**THE THUNDER OF SILENCE**(Joel S. Goldsmith)  
**xix - THE STILL SMALL VOICE  
“INTO THE SILENCE”**

**LISTEN FOR**:

What Meditation **– I*S***.  
What Meditation **– *IS NOT*.**

What is  **– *MEDITATION* – vs – *CREATIVE IMAGINATION?***

What does the – **SILENCE DO?**

**THE SILENCE:** Controls / governs the mind.  
 Destroys: belief – disease – sickness – negativity.  
 Instructs: guides – directs – informs

**“*THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS*….   
 *STAND YE STILL* – and see the salvation of the Lord.”**

**IF A PERSON CAN LEARN TO - CONSCIOUSLY – REST -  
AT THE SEAT OF POWER, CREATIVITY AND INTELLIGENCE** -   
 **HE CAN THEN MOVE ONTO – *THE FIELD OF ACTION* –   
 WITH UNDERSTANDING –   
 *AND VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED POTENTIAL*.**

***THE PROCESS* –   
 *BY WHICH ONE DOES THIS* – *IS KNOWN AS MEDITATION***.

(R.E. Davis)

**Chapter V – TRANSCENDING THE MIND**

***THE MIND* – *IS* – *AN INSTRUMENT* –   
 *THAT* – *HAS ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE* –   
 *IN OUR HUMAN EXPERIENCE*.**

**WHEN IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT –   
 *THE MIND* – *IS AN INSTRUMENT*,   
 it should also be understood –   
 *OF WHAT – IT IS THE INSTRUMENT,*   
 *BECAUSE* – *AN INSTRUMENT* – *MUST OF NECESSITY* –   
 *HAVE* – *SOMETHING* – *GOVERNING AND CONTROLLING IT*.**

(65) **Unfortunately,   
 THE AVERAGE MIND *– IS NOT CONTROLLED*,   
 even though some people *–* try to control it,   
 thereby *–* often working havoc with their lives –   
 *BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT YET LEARNED* –   
 *THAT THE MIND – CANNOT BE CONTROLLED* – *BY MAN.***

***THE MIND – IS AN INSTRUMENT –   
 FOR SOMETHING*** – ***HIGHER THAN ITSELF,  
 AND THAT*** – ***SOMETHING*** – ***IS – THE ONE SELF.***

***WHEN WE COME TO THE POINT*** *–* ***WHERE THE MIND – IS GOVERNED – BY THE SELF,   
 WE WILL BE EMBRACED IN A PEACE*** –   
 ***THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING****.*

**THEN – *WE DO NOT* – *CONTROL*** – ***THE BODY*– *or*– *THE MIND*,   
 BUT – *THE ACTIVITY OF TRUTH* – *IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS*,**  
 (**of which we become aware – *THROUGH THE MIND*),   
*KEEPS THE MIND CLEAR*, *CLEAN, HARMONIOUS, AND VITAL***;

***AND IT* – *IN ITS TURN* –   
 *MANAGES, CONTROLS, AND GOVERNS THE BODY***,  
 ***ACTING AS* – *THE PURIFYING AGENT -  
 OF BOTH* – *MIND AND BODY*.**

***THERE IS A SPIRITUAL CENTER* – *WITHIN EVERY ONE OF US.***  
 **AND IN THAT – CENTER – *IS STORED UP –*   
 OUR ENTIRE SPIRITUAL HERITAGE**.

***THIS CENTER*** – ***IS NOT WITHIN THE BODY*,   
 *BUT IN* – *OUR CONSCIOUSNESS*;**  
**AND WE CAN DRAW OUT OF –   
 THE** – **INFINITY OF OUR CONSCIOUSNESS –   
 ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR OUR UNFOLDMENT**–  
 **FROM THIS DAY –   
 UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD AND BEYOND IT–   
 *INTO INFINITY***.

***THE ORIGINAL AND BASIC CREATIVE PRINCIPLE* –   
 *AND SUBSTANCE OF LIFE*** *–*  
 ***IS GOD, SOUL, OR CONSCIOUSNESS;***

***BUT MIND*** *–* ***IS THE INSTRUMENT*** *–* ***THROUGH WHICH* –   
 *GOD’S ACTIVITY* – *TAKES PLACE,***

***BECAUSE PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD AND UTILIZED,******MIND* – *IS* – *AN INSTRUMENT* – *OF GOD.***

***WHEN THE MIND IS OPEN TO RECEIVE*** *–* ***THE DIVINE IMPULSE,*  
*HARMONIOUS AND PERFECT FORM*** *–* ***FLOWS OUT FROM IT*.**

**ON THE HUMAN LEVEL,   
 *MIND – GOVERNS OUR BODY AND* – *ALL CREATION*,**  
 ***AND IT GOVERNS IT* – *FOR BOTH GOOD AND EVIL***.

