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## **Learn This One Lesson in Life and Watch the Fear of Failure Fade from Sight**

First Key Lesson: The world today: Those who can't think, criticize; those who criticize, think they see. Those who think they see, are blind. And those who live in the dark follow, blindly, the shadow of any beckoning thought that promises the end of whatever they fear will surely be found... just around the next corner.

Second Key Lesson: The fear of any imagined time to come... is the time of fear.

Third Key Lesson: It is impossible to be in command of any moment when – for our fear of it – we resort to some form of imitation to see us through it; the comfort of relying on any form of imitation may feel like it's protecting us but it is, itself, pretense...and therefore the secret source of many of our psychological fears.

Fourth Key Lesson: Every misguided action we take begins with identifying with a deeply conditioned, mistaken perception that whatever the moment may be we don't want is a mistake.

### **Talk Takeaways**

- One basic mistake we make is that we are continually distracted into looking away from the revelations that each moment brings. It is a misunderstanding of our place in this world, and of the right order of things.

- Not one thing changes that doesn't change everything else in the entire system. Freedom is being able to see that, and in seeing it you know that you are not apart from it.
- To stop making the same mistakes we must understand our relationship to Reality.
- The great mistake is believing that the moment we don't want is a mistake.
- Protecting yourself ensures that you remain unchanged. You would never protect yourself psychologically if you understood that it is a hindrance to your higher possibilities.
- There cannot be an unwanted moment without resisting something that has been formed in our own imagination.
- Imitation is the path of least resistance. Imitation is the past, the familiar, and is an attempt to ensure the continuation of what is old.
- Anytime we believe that life has made a mistake, it is a self that has popped up that believes its mission is to fix it.
- There is no "you" that exists that is going to learn how to be in right relationship with Life. The temporary self that appears to figure everything out IS the blockage between you and the right relationship that you really want.
- Blaming something outside of you for your experience is born of the mistaken perception that the Divine makes mistakes.
- There is no "self" in the present moment. The self separates itself out from what it calls the "present moment." The present moment is not a concept. It is a reality, an actuality that we are already a part of that reveals what is in the way of relationship with it.
- When you see that you are on the wrong track, you are then on the right track. Stay there.

- Thoughts about what you have seen about yourself are not the same as the fact about what you have seen. Thought removes you from the original pure impression.
- The self that believes it is separate from everything it sees perceives any kind of disturbance as a mistake.
- The path of least resistance is to do whatever it takes to affirm the identity that is pressing in on you at any given moment.
- You cannot make a mistake in seeing what is being revealed to you. Mistakes come along downstream from identification with the reaction to the moment.
- Using new knowledge in order to NOT make a mistake is not learning.
- If you really knew that you did not know the answer, then you could not possibly be in anxious pursuit of it.