

REALITY:  
STILL AND  
ACTIVE



An ever-active Mind within  
an ever-still Mind--that is  
the real truth, not only  
about God but also about  
man. *25.1.9*



Mind is  
primary  
being. It is  
mysteriously  
as still as it  
is self-  
active. 28.1.7

If we could penetrate to the deeper regions of personality, the deeper layer of consciousness, we would find at the core a state that is utterly paradoxical. For it combines, at one and the same time, the highest degree of dynamic being and the extreme degree of static being.

22.3.182





this entire creation is like a stage on which all these potencies of consciousness dance to the tune of time... it dances a dance drama known as the world-appearance. The lord who is the infinite consciousness is the silent but alert witness of this cosmic dance. He is non-different from the dancer and the dance.

*Yoga Vasishtha 37:*



... The World-Mind is hidden deep within our individual minds. The World-Idea begets all our knowledge.

**Whoever seeks aright finds the sacred stillness inside and the sacred activity in the universe.**  
(26.1.220)



When the masculine and feminine temperaments within us are united, completed, and balanced, ...are brought together inside the person and knowledge and reverence encircle them both, then wisdom begins to dawn in the soul. The ineffable reality and the mentalist universe are then understood to be non-different from one another. 25.2.120



St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare of Assisi  
ATTRIBUTED TO DI BODONE AND ASSISTANTS  
c. 1267-1337

Lao Tzu's *Tao Teh Ching* is a book of paradoxes. Yet it summarizes the highest wisdom, the Mystery behind the world, life, everything. It is the essence of yin and yang, the principle of polarization, the method of dialectics. 26.3.3

The first chapter of Lao Tzu's little book is the most important; but the last one is the strangest, for it deals with the paradox of existence. 15.3.43