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Don't Mix Worlds

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Key Lesson: There are some things in this life -- in this world of passing time, governed as it is by the illusion of opposites -- that cannot grow up side-by-side; by their nature, the lion and the lamb never lay down together. So it is with love and self-pride, for love of self denies obedience... While love demands it.

Talk Takeaways

- If you would never agree to let others denigrate your name, drag you through the mud, or punish you whenever it pleases them, then why do you accept the painful presence within you of some unseen dark character that's always doing the same?
- Instead of identifying with the reaction, be aware of the reaction.
- There is no identity, no sense of self to be found in the awareness of the reaction. You must lose your life in order to gain it.
- You can know that you are infected by the world if you spend most of your time and energy judging the insanity instead of seeing that you are a part of it.
- Real teachings are about showing individuals that the "medicine" that the world prescribes is killing them. The world's prescription is to secure what you think you possess so that you can keep your world in place.

- There is nothing that can be judged in another human being that is not also in you.
- To be infected by the world means to believe that you really are who you think you are. Part of the infection is the absence of people knowing that they exist. Most people never have a moment of knowing that they exist.
- You are never in the wrong circumstance when you are aware of the circumstance that you are in.
- The part of a person that is not willing to see its selfishness... is something that despises God.
- Attention is not a static thing. Attention is a movement, like a living river. Human beings would not exist without attention.
- The lower level of consciousness that is blind to itself struggles with its own creations in an attempt to escape itself.
- There is another order of being that has nothing to do with what you are presently trying to become.
- We would never consciously agree to be corrupted by a negative force such as worry or fear.
- Everything that comes for your attention can be used to remind you that you need to have your attention. What is lower can only ask for your attention; it can't command it.