

# THE WIDE SHUT REPORT

ONE THING ABOUT LIFE THAT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME AFTER HAVING MET THE EYE, IS THE POWER OF AN IDEA. ONCE THE SEED OF AN IDEA IS PLANTED DEEPLY ENOUGH IN YOUR MIND, AND YOU NOURISH IT WITH WHAT IT NEEDS, IT CAN EVOLVE, GROW, AND EVENTUALLY BECOME THE ROOTS OF A TREE. WHAT TRULY SURPRISES ME IS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ONE CAN SPEND FEEDING AN IDEA BEFORE IT BECOMES MATURE ENOUGH TO MANIFEST. SOME THINKERS SPEND WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS, EVEN DECADES, SHAPING THE INITIAL SPARK OF WISDOM THEY ONCE RECEIVED. AND THAT, SO FAR, HAS BEEN THE STORY OF MY AWAKENED STATE.

WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT EVERYTHING IN EXISTENCE WAS FIRST IMAGINED BEFORE ITS PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION, YOU BEGIN TO LOOK AT THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY. YOU BECOME MORE AWARE, MORE EMPATHETIC TOWARD THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO BRING AN IDEA TO LIFE. TO DARE TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING THAT HAS NOT YET TAKEN ROOT IN THE PRESENT REQUIRES IMMENSE FAITH AND INTENTION, BECAUSE AS THE BEARER OF THAT IDEA, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MANIFEST IT.

PART OF MY OWN POST-BLOOMING CAME WITH THE REALIZATION THAT I WAS CAPABLE OF FAR MORE THAN I ONCE BELIEVED. WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT TELLS US TO CHOOSE A SINGLE FIELD, TO SPECIALIZE, AND TO REMAIN THERE FOREVER. IN OTHER WORDS, BE GOOD AT ONE THING AND NOTHING ELSE. TO ME, THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE SLOW DEATH OF THE SOUL. IT'S AS IF THERE WERE NO LONGER SPACE FOR CURIOSITY. CHOOSE A BOX, DIVE INTO IT SO DEEPLY THAT YOU NO LONGER SEE THE HORIZON OR WHAT LIES BEYOND YOU. IN FACT, IGNORE EVEN THAT WHICH LIES BESIDE YOU.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN ONE COULD BE A MUSICIAN, A PAINTER, A SCIENTIST, A BUSINESS OWNER, AND EVEN A PRESIDENT, ALL AT ONCE. TODAY, WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONFINE OURSELVES, TO MASTER ONE THING WITHOUT SEEING, TASTING, TOUCHING, OR EXPLORING ANYTHING ELSE. THIS MAY SOUND LIKE VENTING, BUT WHAT I TRULY WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND IS THIS: THERE ARE NO REAL BOUNDARIES. THE ONLY LIMITATIONS THAT EXIST ARE THE ONES WE PLACE UPON OURSELVES THROUGH BELIEF. TO BELIEVE IN YOUR ABILITY TO LEARN, TO EVOLVE, AND TO BECOME THE VISION YOU HOLD OF YOURSELF IS WHAT WILL ULTIMATELY BRING YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO BE.



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