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4 Ways to Develop and Deepen Your Relationship with the Divine

Key Lesson: The light we need to be free is always with us; it is at once a creation of life, and the Life that creates it...where "both" are revealed in every moment of life, inseparable from the Divine life within which they ceaselessly unfold. Enlightenment is one and the same as (a) conscious relationship with this timeless order of Being.

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Talk Takeaways

- If the Kingdom of Heaven is within, then there is no distance that has to be travelled and time is not a factor in order to be in relationship with it.
- The need of the creation that is below can only be quenched by what is above it, which means there is an eternal relationship between above and below.
- What we call "Now" is where Heaven and earth meet, where what is below is acted upon by what is above, endlessly being made new.

- The Garden of Eden is a description of an interior relationship that always exists in which creation is connected to what created it. We are meant to live there.
- The world worships selfishness. And the world's definition of "growing" is nothing but the ability to imitate other people who have told us what the meaning of life is.
- There is an effortless order of being that already exists within us as potential, and our possibilities depend upon what we do with that potential.
- We always have the potential to work in the garden: the point at which what is above reveals what is below.
- We have all done pretty much everything that the world says is necessary in order to be whole, content, fulfilled, untroubled, and at peace. However, the things that the world says to do are the very things that divert us away from the living relationship with what really matters.
- Anything that is real exists because of the Divine, and creation always needs the Divine, the direct contact with the Vine that gives life to the branch.
- In order to grow into what we recognize as genuine goodness, we must do the interior work on ourselves to turn our wish into deeds.
- Whenever we resist what is perceived as an unwanted moment, what we are really rejecting is the direct experience of ourselves.
- The moment that you say you don't want is actually the opportunity for the light to reach into the consciousness that protects itself from any moment that might reveal it as it is.
- To work "in deed" means to remember that the first task is to work in the garden of revelation, not rejecting whatever is revealed, which includes seeing/observing the part of you that rejects it.
- In order to rise above negative states, you are going to have to dive into the consciousness that is responsible for them.

- Real freedom is rooted in negation, in the negation of what you have acquired over a lifetime that now stands between yourself and the real relationship with what reveals you to yourself.