

"The momentum for this cosmic Game is created whenever you pretend that what isn't, somehow, is far superior to what is. Although this belief keeps you focused on a never-ending journey towards happiness, enlightenment, etc., it also guarantees that you will never reach a point of permanent satisfaction and peace. Why? Because this whole notion of being on a 'journey-to-fulfillment' is actually the secret method that the desperate ego uses in order to survive in the face of personal annihilation by Consciousness. In other words, as long as the ego stays more focused on making the 'journey,' it can continue to avoid disappearing entirely in the blinding realization of the true identity of the mystic 'traveler.' This frenzied activity around pursuing enlightenment helps the ego to maintain a sense of personal doership. When what is not present is perceived as better than what is present, the precious reality contained in this very moment is inwardly resisted. However, Consciousness has no opposite, it's the only thing that's present, and it can never really change into 'what isn't.' It just is what it is. However, by pretending that 'something else is better,' the ego hopes to survive by enthusiastically pursuing the disowned 'other.' Of course, the cosmic joke, is that the ego is caught on a self-generated treadmill because it already 'is' what it is looking for. The valiant struggle to be enlightened secretly protects the ego from being exposed as the phantom it truly is. As long as the search continues unabated, the searcher is validated as being separate from the very thing that he is searching for. But, in Truth, we can never really run away from ourselves because we already are who we are running from, and we already are where we are running to."

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