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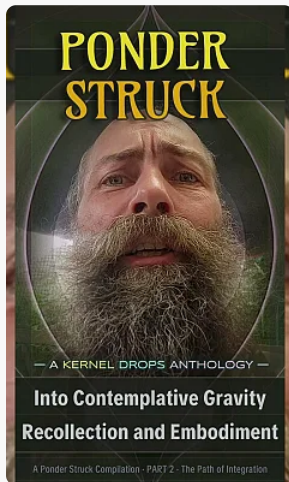
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 Plunge into the second Ponder Struck anthology! A collection of core contemplations from the deeper side, we explore four major themes in the process of inner recollection and culmination. Do we ever concentrate and when we do — what's the point that matters? Into reason and mastering skills of transformation. Onward with the churning the contents of our cauldron of integrating harvests. Finally — the alignment and ascension of our life-cycle as a reconciled whole.



❖ Season of Concentration • Nail the Points that Matter (PS005) A time comes when you need to wrap the vapors and get to the point. But what counts as a point? The more it impacts your life – the more consequential that point. The broader its influence on all things – the more essential that point. Then excavate and nail down those core points. Drop the rest – the rest doesn't matter. The rest matters when it's rooted. 🎬 Source: <https://youtu.be/F3B01fd6lgo>

❖ Use Your Intellect Wisely • A Path of Rhyme & Reason (PS006) Many are the things to be mastered in life. Without engaging your reason, you will not master anything at all. Do not hope to vibe your way to the other side. You are biased. You are off balance. False self-confidence will lead you astray. Coherent intelligence provides checks and balances in your transformation. 🎬 Source: <https://youtu.be/WtjhAQ8aVMU>

❖ Integrity in Integration • Refine Your Pool of Essence (PS007) Plenty we harvest and ponder in our lives. When the inner cauldron reaches its saturation, the season of refinement and reconciliation has arrived. There is no escape. The skies are veiled. The conflicts are many. We must dive into the depths. In the penultimate work of cognitive alchemy, integrity in truth is your sole guide and guardian. 🎬 Source: <https://youtu.be/hgXQwW4V-3I>

❖ Alignment of Our Life-Cycle • Crowning the Human Saga (PS008) Each station and domain in our lives hides a conscious essence. Our human life-cycle culminates with the alignment and synthesis of these yields. What we extracted, what we reconciled, it will ascend into the unification of our human life. Our mystic octagon of conscious realms is a most simple living reality. 🎬 Source: <https://youtu.be/DLn3cx3IT0w>

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A life of contemplation is not a matter of idle day dreaming, drifting your days away in a monastery, thinking only happy thoughts. In our introspective process, how many the unpleasant realities we uncover, how many the shadows we must face and reconcile in order to make progress toward our true integration.

How scattered we are. We must make our points and take a stance. How helpless we are. We must master the necessary skills of transformation. How confused we are, in our murky swamp. We must refine and consolidate our inner basin. Only then may we reach a true alignment of consciousness, a synchronization of our life-cycle as a whole. The inner heat is on as we enter the second half of the octagon of "Ponder Struck".

Lead-In — Into Consequential Focus

In the first installment, we cut the wings from our fairy dreams and nail down the points that matter.

1. Season of Concentration • Nail the Points that Matter

At some point, we need to get to the point. Sure, there's all sorts of potentially fantastic out there, but we cannot forever scatter and be diluted with the possibilities. We have to find aim direction, intention. Concentrate, withdraw — like a turtle draws its limbs within the shell.

So, that's all fine in principle, but the question remains, what exactly counts for a point? What do we attend to, what do we concentrate on? We're not talking about mere assertion, obsession, absorption in a particular thing or a particular field. No — there is much more to the point of getting to the point. These are shadows of the essential cognitive process.

What truly matters. That be the point. Simple, really. The deeper the influence and impact of a thing or principle on our lives is, the more consequential point

there is to it. The broader its presence and dynamics in the fabric of existence, the more essential that point is. It is these very higher level core points that we need to establish.

These are the roots of the tree of life itself, the directors of everything that follows. Then, in getting to the point, do not obsess over tangents. Get to the points that matter. Look into yourself – what in me truly matters. There be the point to be sought.

The structures and constraints of my ego – that matters. The flux of my adaptations in the environment – that matters. My consequential responses in interaction – that matters. The big picture of my life and awareness as a whole – that matters. These are points and fields that matter on a very fundamental level, on a very elemental level.

Then, establish your foundations, firm and solid. The rest of your orientation will follow. Cut off the wings from your fairy dreams for once, plant the poles supporting the foundation of your path in life. Let go of your field of vapors, leave behind your holographic games. Those are not the vehicle to carry you to the other shore.

With that, let us ponder what truly matters. And then, let us prioritize to match. If not, the storms ahead will leave you confused and scattered all over again. Time to get to the point. Time to plant your roots. Be real. Like a turtle withdraws into its shell...

Lead-In — Crafting the Scaffolds

In the second installment, we engage reason and intellect with precision, crafting the frameworks that scaffold our journey onward.

2. Use Your Intellect Wisely • A Path of Rhyme & Reason

On this path — the path of life, of transformation, inner and outer, many are the matters to be mastered. It's not an intellectual exercise. It's not an analytical operation. These will only lead to constructs in your mind. Now that said, you can't let your intellect be idle. You can't simply vibe your way to the other side. You have to engage all of your capacities.

You have your frameworks of thought. Philosophical, theological, scientific. They are there to give you a broader context. They cannot ever prescribe what is.

They can only ever describe the direction of what is. But they are helpful in opening your perspectives, in making your understanding well-rounded.

