

Chapter 11: Blowing Branches

327th Day

November 22nd

Ordinary Thoughts

The sage does not use Ordinary Thoughts That are Repetitive, Noisy, Self-Serving or Clamoring for Attention but looks beyond Ordinary Thoughts into Stillness and Peace.

The sage's thoughts come out of Stillness Having the Power to take you back into The Stillness from which they arose finding The Peaceful Essence of your Being.

The sage never loses touch with the Inner Stillness and is never lost in the world of Ordinary Thoughts finding no separation from The Sense of Self deeper than any Name or Form.

Within Stillness the sage finds the Essential Nature Of Being leaving behind Ordinary Thoughts into Inner Awareness beyond Perception or Worldly Desires The Awareness is disguised as the sage within.

The sage knows the secret; it is the gap between The Ordinary Thoughts; the Brief, Silent Space Between the words in a conversation, the notes Of music or the pause in a breath-this is the Tao.

Commentary:

The sage looks beyond ordinary thoughts which are repetitive, noisy, self-serving or attention grabbing to stillness and peace. The sage's thoughts come out of stillness and have the power to take you back into the stillness from which they arose, finding the peaceful essence of your Being. The sage never loses touch with the inner stillness and is never lost in the world of ordinary thoughts finding no separation from the sense of self deeper than any name or form. Within stillness the sage finds the essential nature of being, and leaves behind ordinary thoughts, escaping into inner awareness, beyond perception or worldly desires, and the awareness is disguised as the sage within. The gap between ordinary thoughts, a brief, silent space between words in a conversation, notes of music, or the pause in a breath is the secret the sage discovers in the Tao.

