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The Open Window of the Heart

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THIS BOOK CONTAINS short quotes that represent many aspects of Krishnamurti's universal and timeless teachings. What are these 'teachings' – a word he hesitated to use – and what is our approach to them? Are they more information to add to our ever-growing bank of knowledge, more fuel for thought, something to work out or strive towards?

The words here, carefully chosen from Krishnamurti's written works, suggest another approach. It is possible to think about each quote, which may help gain clarity of thought; it is also possible to let the meaning of the words operate at a deeper level, without our having to do very much at all but be in relationship with them with more than our intellect, and to 'leave the window open'.

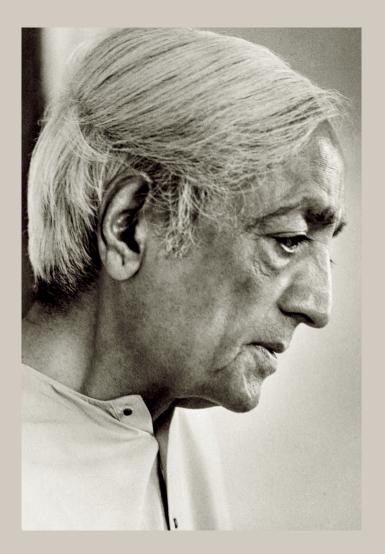
Each selection, poetic in nature, is accompanied by a photograph of Krishnamurti, many of which were previously unpublished. This format may encourage the reader to stay with a quote and let it sink in. It is therefore suggested that this is not a booklet to read from beginning to end but to dip into, take time over, and perhaps realise, as Krishnamurti points out, that time, paradoxically, is not necessary for insight and understanding.

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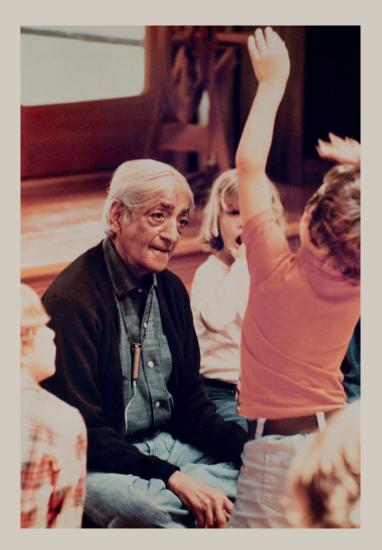
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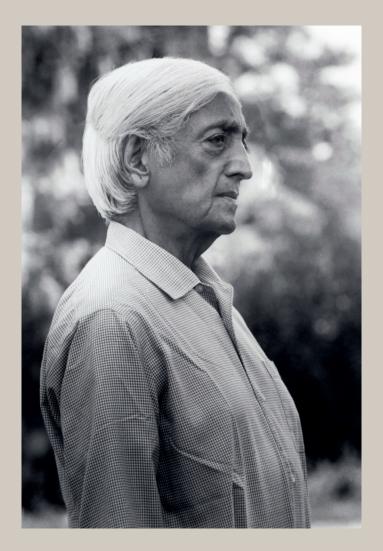
Begin without knowing anything and move from innocence to innocence.



Go into the unknown, take nothing for granted, do not assume anything; be free to find out.



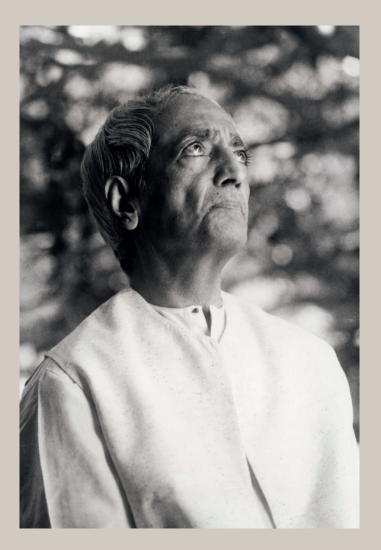
Total attention includes, never excludes.



In oneself lies the whole world; if you know how to look and learn, the door is there and the key is in your hand.



