

(This excerpt is from Chapter 22, “Time Never Began” in the book, *Consciousness Is All*. The writing here speaks from the “perspective” of the Infinite, and in places where the terms “I Am” and “I” are used, they refer only to the Infinite, or “Self”—not a personal sense of I.)

Present Consciousness. Two words. What do they *really* mean?

As said repeatedly, the fact that *Consciousness* is all there is to all Existence, means there never has been a physical, material world—anywhere, ever. If one were to even speak of what is called “the present day” or “all past events,” at most, all so-called events and times always would be entirely “made out of” dream-like *thought*.

Yet not even that is fully accurate. The fact that Consciousness’ Being *is the entirety of what is present*—and never vacates being all-present—leaves no possibility of time occurring!

So not only has the so-called “past” never been physical—it hasn’t even been!

Only, only, only the Present is present—“everywhere.”

As often as that has been said, this irrefutable fact makes clear another *huge* point.

When it seems you ignore the utter Present-ness You are, what would be happening?

In that instant, that would be creating *all* time—the entirety of time!

It literally would be creating all time *for the very first time ever!*

As incredible as that sounds, it’s undeniable. Again, as the Present is undeviatingly all that is present, there can’t have been any time before—because *where only the Present is present*, there is no “before.”

As pure Conscious Being, as the utter Present Itself, *You* never say there was a past—only the false finite “sense-mind” or dream-thought would try to say so. How does one not get fooled by it? Start from the true premise—that only unchanging Present-ness *is*.

Now notice something. Notice that whenever the finite thinking “sense-mind” tries to say there has been a long past, it is always *right now* when it’s saying that. The thinking would try to make it *seem* as if there has been this long, long

past that stretches “way back there”—one that includes a recent past, and a much older past.

Now look very closely where all—every last bit—of that so-called long past is. The entirety of it would be found only *right here* in that current thinking of it. The entirety of what is mistakenly called “the past” isn’t past at all—all of it is being projected only *right now* in, or as, that bunch of current thinking. That’s the only place any and all of it is found!

Mistaken human belief would try to say there are both that current thinking of a past and *another* “real” past—one that occurred in a physical world at a previous time. Why is that not true? Because, again, absolutely all there is, is *Consciousness*—which precludes there being any physical world. And the fact that Consciousness, All, is *present only*, precludes there being any previous time.

The would-be ignorant “sense-mind” doesn’t realize that its “world” never is a separate physical world, but just *its own dream-like thought*. It means all that the entire so-called past ever could have been “made out of” is *thought*. And when examined closely, the shocking truth is clear. That dream-thought never is something that occurred “way back then”—for the entirety of it is being mentally projected just now!

Go ahead, try as hard as you can to come up with a little bit of a “past,” or a whole lot of it, in some place other than the *current* thought of it. It’s impossible.

No matter how far one tries to mentally shove a “past” back there—it actually has had no prior existence. The only place all of it would appear to be found is in, or as, the very thinking-dreaming of it starting *now*. That’s all there would be to *all* of the so-called “past”—just that one mental “panorama” or “thought-collage”—all of which begins *now* for the first time “ever.”

This is clear only from the vantage point of pure Present-ness, wherein no time has been. Otherwise one mistakenly assumes time has some other, prior beginning. It doesn’t.

Imagine watching a scene of a movie. In this movie scene it is the year 2000. The movie characters themselves are in a theater. They are watching another movie, taking place in 1980. Now suppose within that inner 1980 movie scene being watched, that second set of characters is watching a third movie, taking place in 1960—a movie within a movie within a movie—and so on, as far “back” as one cares to go. One really is not going back in time at all. All scenes, all years, appear to be projected right there in the *one* overall current picture.

In the exact same way, the *entirety* of what is mistakenly called “history”—both “recent past” and “ancient past”—are encapsulated in the *one* momentary mental snapshot or thought in terms of it. From the vantage point of infinite Present Awareness, it is clear that the entirety of so-called “history” isn’t history or old at all—for it’s all one mental panorama being instantaneously thought or dreamed *now*. Always, it would be current thinking only *imagining* there is oldness.

Even though this book has repeatedly referred to the *passing* of time—from the vantage point of Present Consciousness, one sees that *time never is passing*. The entirety of time seems to be projected *now*.

Life never, never leaves Now, *Present Awareness*.

This being true, how old is *Your Present Being*? How old is *All*?

Look closely. How many prior thoughts in terms of time, or time snapshots have you had *before*? Do you say billions? The answer is none. Why? Even what would be called all “prior” times and all their snapshots would be found only in *this* snapshot of time-thought, in the ignoring of the Present that would seem to be going on *now*. All so-called time is found only in the dream-thought—but that’s not pure Present Consciousness. And not even the dream is “old,” but seemingly began this instant.

