

## *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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