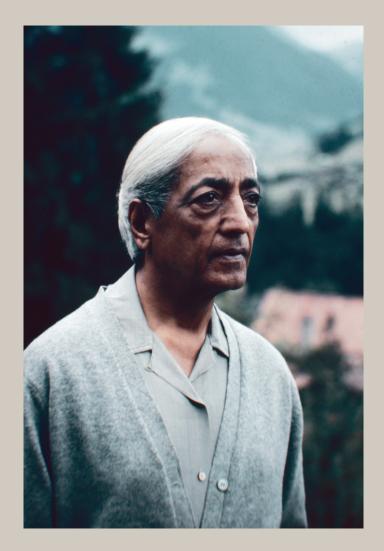
Another may point out the way, but you yourself must walk.



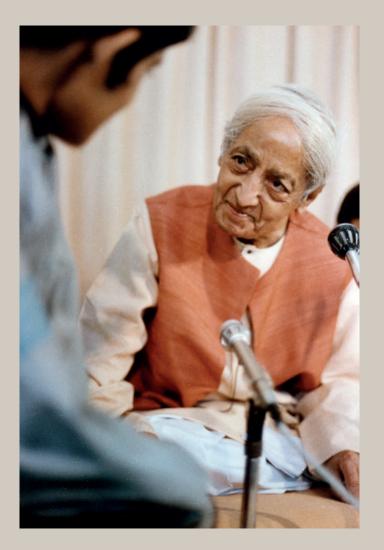
Understand the machine of the mind and not its noise.



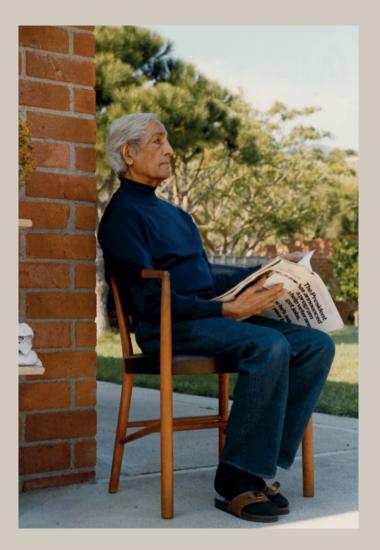
Caring is a part of that profound thing called love. It begins with the care of little things.



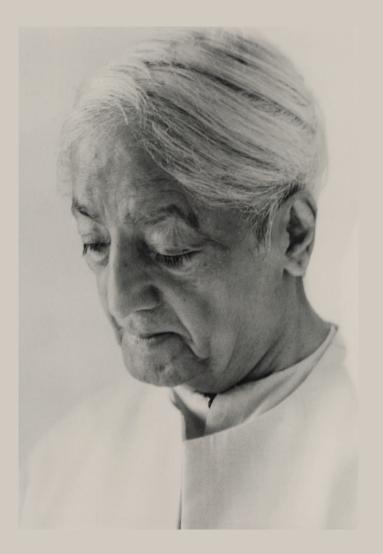
You are part of society; to affect the whole, the part must transform itself.



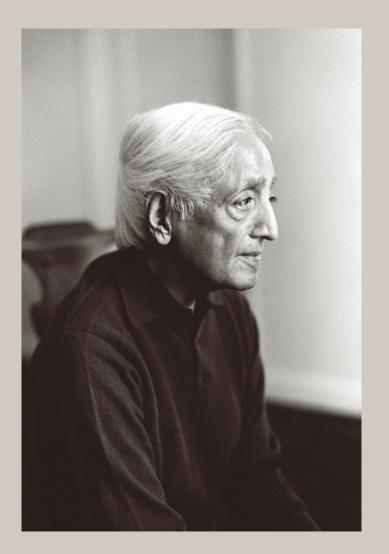
In love, there is no time, space or identity.



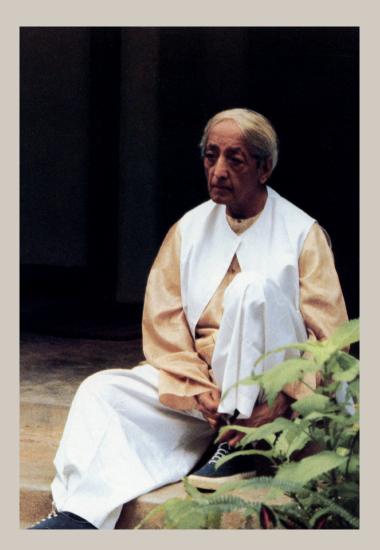
Our minds make little castles of security.



There is only one fact: impermanence.



Understanding is the light that dispels darkness.