**It gives us health one day, and sickness another day;   
 it gives us wealth one day and lack the next day –   
*BECAUSE THE MIND, –* being of the earth, earthy, –   
*IS MADE UP OF THE TWO QUALITIES – OF GOOD AND EVIL,*  
and therefore *–   
IT MANIFEST AND EXPRESSES ITSELF AT THESE EXTREMES****.*

***UNTIL WE* – *RISE ABOVE MIND,   
WE CANNOT RISE ABOVE* – *THE PAIRS OF OPPOSITES.***

***WHEN WE TRANSCEND MIND –* AND TOUCH THE REALM OF SPIRIT,  
 *WE LIVE IN A DIFFERENT CONSCIOUSNESS*.**

***NO LONGER – DO WE RESORT TO –*THE USE OF AFFIRMATIONS OR DENIALS,   
 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL REMEDIES:**

***NOW* – *WE CONTACT* – *THAT SPIRITUAL CENTER* –   
where we find peace, and then we find – that we have – *TRANSCENDED THE ACTIVITY OF MIND –* both as to good and evil *–* and are living what the world calls – a normal life**, **BUT WHICH *–* IN REALITY IS A SPIRITUAL LIFE**,  
 **a life that to a great extent is untouched *–* by the activity of the unillumined mind.**

***CORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD, –   
 MIND IS AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD, – CREATED BY GOD***.

***THEREFORE, – MIND ITSELF – IS AN EFFECT*,  JUST AS *– THE PRODUCT OF MIND – IS AN EFFECT*.   
 *IT IS NOT A CAUSE – IT IS AN EFFECT.***

***GOD, SOUL, SPIRIT, – ALONE – IS CAUSE,   
 AND BOTH MIND AND BODY ARE EFFECTS****.*

***IF WE – DWELL – WITH SPIRITUAL TRUTH –   
IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, NONE OF THE EVILS –   
OF THIS WORLD – WILL COME NIGH OUR DWELLING PLACE – BECAUSE – THE TRUTH – ENTERTAINED IN CONSCIOUSNESS  
 TAKES OVER – AND BEGINS TO LIVE OUR LIVES***.

***LIVING IN – AN ATMOSPHERE – OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM –   
 AND FEEDING CONSCIOUSNESS WITH TRUTH,  
 THERE COMES A MOMENT – WHEN THAT TRUTH – TAKES OVER THE MIND,– AND THEN NO LONGER–   
 IS IT NECESSARY TO FILL THE MIND WITH TRUTH.***

**FROM THEN ON, *–* THE FLOW IS THE OTHER WAY**.   
***IT IS NOT WE – WHO ARE THINKING TRUTH*,   
REMEMBERING, DECLARING, OR MEDITATING ON TRUTH.**  
***IT IS TRUTH* – *USING OUR MIND* – *FOR – ITS EXPRESSION, ALWAYS – USING US* – *ALWAYS – FLOWING THROUGH US***.

**We do not need any deep metaphysics:  
WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE SIMPLE LITTLE TRUTH –   
 *THAT* – *THE STILL SMALL VOICE* – *IS THE POWER* –   
 *THAT DESTROYS THE ILLUSIONS OF THIS WORLD*.**

Chapter XIX

**THE STILL SMALL VOICE**

**The world has come to a place –   
WHERE IT MUST GO – BEYOND POWER AND BEYOND MIND.**   
Is there such a place?   
Is there a place where physical might and human thought are not power, and where safety, security, and peace are assured?

**In a moment of futility and frustration,   
 when every reliance – has been forsaken,   
 the answer comes – as the voice of God utters Itself,   
 a Voice – not in the blustering whirlwinds,   
 nor in the awesome rumblings of the volcano,   
BUT A VOICE SO STILL –   
*THAT ONLY IN THE SILENCE* – *CAN IT BE HEARD*,  
 *AND THERE IT THUNDERS*.**

***ONE THING ALONE THEN, CONCERNS US:   
 THE ABILITY TO BE STILL* –   
 *AND LET* – *GOD MANIFEST AND EXPRESS HIMSELF* –   
 *AS THE STILL SMALL VOICE WITHIN US.***

***THERE IS ONLY ONE ENEMY – THE UNIVERSAL BELIEF –   
 THAT MATERIAL AND MENTAL FORCE –   
 CAN CONTROL THIS WORLD.***

**But are material and mental powers, – power,   
OR IS – *THE STILL SMALL VOICE* – THE ONLY POWER?**

**THE ANSWER IS THAT –   
 THERE IS – NO POWER – IN THE VISIBLE WORLD,   
 AND ANYTHING THAT EXISTS IN OUR MIND –   
 AS AN OBJECTIVE THING – IS NOT POWER.**

