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WHAT *do you* WANT *when you* DON'T KNOW *what you want?*

## WHERE IS SELF-CONTROL WHEN IT IS NOT PRESENT?

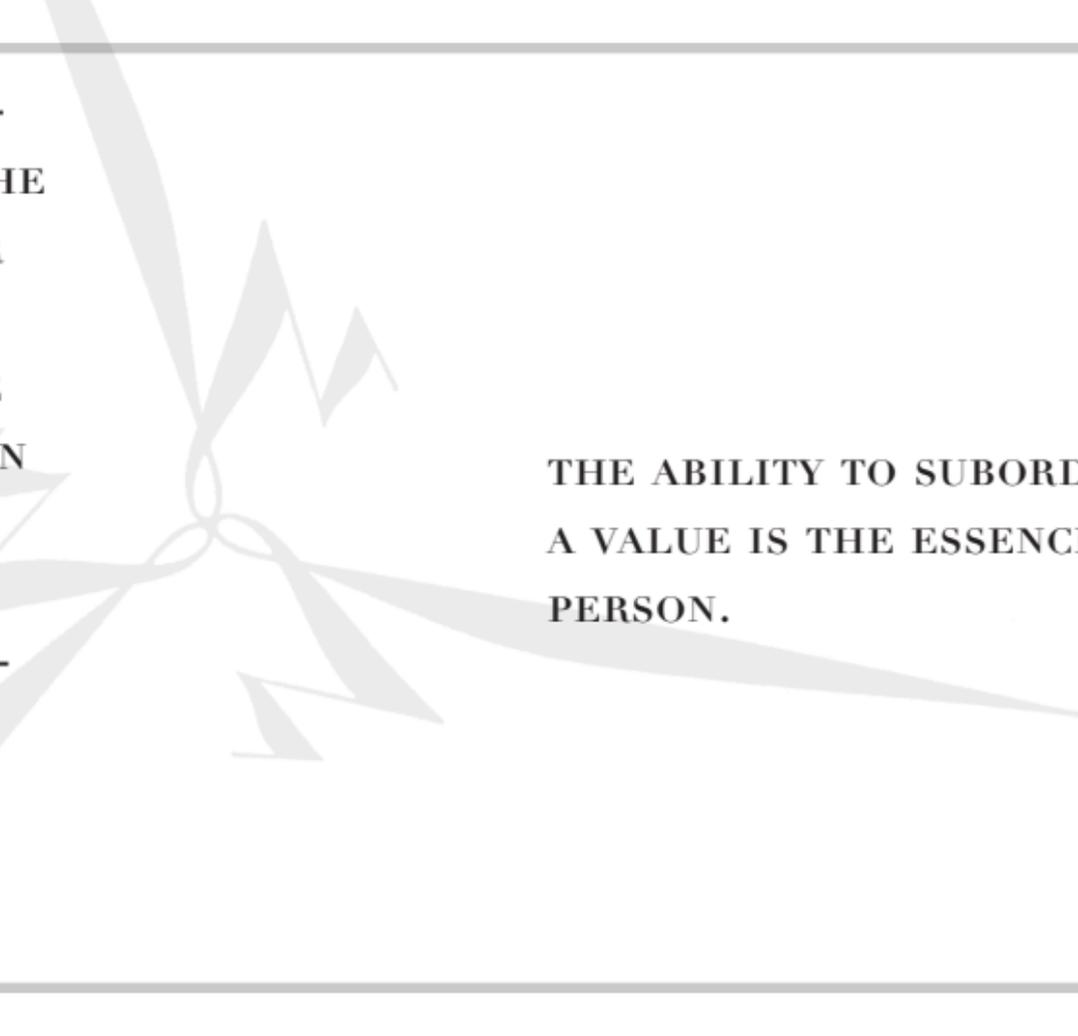
WITH LARGE LOGS, TIME WAS BEATEN OUT OF THE RINGS THAT TRACED ALL THE WAY BEFORE THE BIRTH, AND WOULD LONG PAST THE DEATH. WHY? NO WAY OF BEING ABLE TO SAY HOW THE EXPERIENCE WAS INSIDE ON THE OTHER SIDE, IF YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN. AND OF COURSE, YOU DO, SOMEWHAT. RAISING A FINGER WILL INDICATE WHICH OF THESE THINGS WILL BE SO, AND THE OUTCOME OF THAT PROCESS WILL BE THE FORCE THAT PROPELS US THROUGH THE NEXT BOUT OF LANGUAGE WRESTLING THAT WILL EVENTUALLY END IN AN EMBRACE, AKIN TO THE STUDY FOR THE PORTRAIT ALREADY SEEN. AND WE HEARD ALL ABOUT THAT, TOO — THE GARMENT THAT SEEMED TO BE THE CLOAK OF A SUPER-HERO IS ACTUALLY A SHROUD. TOLD YOU SO. WERE YOU LISTENING? OR LOOKING AT IT TO SEE IF IT HAS POWERS THAT SOMEONE ELSE MISSED? — I DECLINE TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION ON THE GROUNDS OF POSSIBLE SELF-INCRIMINATION.

