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Discover the Healing Power Hidden in Any Shocking Moment of Life

Key Lesson #1: Any real spiritual shock is alchemical; atomic in nature. The energy it releases alters consciousness from the inside-out, changing everything about you...including the way you breathe.

Key Lesson #2: The dark experience that feels as if our life has lost its meaning is-more often than not-the dawn of an essential realization that perhaps we were looking for it in all the wrong places.

Key Lesson #3: It doesn't matter on which side of any inner struggle we stand, whether we "love one or despise the other," because to take any such side is...to be taken in by the other.

Key Lesson #4: No thought can understand experience because thought follows experience; believing that any form of such self-analysis can explain the troubled reaction it seeks to understand is like asking a cold piece of flint to explain the nature of a spark.

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Talk Takeaways

- The world that we look for outside of ourselves in order to provide us with meaning cannot provide it. We are looking for meaning in a world where it doesn't exist.
- What if the shocks that you would normally avoid are actually the doorway to what your heart has been looking for?
- "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever." -- Ecclesiastes, Old Testament
- Vanity is like a vapor. It has no substance at all. Everything under the sun that we try to grab for ourselves has no substance.
- The mind cannot find meaning because it does not stop explaining the meaning of the world it perceives outside of itself.
- The shock that was experienced by the Prodigal Son was that none of the things he pursued could ever provide the nourishment that he needed.
- The man in Plato's Allegory of the Caves mistook the shadows on the cave wall for something of real substance. He did not know that he was in a cave until he had the shock of turning around and realizing that he was giving substance to shadows.
- A shock is intended to open you up to a new order of understanding.
- A shock can either be a moment of realizing that you have been deceived... or it can be perceived as something unfortunate and something to be avoided.
- The mind is trying to build a future that will not have any shocks. But a shock is the shattering of an illusion, the unveiling of a cherished image.
- A real shock reveals just how powerless you are, and that you have been powerless all along while believing that you had power. "Verily, verily, I say unto you: The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the

Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." -- New Testament

- When you have had a real shock, the mind cannot go forward as it has been, nor look backward as it has always done.
- Grace arrives wearing the mask of a shock, which is why the mind cannot recognize it.
- When you hate yourself for not having changed, you are looking at shadows on the cave wall while believing that you are the light.
- Every reaction lives within and as a part of what it opposes. The security that you seek as a reaction to the appearance of fear, does not exist without the fear. The fear and the reaction to it are one thing.
- The more we struggle, the more real we seem to be. The thing that holds you captive struggles to find freedom.
- Real freedom comes when awareness stands outside of the world of opposites. The captive level of mind sees only one side of the opposites but not the other.
- The question is not: What should I do about the fear? The real question is: What can I see about this fearful nature?
- What is lost cannot find its way to safety through its own knowledge. The mind scrambles to find something that it wants in order to escape from the shock of what it doesn't want to see.
- Instead of "What do I want?", the new question is: "What is it that I actually need?" What you need is to see that nature as it is. What you need is to understand more about how ignorant you have been regarding your own life. What you need is to no longer be "you." Live the need, not the life of the seeker.
- The answer you are looking for cannot be manufactured. The truth that sets you free is already there revealing the seeker that manufactures answers.