

Passivity vs. Inactivity

Modernity is inimical
to passivity
by confusing it
with inactivity.

Modernity says to passivity:
"You do nothing;"
but passivity replies:
"I am not inactive."

For, passivity permits
activity,
whereas inactivity
accomplishes nothing.

Passivity allows you
to be touched;
inactivity
does not embrace.

Passivity opens you
to fullness;
inactivity
leaves you empty.

Passivity leads
to experience;
inactivity
lounges in laziness.

Passivity enriches;
inactivity impoverishes.
Passivity enlightens;
inactivity sits
in obscurity.

Passivity facilitates
a relationship;
inactivity causes it
to falter.

If you are never passive,
you won't receive;
if you are inactive,
you'll miss the moment.

If you are never passive,
you won't listen;
if you are inactive,
you won't even hear.

If you are never passive,
you're too busy;
if you are inactive,
you're just inert.

Passivity is calm
and serene;
inactivity is moribund.
Passivity is vigilant
and attentive;
inactivity has fallen asleep.

You cannot be fulfilled,
therefore,
if you are already filled
with activity.
The remedy,
however,
is not sterile inactivity
but fertile passivity.

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