What is far more important, in Reality, the infinite Present *Itself*, never actually has *any* time-snapshots. Not one. Now, pure Present-ness is not a mental picture, not an arising thought—and when is it ever *not* Now, not the Present? Never! The pure Present never leaves or alters being “total coverage” as all Presence. It leaves no past of anything.

The “sense-mind’s” thinking may keep trying to insist there really *was* a long past that happened “way back there.” It would try to say there was a yesterday, and before that, a week ago, and before that, a year ago, and so on, in a long sequence. But what’s really going on? What is called a year ago isn’t any farther away or older than yesterday, because all there ever would be to *both* is only thought images, and those thoughts would be arising only *now*. Apart from what appears as those current images, neither “yesterday” nor “a year ago” had any other prior existence. As all there is, is *Consciousness*, there has been no prior physical world. And as Consciousness, All, is *absolutely Present*, there has been no prior time, no prior thinking.

From the vantage point of Present Consciousness, Reality, there is no such thing as a past that *was*. There is only a *would-be* past, which appears to be projected always *currently* as thought. And to even come up with such time-projections would mean first *ignoring* the pure Present *You are*; superimposing

that time-thought upon pure Present-ness. Yet not even that is really possible, for the Present cannot ignore Its infinite total Presence.

Be alert and don't assume that there has been *any* prior time—not even a time which you now have seen to be false. Not even that occurred, for only the Present is.



Since the only place *all* of the so-called “past” would be, is in the thought of it starting right now, *there has been no long accumulation of a past!* None! There is no past as a long continuum—for all there *is*, is *pure Present-ness*.

In light of this fact, which would be older—Julius Caesar, or yesterday's Caesar salad? Neither—for neither has had any prior existence apart from thought *right now*. Because the only kind of existence *both* ever can have is as mere thought-images arising *now*, Julius is not “back there,” not a moment older than the salad. Julius has had no prior physical past in which he became centuries older than the salad, because *as Present Consciousness is All*, no physical past has been. The only place one could find Julius and even all the “centuries” too, is in the one dream-thought being projected *now*.

Even if the “sense-mind's” thinking tries to say your body's been to Rome before, or that you've thought of Julius before, and had many Caesar salads before—*where is all of that?* The only place Rome, and all those thoughts and salads, would be found is in the one “mental package” being thought or dreamed *now* for the first time ever.

One *never* leaves Now, the Present.

The only “stuff” or Substance existent is *Present Consciousness*. The fact that all the Substance, Presence, existent is Present-ness, leaves no oldness whatsoever—so there can't be some things older than others. One item in a dream is not older than any other item because they're not separate physical items—it all would be one dream that starts *now*. To try to say Julius is older than the salad would be to superimpose an *assumption* upon that which has absolutely no existence other than as a dream-like thought image, and always now. Julius has had no prior appearance anywhere else. Present Awareness is the only “Place” or “Setting” for all that exists—and without It, Julius couldn't be mentioned, even as an appearance.

*Who* says things are old, that they've existed a long time? Things themselves can't say that. They're just thought-appearances appearing *now*; they have no mind or intelligence with which to say anything. Only *you* would assume there is oldness by ignoring Your Now.

The would-be intellect based on time and sensing will screech that this is lunacy. Yet it would be the intellect that *never is*. Which is present here, now—What Is, or what never is? There is no choice.

“But that important experience I had was *back then*,” the thinking may try to insist. “And I’ve enjoyed recalling it so much over the years.” Nope. The only place *both* the experience and the “many” reminiscences would be found is in the thought of it going on just now.

“Then what about the universe?” the thought may come. “Today, as every day, I looked up at the sky and saw a vast universe out there. It’s been there day after day after day.”

The only place all of that is found—all the “background” days, and the entire “history” of the universe, again would be in the *one* mental collage being thought or dreamed now.

The thinking may sputter in desperation, “Then how did I *get* here?”

Where do you identify—with a dream that has no real background, or as the unstopably present Present? The answer is that a “you” *never did* get here. Present Consciousness choice-lessly *is* here, as Eternity Itself.

This also clearly shows why there is no such thing as reincarnation in Reality. Only in a would-be time dream that seems to start *right now* would it be said that one had previous lives. The entirety of it would start and be found only in the ignoring of the Present *right now*.

One always, always, always looks out as pure Present-ness, Now, only.



Stop and consider how stupendously, staggeringly important this is!

Consciousness never has vacated Its pure Present-ness *as All Presence*. It means so-called creation and time never began “way back there.” If one were to talk about it at all, the *entirety* of the dream of mortal experience, its time, and all its seeming creation always would be brand new. It “kicks in” for that period one seems to ignore the allness of *Present Reality*, pure Aware *Being*.

The would-be periodic dream of mortal experience and all its seeming problems and limitations has absolutely *no* history backing it up! None. It has no long background behind it, giving it power to do this or that because “it has been around so long.”