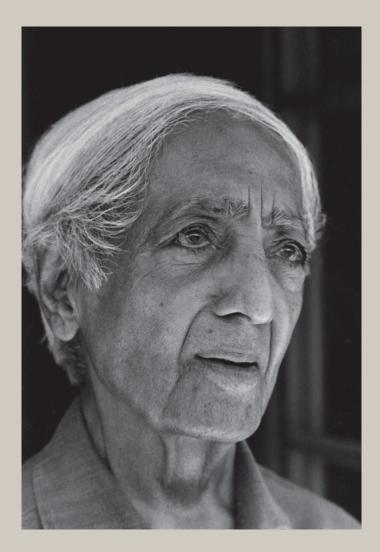
In attention, all distractions are, for there are no distractions.



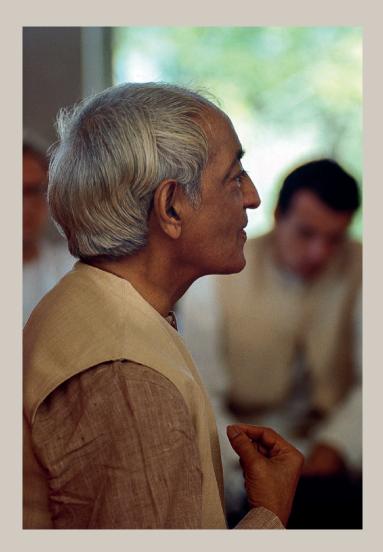
To see the truth as truth, and the false as false, is the greatest gift.



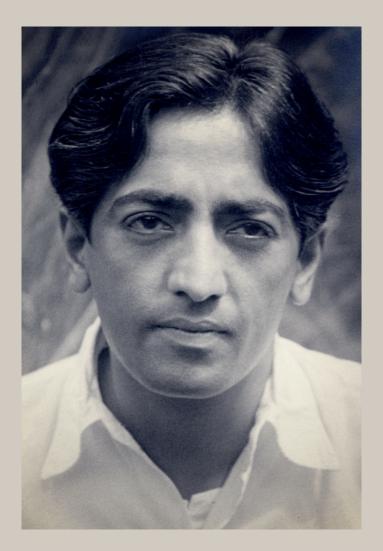
What is deeply and thoroughly understood will not repeat itself.



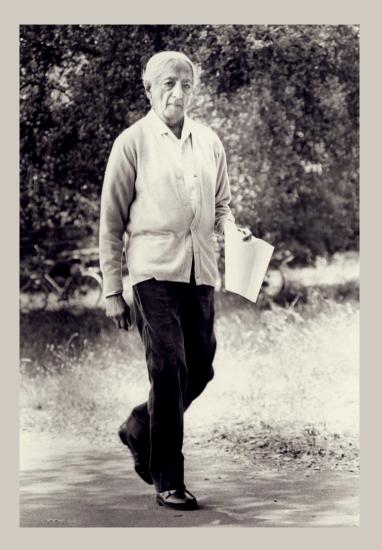
Order is the very essence of the universe.



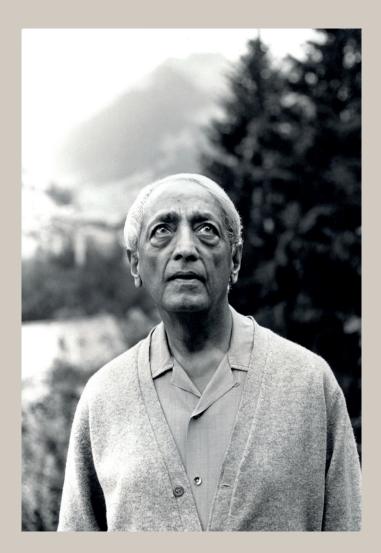
Inner riches are incorruptible; nothing can touch them for they have not been put together by the mind.



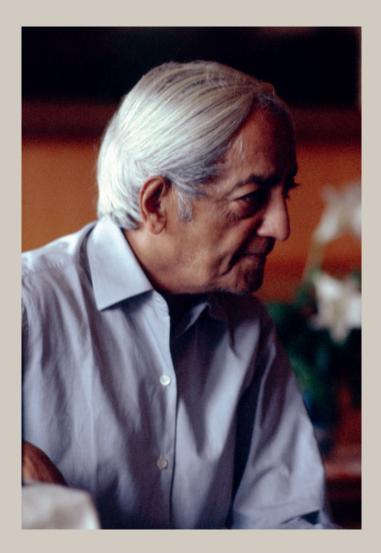
Death is destruction, final and absolute, and so is love.



