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Take the True Path That Leads to Being “Free From All Men”

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First Key Lesson: You are responsible for every impression you make on others; however what they make of your work is no longer your responsibility.

Second Key Lesson: Nothing is easier than to be offended; it is the dark expression of an unconscious level of self that believes feeling indignant toward those who fail to show it proper deference proves its superiority over them. This is like believing that jumping off the mountain cliff is the best way to show a dis-believer that you know the best way to reach the valley floor.

Talk Takeaways

- Nothing is more mysterious than freedom. And no one is further away from freedom than the man or woman who thinks they know what it is.
- Real freedom requires perfect servitude. The person who wants only to serve his or her own desires cannot know freedom.
- For the most part, we will serve others only if we imagine what we will get in return for that service.

- "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more." -- New Testament
- What we call understanding others is usually nothing but resistance to their manifestations.
- Marry these two ideas: You are responsible for every impression you make on others; and nothing is easier than to be offended.
- There is something that lives to be offended. Until we understand that part of ourselves, and its purpose, we can never be free from all men.
- Whatever we express, high or low, whether we know it or not, is the result of a response that comes out of us in the moment that a part of us receives an impression.
- We cannot control any impression that comes to us. The impression comes from out of timelessness and into time. Without impressions, we would not know that we were alive.
- Not liking the impression does not change the fact that you received the impression that came down the river.
- Everything appears in the moment because it must appear that way. It cannot appear in any other way.
- The impression that comes down the river cannot be separated from the part of you that sees the impression.
- The part of you that can be offended feels that it is in the right when it gets negative.
- The pure impression is never personal, but something in us makes it personal so that it can busy itself trying to solve what it perceives as a problem.
- We do not have the power to control the impression we receive, but we have been given the power to transform our reactions to the impression.
- We must assume responsibility for the part of us that does not want to see what the moment has helped to revealed.

- Every impression is part of an exchange that has to take place. What we can do is choose to be present to the part of us that the impression falls upon.
- You are responsible for every impression you make on others, and you become responsible by being attentive to the mechanical reaction to the impression. Then you can be the expression of something other than what initially received the impression.