## DO YOU THINK YOU DID WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO?

DESCENDING BACK TO A LEVEL WHERE THE SELF CAN BE VIEWED, THE TASK IS AS FOLLOWS: IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE OR EVEN FEASIBLE OR YET STILL MORE EVEN, DESIREABLE TO SEE THROUGH THE SLITS OVER THERE IN ORDER TO DO A BUYER'S APPRAISAL, FOR THE PURPOSES OF EVALUATING SOMETHING THAT WAS NEVER AS AN UNMUDDIED LAKE, NOT EVEN FOR A MAN TAKING A GLASS OF WATER WITH ANOTHER'S TEETH IN IT – “DON'T TRY TO BE ACCURATE OR SCIENTIFIC” - ARE THESE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE TERMS? I SHALL TRY TO REMEMBER HOW I BECAME ACCOSTOMED AND ACCLIMATISED TO THIS TRAIN THAT I NOW AWAKE FROM A STUPOR TO FIND MYSELF ON, IN A CARRIAGE WITH A TICKET. THE MORE I TRY TO GET BACK TO WHERE I WAS, THE MORE I CAN'T GO BACK THERE. I SEE MYSELF IN THE PALM OF MY OTHER HAND, AND NOW I CAN CLAP. IN A MOMENT, I WILL BE ASKING YOU DO SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR. BUT NOT JUST YET...

## KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW NOW, DO YOU?

THE BREATH WAS LOVELY, THANK YOU. I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I WAS SO...WELL, YOU KNOW. I THINK YOU SEE WHAT I'M SAYING. IN FACT I KNOW YOU DO. I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES. OR JUST BEHIND THEM, PERHAPS. IN ANY EVENT, THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY SMALL ACTIONS ARE ALWAYS FOR MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN I EVEN DARE TO IMAGINE, EVEN IF THEY DO MOVE FAST, EVEN IF THEY CAN PENETRATE WHERE A HAMMER CANNOT – AND INDEED, THE STATEMENT ABOUT WAITING HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOUND TO BE TRUE, BUT THAT IS EXCLUSIVELY, OR SUPPOSEDLY SO, BECAUSE OF THE GLANCE OVER THE SHOULDER THAT HAS TO BE EFFECTED IN ORDER FOR THIS TO APPEAR SO. WHY ON EARTH SHOULD A CHOICE APPEAR WHEN I WAS LEAST ABLE TO MAKE IT? OR DID I JUST ANSWER MY OWN QUESTION BY ASKING ANOTHER? UNTIL I REPLY, I WILL HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING, AND THAT IS SOMETHING WILL BRING TOGETHER, TONIGHT, IN ONE MOMENT PLUCKED FROM ALL THE OTHERS, I PROMISE.



WHAT WE CALL OUR DESTINY IS TRULY OUR CHARACTER AND THAT CHARACTER CAN BE ALTERED. THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES DOES NOT NEED TO BE DISCOURAGING, BECAUSE IT ALSO MEANS THAT WE ARE FREE TO CHANGE THIS DESTINY. ONE IS NOT IN BONDAGE TO THE PAST, WHICH HAS SHAPED OUR FEELINGS, TO RACE, INHERITANCE, BACKGROUND. ALL THIS CAN BE ALTERED IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO EXAMINE HOW IT FORMED US. WE CAN ALTER THE CHEMISTRY PROVIDED WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO DISSECT THE ELEMENTS.

*- Anaïs Nin*

THE ABILITY TO SUBORDINATE AN IMPULSE TO A VALUE IS THE ESSENCE OF THE PROACTIVE PERSON.

*- Stephen R. Covey*

THE ENEMY IS WITHIN THE GATES; IT IS WITH OUR OWN LUXURY, OUR OWN FOLLY, OUR OWN CRIMINALITY THAT WE HAVE TO CONTEND.

*- Marcus Tullius Cicero*

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