what we are most identified with.
- All forms of identification are a form of blindness.
- The more strongly we are identified, the more sure we are that we are acting from our true identity.
- You cannot escape from nor stop the initial identification, but the moment of the initial identification is also the moment in which you can be aware of yourself about to be shanghaied. You can be aware of the temptation to form an identity out of the condition.
- If you are not aware of something trying to take your attention, then you have agreed to give it away.
- Learn to stand in the light where you can be aware of the initial identification and the sense of self that goes with it.