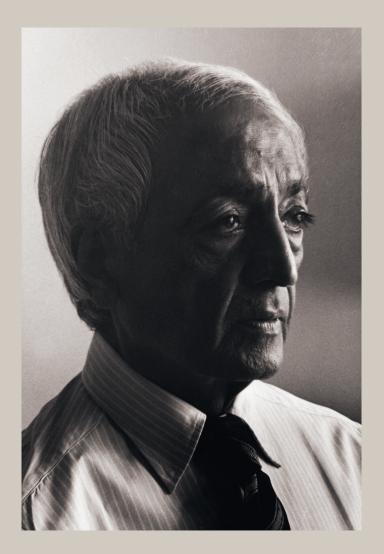
Freedom is to stand alone, unattached and unafraid.



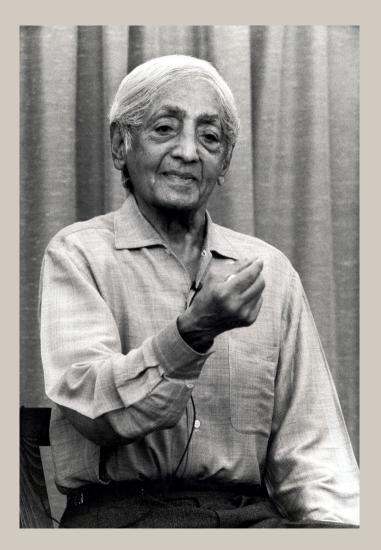
In deep solitude, in strange ways, one is related to all.



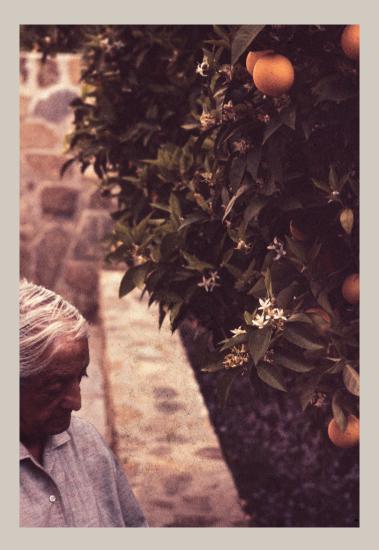
Intelligence is not separate from love.



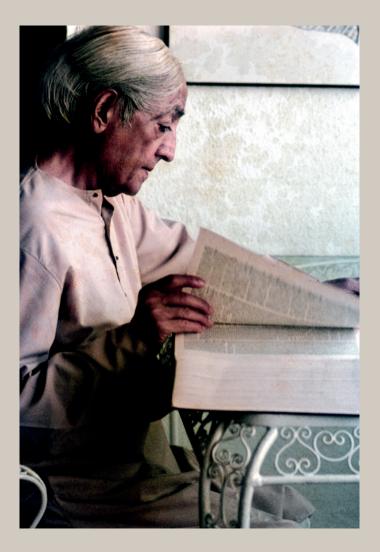
Meditation is the root, the plant, the flower and the fruit.



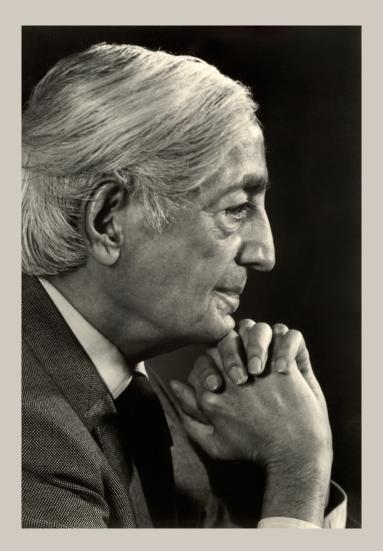
Love is the death of every minute, and each death is the renewing of love.



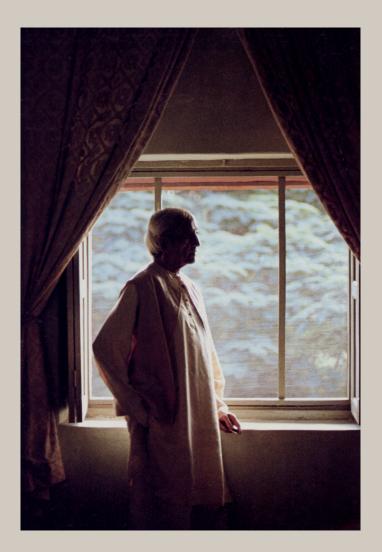
The flow of awareness leads to deep and still pools of wisdom.