There are absolutely *no* firmly entrenched problems! One who is consciously *being* Present Being leaves nothing to function as a secondary time-dream—no time-mentality to assume it has long-honored problems of disease, poverty, morality—or religious or national clashes.

Even if such “problems” could be legitimately mentioned, they would be exactly like a dream, in the very first scene of which, the very first words spoken by the first character to appear in the dream were something like, “We’ve tried and tried to find a way to end this conflict. But it’s been going on for so long, people have grown accustomed to it; it’s become a way of life.”

Hey! The dream just started!

There has been no long conflict, although everything about the background appearance, the dream’s story line, would try to make it *appear* so. Some of the dream characters even may appear aged, and some young. It may appear they live in an aging universe, and even use dream-science to show dream-evidence of their universe’s great age.

How old could any of it be, since the dream just began?

If one mistakenly ignores the present-only-ness of Being, and starts with time-dream, or the un-Real, one has taken on *its* state of unreal thinking. So naturally it is assumed everything has a long background behind it. It is assumed there are “long-term” problems that also must take a long time to overcome. That all would be *its* assumption, not Presence’s.

In actuality, pure Present-ness leaves no prior assumption of anything. The utterly present Present leaves *no* prior time, and *no* prior dream appearances—none. To the One who unfailingly is *All Present*, not a single time-event occurs.

It isn’t that pure Present-ness erases away a past history of world problems.

Pure Present-ness leaves no history, period.

Present-ness leaves no history of even *Itself*!

Not even the Present has been before—for that notion, too, would be just a current *thought* arising now!

All there is, is pristine *Never-before-ness*.

There is only pristine Pure Life in all Its indescribable beauty—absolutely Everywhere!

A sparkling clean slate is all there is—permanently!

Your entire Existence is so gloriously *pure* and *fresh*, so new and breathtakingly *free*, there are no words for It! And *only* this utter pure Freedom is present. Forever!

This is why Omnipresence, Reality, or “God,” never can be used to improve previous human affairs, for there haven’t *been* any previous human affairs!

Nothing has happened yet!

How could this pristine Present-ness I Am possibly need to change or improve something that *hasn’t even happened*?

How could I fall for a dream appearance when only I Am, and there *hasn’t been* any prior appearance? What’s more, how could this presently Pure One I Am have to improve an appearance that *never will appear* because only I Am?

Not only have there been no previous appearances—there has been no previous God! There has been no God before, because the pristine Present leaves no “before” in which a God could have been. Only this pristine Present is—which *is* God—if one were to use such a term.

Obviously, there is no going back to a lesser self, for no past occurred in which to have *been* a lesser self! There is *no possibility* of being saved. Nothing besides pure Present Being has happened that one could possibly need saving from—and this is “salvation” in its true light.

This book is not about lifting oneself out of *what never occurred*.

As the subtitle says, *now* Life is completely *new*.

It cannot even be asked, “Why hasn’t this been brought out before?”

There is no before. There is only *Present Consciousness*.



One never says, “It will take a long time, years of study, to get back to being at-one with the Divine, because I have ignored *Now, the Present*, for such a long time.”

In the Present, there is no history of ignoring the Present—and only the Present is present.

How could there be another that must study how to be the Present I Am? Not even the Present knows “how” to be Itself, because *the Present has had no prior experience in being present*!

This is why any attempt to “know” something *about* Presence, Awareness, must fail. This present Awareness I Am simply hasn’t been before, in order to have anything known about It!

If one *were* to speak of appearances, it seems virtually all “teachings” assume there is an established, pre-existing “way” in which Awareness, Life, the Present I Am, is being present. Or it is assumed that I Am has been present “forever” over a long *time*. It also is assumed there is a “you” that must know or align with this “way” of being or living.

As the Present I Am, *All Presence*, has had absolutely no prior existence—when could there have been another that also must be the Present? How could there be an already-established “way” in which I Am present? As I simply have not been before, there is no “way” I Am. I Am utterly without any “way.” There can be no technique for attaining that which hasn’t been before. I Am completely devoid of technique, utterly without method or practice. How could there be a method of practicing that which has no history of existing?

Having had absolutely no prior experience in *being*, I Am utterly Inexperienced.

*In-experienced-ness is All.*

As My In-experienced-ness is *All*, I leave no others who could be trying to experience an experience that not even I have had! And, of course, where I alone Am, where Inexperienced-ness is *All*, could there be any mistaken teachings attempting to teach that which hasn’t even been before? No!

As the Inexperienced One-All, I cannot offer guidance to get where I Am. There is no other to whom to give such—and as not even I have been before, not even I know where I Am! I have had no “time” in which to get My bearings, nor could I ever desire any because I Am not *going* anywhere.

I Am.

This Presence is *so utterly Present*, *so* completely without a past and absolutely new, that even the simple words, “I Am” would be old news by the time they were voiced.