**LET US NEVER FEAR – AN IMAGE IN OUR MIND –   
WHETHER THAT IMAGE – IS A PERSON, A DISEASE,  
 OR EVEN A BOMB.**

***THAT STILL SMALL VOICE – IN THE MIDST OF US –   
 IS MIGHTIER THAN ALL OF THESE,   
 AND IF WE CAN BECOME SO SILENT –  
 THAT – THAT VOICE CAN UTTER ITSELF –   
 EVEN IF ONLY AS A DEEP BREATH –   
 OR A SENSE OF PEACE OR WARMTH –  
THIS EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE VOICE OF GOD –   
AND – THE BELIEF IN TWO POWERS – WILL BE SILENCED.***

**When we struggle and battle with the enemy**,  
 whether that enemy **–** is physical and external **–** or mental and internal **– *WE DO NOT WIN ANY VICTORIES***.

***THE REAL VICTORIES ARE WON –   
 WHEN WE USE – NO POWER –   
 AND DO NOT FIGHT OUR OPPOSITION,   
 BUT REST IN THE KNOWLEDGE –   
 THAT ALL OPPOSITION* – *DESTROYS ITSELF.***

**“*THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS*….   
 *STAND YE STILL* – and see the salvation of the Lord.”**

***THIS STANDING STILL*– *IS NOT ONLY*–  
 *A REFRAINING FROM PHYSICAL AND MENTAL POWER*,   
 *BUT FROM SPIRITUAL POWER AS WELL*–   
*A COMPLETE RELAXING* – *IN AN OCEAN OF PEACE*.**

***I DO NOT KNOW THE PROCESS – AND NEITHER CAN YOU,   
 BUT WE CAN AND WILL – WITNESS –   
THE FRUITAGE OF THAT STILLNESS – AND QUIETNESS – BECAUSE IN THE SILENCE – A MIRACLE TAKES PLACE:***

***THE ENEMY – DESTROYS ITSELF – AND DISAPPEARS –   
OUT OF OUR EXPERIENCE – EVAPORATES AND DISSOLVES –   
 WHETHER THAT ENEMY*–   
 *IS A FEVER, A PERSON, OR A NATION.***

***WE NEED NOT FIGHT OR STRUGGLE WITH IT – OR WITH HIM:  
 WE NEED ONLY BE STILL.***

***WE ARE ALIGNED WITH A POWER – THAT IS NOT A POWER;  
 WE ARE ACHIEVING VICTORY* – *WITHOUT FORCE.***

***WE DO NOT EVEN USE – SPIRITUAL FORCE.   
 BUT OUR* – *STILLNESS –   
 PERMITS SPIRITUAL FORCE – TO USE US.***

***OURS IS – A REFRAINING FROM POWER –   
 IN A SILENCE WHICH THUNDERS, “I AM GOD;***

***THEREFORE* –   
*YOU BE STILL AND REST, FOR I WILL BE WITH YOU* –   
 *UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD.   
 YOU REST, RELAX, AND BE SILENT.”***

***WHEN WE HAVE RESTED***,   
 ***WHEN WE HAVE BECOME STILL***,  
 ***AND WHEN WE HAVE PERMITTED THE SPIRIT* –  
 *TO PERMEATE MIND AND BODY*,**

***A SOMETHING GREATER THAN OURSELVES –   
GOES BEFORE US – AND PREPARES THE WAY FOR US:***

***THE ENMITY AND OPPOSITION – DISSOLVE***,  
**and we stand within ourselves and marvel, “A mighty work.”**

***IN A COMPLETE SILENCE,   
 WITH NO ATTEMPT – TO USE GOD, USE TRUTH,  
 OR USE A POWER OVER ANYBODY OR FOR ANYBODY;***

***SOMETHING TAKES PLACE – WITHIN US* –   
*THAT DISSOLVES THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE –   
AND MAKES THE WAY – ONE OF JOY AND FULFILLMENT.***

***RUMBLINGS OF –   
THE THUNDER – OF THE DEEP SILENCE –  
OF MY PEACE –   
REVERBERATE – AND INCREASE IN POWER –   
UNTIL – EVENTUALLY – THEY BREAK EVERY BARRIER.  
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THE MIGHTY – NOISE OF THE SILENCE –  
GROWS IN VOLUME – UNTIL – ITS THUNDER –   
RENDS ASUNDER – THE VEILS OF ILLUSION –   
AND GOD STANDS REVEALED –  
IN ALL HIS MAJESTY –   
GLORY  
AND PEACE.***