None of that will simply magically slip into its place. What happens when you try to vibe your way through, is you slip in all sorts of directions. Depending on your preoccupations, you take a bit much that way and you ignore the other side. You are not balanced. You are not in due reason. With your feelings alone, you are off-center, you are not balanced. You need your intellect for the checks and balances of your insight.

When this is true of knowledge, of understanding, the more immaterial aspect of the path, then how much more true it is of your practical engagement. The methods, the processes you need to undergo toward transformation. Your intellect is indispensable. It is a tool to be used wisely.

It's not a matter of becoming an intellectual giant. It is a matter of common sense. Looking carefully. What is this? What is that? How does this relate to that? What is this made of? What is that made of? And how does that change the picture we are looking at? These are

indispensable baselines of a well-rounded frame of awareness.

We hone into them with the help of our intellects, and then with the fullness of our being, we experience. These constructs of thought and reason, when validated with direct experience, become the strong scaffolds that hold you firm and well-rounded on your path.

Without these frames of clarity in place, you will inevitably, unavoidably, at some point fall off the side of your building reaching for the sky. You may think you don't — but a million case examples demonstrate otherwise. Your jackass attitude, this false self-confidence that you can just wing it and it'll be alright, because you are so excellent, right? It is simply born of arrogance. It is the pride that cometh before the fall.

Do not bypass reason, do not bypass analytical thought, simply dancing your merry way down the road. Rhyme and reason together. Poetry and knowledge are the good companions on your path. Keeping you in coherence, leading you toward convergence of all that is essential in your life.

Lead-In — Sorting the Storehouse

In the third installment, we plunge into our saturated inner cauldron, marching through the battlefields of discerning integration.

3. Integrity in Integration • Refine Your Pool of Essence

There comes a time when you've accumulated enough. The pool of your yields is brimming, fermenting, boiling. Yet this cauldron of your contents is murky, unrefined. Conflicts abound. Confusion abounds. This is the station where true pondering happens. Integration of all that you carry, of all that you are.

You are an ocean of treasures undiscovered. Then how is the process of its refinement? How do we drain the ocean to discover what was lost? In this process of deep integration, toward our consummation, the convergence of all that we are, we face the need for deep reconciliation and deep harmonization.

All that we carry, all that we are made of, is driven to the field of encounters. Conflicts abound. If at this time you are not the impartial charioteer, if you begin to take sides – you will perish. At this time you are the judge of all – and you are the judge of yourself. Truth alone, the

raw truth of what is, an absolute unflinching integrity, is your guide and guardian in the caldera of your integration.

Remain firm in your stance. Do not yield. Essence alone shall pass. Clutter shall all be removed. Immaculate essence. Refined in the fire of truth. This is the alchemical process of the ages. This alone will bring resolution to the witch-brew boiling in the cauldron of your life.

Sacrifices must be made. What is not worthy must be discarded, and what is worthy must be elected and uplifted in the rapture of our cognitive convergence. Then let the old world perish as it must. The residue, its white ashes, fertilizer for a new world of purity and radiance in truth.

As you enter the basin of integration, the skies will be veiled, darkness will prevail. Your only light, the radiance of truth, to lead you from your battlefields to the other shore – beyond conflict into a world of peace, harmony and clarity. Then remain firm, unshaken before adversities. The truth of what is – is your lifeline.

Lead-In – The Weave of Culmination

In the fourth and final installment, we recollect and synthesize the essence from the realms of our awareness into a nexus of conscious alignment and ascension.

4. Alignment of Our Life-Cycle • Crowning the Human Saga

Synchronized and harmonized, you ascend to the top of the tree of your life. Beyond the integration of our essence, the reconciliation and consolidation of our life's imprints and yields, there is the calling for harmonization and alignment. The synchronization of your ripened and refined potentials into a synergetic and radiant embodiment. At this final station of the human journey, your life-cycle is crowned, ascending to its rightful throne.

Here we have our macro life-cycle, our lives as a whole, and then we have countless micro life-cycles, the processes in diverse contexts that undergo the same process. All of it cycling, progressing, from baselines into insights, into impressions, into potentials, into directions, into engagement, integration, and finally alignment.

Infants born into a context, our baseline. Be present to its truth. Opening our eyes and observing the environment. Hold on to your insights and visions. Receiving imprints from the environment and reflecting. Refine the potential in your emotions. Dreaming into the horizon that opens. Explore the sphere of your potentials.

Struck down from the clouds – then take aim and plant your roots. Establish the will of your way. Then set to your works, diligent and meticulous. Skillfully engaged in transformation. Come harvest time, take count of your yields. Place them in the cauldron, begin the process of refinement. Islands of essence established in your caldera. The currents in your ocean are reconciled.

Synchronized and harmonized, you ascend to the top of the tree of your life. But please, never claim the crown at the zenith as yours. Simply allow nature to operate as it may. Never hijack that radiant crown of alignment for a celestial kingdom of your ego. Do that and you will be cast down from your hollow heavens, ruminating on the grass of your earth again.

Such are the journeys in life we ponder. Forget not to carry the essence from each of your stations. With this,


we conclude our octagon of ponderings. Absorb, contemplate, ruminate. The journey continues above and beyond.

Seven stations prior to the crown in our ponderings. Revisit, rewind, recollect the essence from each. They are all neatly in the playlist. These journeys in the octagon are everywhere in our lives. Go find them and integrate their essence into alignment. Many of our flavored mini-series run in sync with this same timeless pattern.

Then take the epic journey. Visit the stations of your being and becoming. Integrate the stations of your human awareness into a singularity of consciousness.

In Summary – The Path to Fullness

With this, we conclude our second anthology, wrapping together the octagon of "Ponder Struck" in the stations of our human journey. May truth, clarity and integrity guide you onward on this path. Be well and be beyond.

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