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Do This to Awaken the Genius that Sleeps in You

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Key Lesson: There are two good things about a constant, strong wind in one's face: first, how resilient one's legs become, the stamina that's developed by walking directly into a gale force. The other good thing is this: when the winds change direction which, by law, they always do -- so that now the wind is at one's back -- one sprints forward with great ease, but it feels as if one is walking.

Talk Takeaways

- "Many are called, but few are chosen," an idea that may seem unfair, but it is perfect justice because those who are chosen are the individuals who themselves have chosen to work to understand what this life is for. You must choose to be chosen.
- Most of humanity today is not connected to anything, other than an idea they have about what this life is and what its possibilities are, ie: "What can I get for myself?"
- "Genius is eternal patience." -- Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroto Simoni
- Presently our lives are occupied by what we are identified with, and then what we do to protect the corresponding identity when conditions threaten it.

- There is the greater Life that holds everything, and then there is the life that you have had that is trying to hold everything. One life is absolutely effortless, while the other requires endless effort for nothing but suffering in the end.
- Patience is the capacity to suffer yourself. Impatience is the attempt to get everything back to the way that it is supposed to be so that you don't have to suffer.
- Genius is connected to the capacity to voluntarily suffer yourself. To voluntarily suffer yourself is the cost of a change in your being.
- Because happiness is equated with the obtainment of something that the mind has imagined, we spend our lives trying to turn what has been imagined into an object that we can possess. We are sent out to manifest what we think we need in order to become a whole and complete human being.
- No one who pursues the world as their first love will ever know the Love that gives them life. The wish to become something in the world was sown into you by the world.
- The purpose of your life is to know creation itself, and when you know creation itself, you are in relationship with the Creator.
- The unimaginable reward of persisting through whatever stands in your way is the eventual and inevitable discovery that you are already connected to what you want to be, one way or another.
- The mind that is a reflection of the Eternal Mind reflects what is true relative to its capacity to be in relationship with that higher mind. The task of choosing to be chosen is to clear away everything that stands in the way of you reflecting that Divine Intelligence.
- What you meet in any challenging moment is not the denial of your passage, not the denial of the treasure you seek; rather, it is a moment in which you discover that the real treasure is the recognition that, in time, everything changes... and if you are there when everything changes, then YOU change.
- The relationship with the Divine is already there, but you are not there yet. It is there as a possibility for any individual who waits, perseveres, and is patient where they are.

- Patience is bearing the nature in you that hates not having what it wants, when it wants it.
- "First say to yourself what you would be, and then do what you have to do." -
- Epictetus -- Remember your wish, and you will be connected to that which put that wish in you to begin with.