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Step onto the “Pathless Path” and Realize a Peace that Passes All Understanding

First Key Lesson: Real self-change begins with seeing that Real Life is change itself.

Second Key Lesson: When it comes to the sense of just how vital any given moment may seem - here's the truth: nothing, in and of itself, is important save for being aware of how one small part of you - some thought, or reaction, regardless the reason for its appearance - is trying to pass itself off as being the whole of who you are.

Third Key Lesson: When within is without, and without is within, therein is neither just the one, nor the other...but rather a revelation, and realization of a witness greater than the sum of its parts.

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Talk Takeaways

- "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I'll meet you there. When the soul lies down in that grass, the world is too full to talk about. Ideas, language, even the phrase 'each other' doesn't make any sense. The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you. Don't go back to sleep. You must ask for what you really want. Don't go back to sleep. People are going back

and forth across the doorsill where the two worlds touch. The door is round and open. Don't go back to sleep." -- Jalal al-Din Rumi

- You cannot Google the Divine. There is no map to the Divine. The interior journey is a pathless path.
- In nature, what is passive yields to what is active so that there can be the birth of a new creation. Real life is always being newly conceived. What is new acts as the ground of the next transformation.
- We can't have a relationship with the Divine until we understand the nature of what is in the way of that relationship.
- If we are going to have a new relationship with life, we need a new relationship with our own reactions.
- The first reaction does not have a name. But every reaction is given a name by something in us that wants to know, and the description is never new.
- That which gives the reaction a name believes that it is apart from what it is reacting to.
- The original reaction, which does not have a name, is essentially asking us to be and to see what is being revealed in the moment of the reaction.
- There is no seeing what is new without you being renewed when you see it.
- The field that Rumi talked about was the meeting place of within and without, and the awareness of both at the same time. Within and without are not separate things. The field is greater than the sum of its parts.
- Every destination that your mind brings up, every plan, is the unseen opposite of who and where you don't want to be.
- The moment you don't want has come to reveal that you have already been given everything you need.
- The naming of a reaction creates a sense of self that separates itself out from what it perceives.

- When the opposites are brought together through awareness of them, you discover that the field out beyond the opposites has always been there.
- The distance between yourself and real life are the reactions and descriptions that you are identified with.
- When the mind tries to have a relationship with the Divine, it gives the Divine a name, which creates a sensation of self, and produces the very distance between itself and the Divine that it is trying to bridge.
- To remember yourself is to realize that within, without, and the awareness of both, are a singularity.