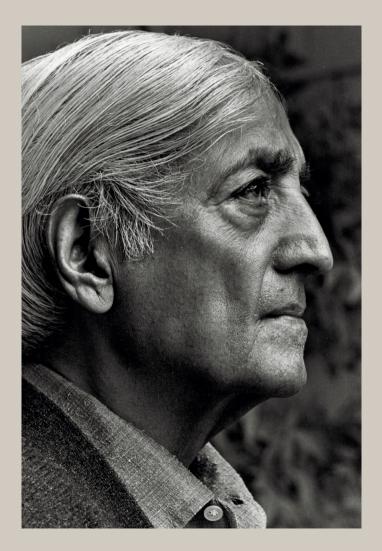
Reason is excellent, but it must transcend itself to know love.



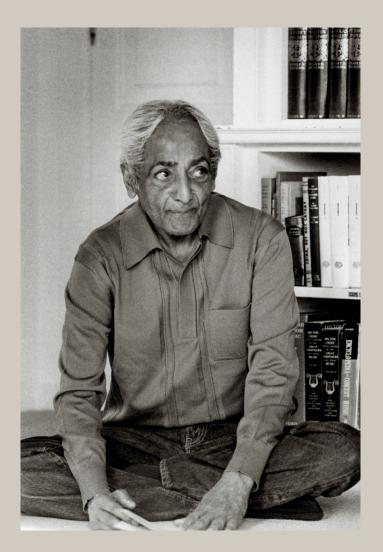
Your hurts are the hurts of thousands; you are the other.



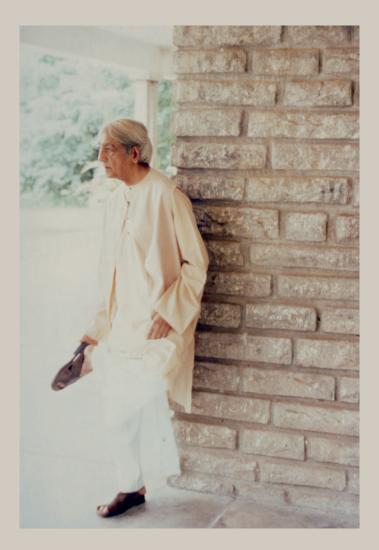
Meditation opens the door of time.



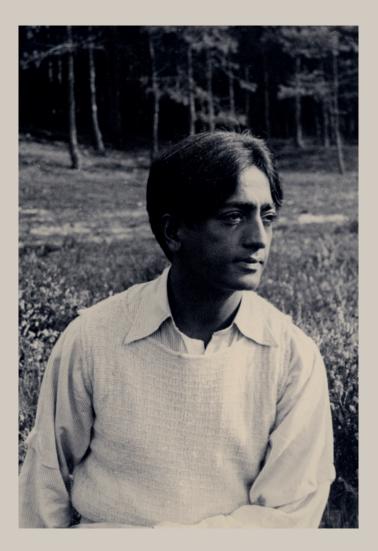
Don't be here too much; be so far away that even you cannot find yourself.



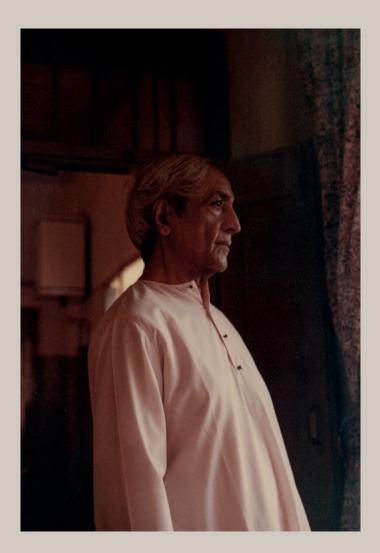
Love is the freedom from the known.



