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Wake Up and Walk Away from the Haunting of Useless Wanting

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Key Lesson: Within each of us dwells a dark and lower nature whose chief feature it is to ensure that the "perfection" of its imagined wants is never called into doubt. Each time we identify with one of its dark dreams -- taking it as our own -- we consent to not only embody the ceaseless hunger of this sleeping self, but also to live with its fear of seeing that it will never be able to complete itself with what it wants.

Talk Takeaways

- Real freedom cannot be separated from the revelation that you are a captive. The curse of humanity is that each person believes that he or she is the captain of their own ship and that they know the course to the Kingdom.
- You are a prisoner of your own conclusions. You don't know what your conclusions are because "you" did not come to them. You unknowingly accepted them as your own.
- No vision that you have of harmony will ever produce the harmony that you imagine.
- See that there is a nature in you that is unable to stop wanting the things that you already know are powerless to complete you.

- You cannot come to the end of what you don't want by wanting what your mind says you must have.
- "For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." -- Ecclesiastes, Old Testament
- Everything in creation manifests itself in opposites. The opposites come into existence together. They are never apart, but we never see their unity.
- You would never be able to see anything without the light that reveals it.
- There is no sense of 'I' without a thought that attends it, but we never see both at the same time.
- For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Whatever you do to bring an end to something is its continuity. Whatever you want cannot come into existence without what you don't want.
- Everything that comes into creation is bound by the laws of the opposites that allow their appearance. The same is true with wanting.
- You will always eventually run into the opposite of what you want. Presently the only way that you know to change your life is to change what you want or don't want.
- What good is it to get what you want if you don't like your life, have an enemy, or are full of fear?
- It is not you that has a want or a not-want. It is a nature that is want and not-want at the same time.
- It is not people or events that bother you. You are bothered by a body of wants that insists that people and events fall into alignment.
- Want and not-want are a singular nature. "You cannot serve two masters, for you will love one and despise the other."
- You have no room in your life for anything other than what you want. That is why there is constant conflict with people and events.
- When life brings to you something that you don't want, finding something else to want cannot be the solution.