Realization

Conscious & Unconscious Movement

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ABSTRACT

It is the way of unconscious Consciousness, the way of Consciousness that knows itself as form, to oppose some forms and to cling to others, and in so doing to create suffering. It is not the way of conscious Consciousness, not the way of Consciousness that knows Itself as Formlessness, to oppose or cling to the lesser forms that arise as experience within Itself.

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The time arrives.
A costume must be chosen.
And so we are born into Form.

And as we live
we Flow into
and through Form.

The wedding of the Infinite
and the Finite.

But the Finite is just the Infinite
Flowing in relation to Itself
and so taking on a Form,
as swirling water takes on
the form of a whirlpool.

And as we Flow through Form,
Flow through our Self as Form,
lesser forms arise
where Form meets Form,
like a line that arises
where the tips of two fingers meet.

These lesser forms
are what we call
experience.

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These lesser forms
are what we call
reality.

So many forms,
so many experiences,
so much reality.

And then we who only Flow,
we who are only Movement,
ourselves having no form,
mistake ourselves
for these lesser forms,
after which these lesser forms
are all that appears to be.

That is Unconsciousness.

Consciousness,
not conscious of Itself as Consciousness,
not conscious of Itself as Formlessness,
not conscious of Itself as Movement,
but conscious of itself instead
as a lesser form,
conscious of itself instead
as a boundary that is only created
by the Movement
of the Formlessness
that is conscious of all lesser forms.

In this way
there is Consciousness
in Unconsciousness,
it is just hidden
by the lesser forms
that Consciousness
mistakes for itself.

It is as if one draped themself
in a sheet for Halloween
and then thought themself
to actually be a ghost.

One is still there under the sheet
no matter how much one believes
that they are now a ghost.
In the same way,
Consciousness is still there
beneath the lesser forms
that It has mistaken
for itself.

And Consciousness is also still there
beyond the lesser forms
that It has mistaken
for itself.

As long as Consciousness mistakes itself
for these lesser forms
it remains hidden from Itself,
both inside and outside the forms
it mistakenly knows itself to be.

Hidden from Itself,
inside and out,
the costume becomes a cage.

But Consciousness
that has caged Itself
within the lesser forms
it has Itself created,
still Flows,
still Moves.

But now it Flows and Moves
to serve a master
that is only a shadow of Itself,
to serve a master
that its own Flow,
its own Movement,
its own relation to Itself,
has created.

That is unconscious Movement.

It is the way of unconscious Consciousness,
the way of Consciousness
that knows itself as form,
to oppose some forms
and to cling to others
and in so doing
to create suffering.
But when unconscious Consciousness realizes that form is not what it is, then the form that was, only a moment ago, a cage, a wall, an impassable barrier, becomes transparent, becomes beautiful, as the Consciousness both beneath and beyond the form reappears to Consciousness as Itself.

That is the Unconscious becoming Conscious.

Consciousness, waking from the dream of form-identification. Formlessness, becoming conscious of Itself as it Is, as Formlessness, after having been conscious of Itself as form.

No longer serving the shadow-master of form, the unconscious and reactive Movements of attachment and aversion, pushing away unwanted forms, clinging to wanted forms, have no basis and so cease of their own accord, without effort.

It is not the way of conscious Consciousness, not the way of Consciousness that knows Itself as Formlessness, to oppose or cling to the lesser forms that arise as experience within Itself.

It is the way of conscious Consciousness to simply be aware of Itself and of the lesser forms that arise within Itself and to allow both to be as they are, Flowing and Moving then according to that.
That is conscious Movement.
That is wu wei.

Action without action,
doing without doing.

Movement and Flow,
not for the sake of opposing or acquiring
some lesser form,
but Movement for the sake of Movement,
Flow for the sake of Flow.

That is why when one tries
to actively get rid of one's form-identity
it only becomes stronger,
because that is not conscious Movement,
that is not wu wei.

And if it is not conscious Movement,
then it is unconscious Movement.
And if it is unconscious Movement
then it is Movement that is grounded in,
and so reinforcing of,
the form-identity.

Let the ego be
and it will fade of its own accord,
like a costume that was once worn
to all the parties
when form was king,
but now has little use
now that it has been revealed
that the king was wearing
a false crown.