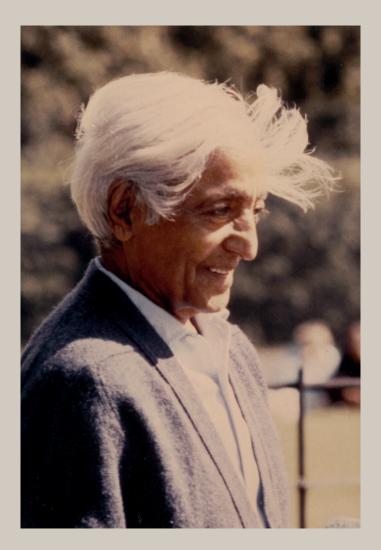
Time and thought are inseparable; put an end to one, and you put an end to the other.



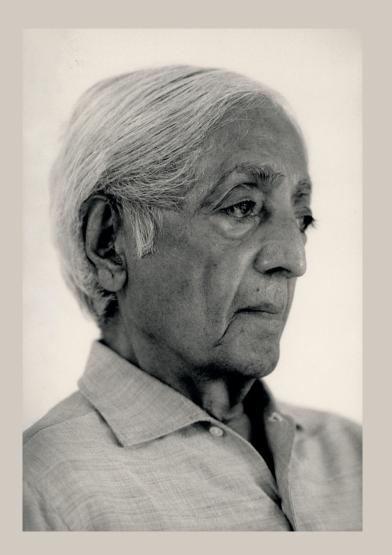
Meditate alone. Get lost. And don't try to remember where you have been.



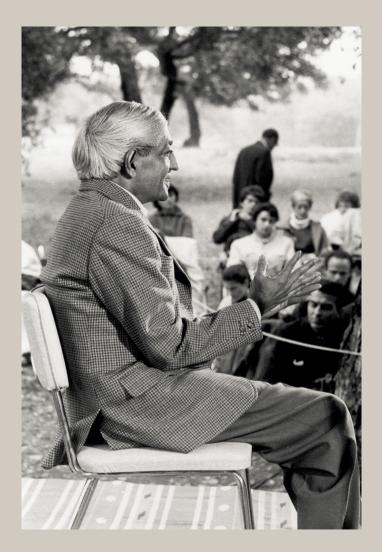
Silence is always now, as thought is not.



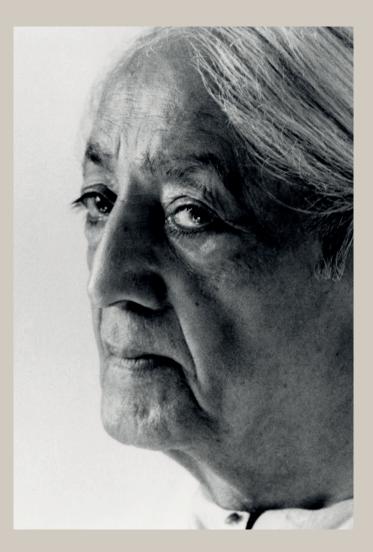
Love never strives after something; it does not try to make itself perfect. It is the flame without the smoke.



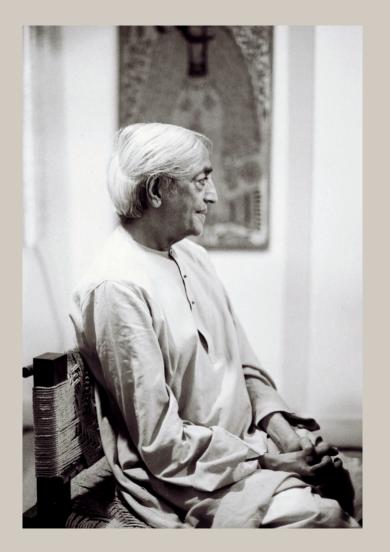
Stillness of the mind is freedom from duality.



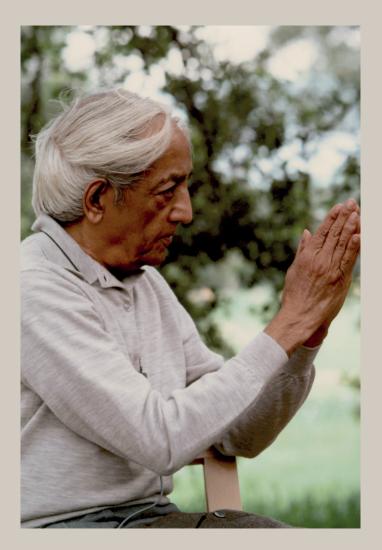
Let the seed of awareness bring forth its own fruit.



