**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.***