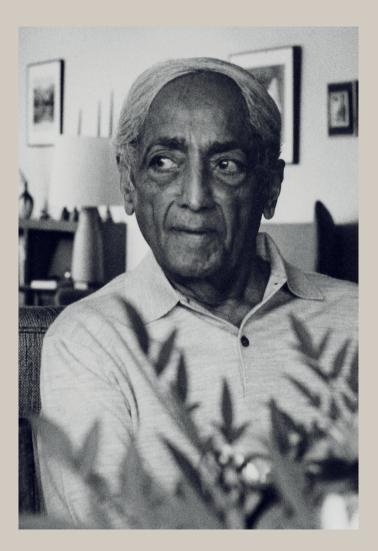
Meditation breaks down the frontiers of consciousness.



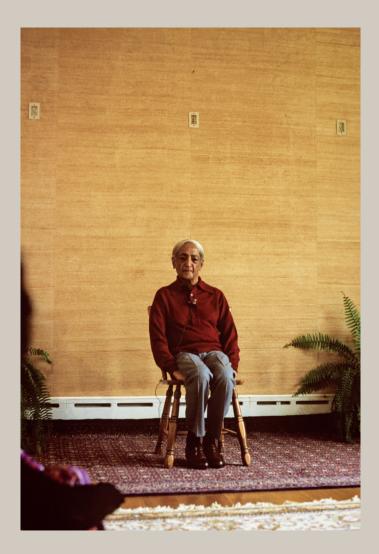
In the art of seeing lies the miracle of transformation.



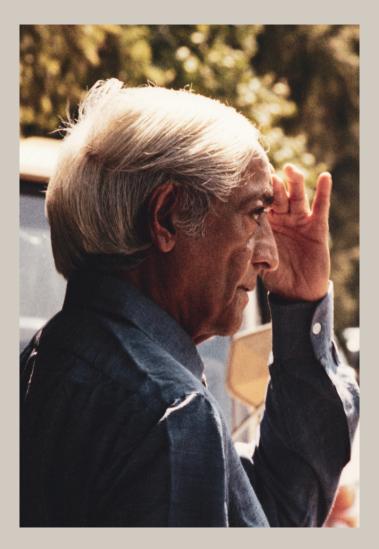
To be aware of inattention is to be attentive. Complete attention is love.



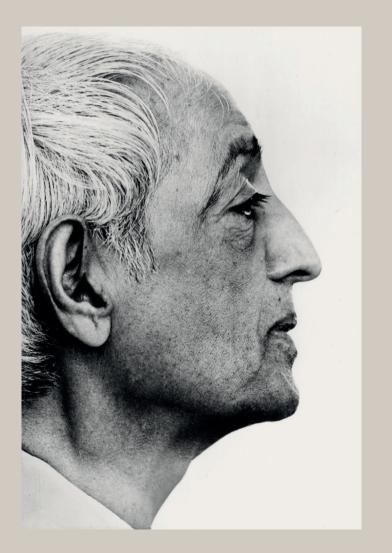
In the full present, the past has lost its burden.



Sit quietly without pressure. Eat without rushing. Be leisurely, yet precise. Be clear in your thinking, yet expansive.



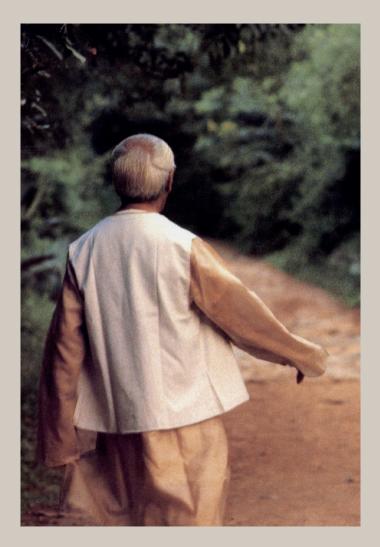
Every leaf and branch speaks of the joy of beauty.



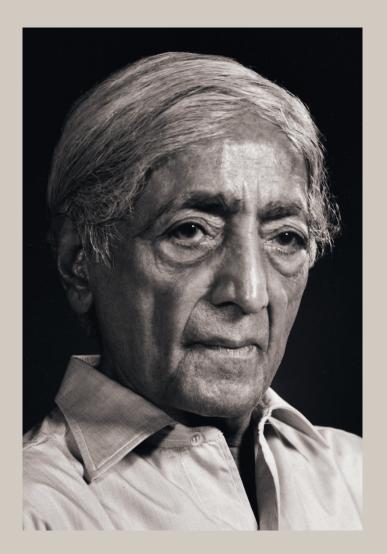
Love is never personal.



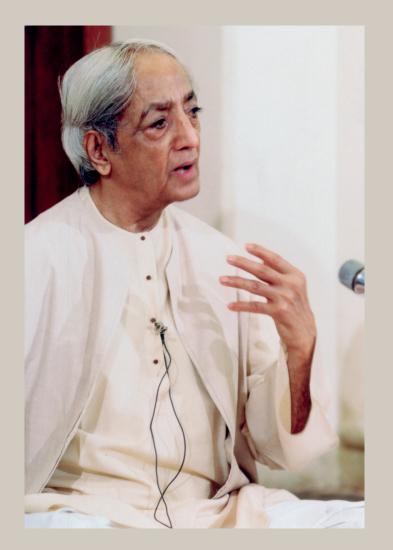
By watching and listening, one learns infinitely more than from any book.



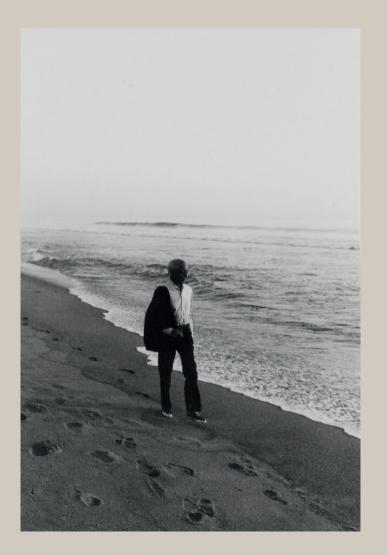
Except for the human beings, it was a new day; nothing was like yesterday.



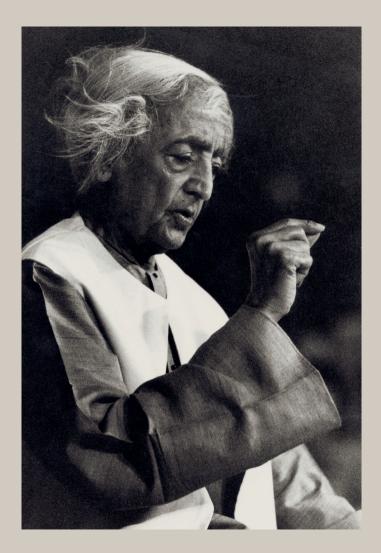
Be awake, aflame.



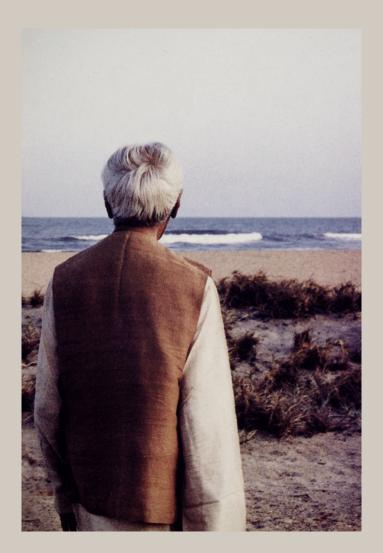
As each thought or feeling arises, think it out, feel it out, follow it through.



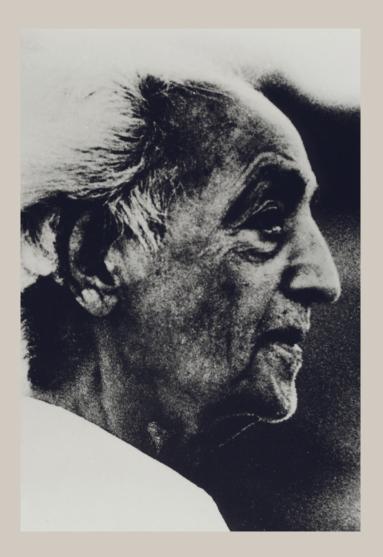
In the harmony of mind and heart is the realisation of the eternal.



The thunder of insight is one movement, not step by step. It is like a swift arrow.



Freedom is at the beginning, not at the end.



If you seek the highest, you will not find it; it may come to you if you are lucky – and luck is the open window of your heart.

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