



Natural Creativity Journey

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Chapter 9: Redefining Freedom Within the Creative Journey

This chapter belongs to the section called *The Pains of Freedom on the Way to Creativity*. In the previous session we opened the idea of creativity and expanded it into the emotional realm, understanding that our feelings are not just disturbances or weaknesses, but vital energy, living material, and even a compass that can guide our creative actions. We learned that emotions can serve as creative fuel and that ignoring them is like cutting ourselves off from the deepest source of our creative power. Now we move forward to redefine what freedom really means, within the ongoing journey of creative search.

When most people talk about freedom, they usually describe it as the absence of limitations. They say they want to be free from restrictions, free from interference, free from control. Yet, when they speak of freedom this way, they are still defining it in terms of what it is *not*. They speak of freedom as the opposite of captivity. But true freedom, creative freedom, is not about what is missing. It is about what is present. It is about connection, movement, and the courage to express what wants to be born from within.

When you ask a person what they would do if nothing stopped them, if no one blocked their way, most of them don't really know. They just know they don't want to be limited, but they cannot tell you where they would go or what they would create if they were completely free. Many people think of freedom as something external, something that will happen one day when their circumstances change. They imagine that when they retire, or when they finally have enough money, or when they have time, then they will be free to do what they love. Yet when that day comes, they often feel lost and even fall into depression, because they never cultivated a living relationship with their inner freedom.

We want to redefine freedom in a way that is much deeper, more mature, and more responsible. Freedom is not only the ability to remove constraints, it is the capacity to listen to your creative impulse and act upon it. True freedom equals creativity. To be free is to be creative. To be free is to be in dialogue with your passion, your intuition, your desire to shape life from within rather than just react to it.

A person who says, "I am free," but is disconnected from their creativity, is not truly free. They are in an invisible prison. It might be the prison of fear, the prison of

excessive self-criticism, the prison of obedience to social norms, or the prison of emotional repression. Many people live inside a society that defines for them what freedom is supposed to mean, and this definition often serves the system rather than the human soul. Society tells you that freedom means money, leisure, travel, or doing what everyone else calls success. But real freedom begins in the moment you listen to your inner voice and dare to act on it.

People often say, “I want financial freedom so I won’t have to worry about money anymore.” But that is not the core of freedom. If you are not free to be creative *now*, while life is unfolding, you will not be free even when the money arrives. True freedom cannot be postponed. It is not waiting for you in the future. It is something that can happen only now, in the living moment, when you choose to act in harmony with your creative nature.

Freedom is the living connection between your inner world and your outer expression. It is the moment when your inner fire flows into your actions, into your words, into your creations. Freedom means listening to intuition, expressing passion, daring to take creative risks, and allowing yourself to renew and change. It is a process of movement, not an outcome.

Freedom is not measured by distance or by the number of adventures you collect. You may travel to the Himalayas, meet a guru, walk across deserts, and still not know inner freedom. These experiences may enrich you, but freedom is not something you can find outside yourself. It is an internal work, a daily discipline of listening, choosing, and expressing. Freedom is a spiritual practice.

True freedom is experienced when you find yourself at a crossroads, a moment when you can either follow your inner creative impulse or ignore it. Each time you follow it, you strengthen your sense of freedom. Each time you turn away, you build the walls of your inner prison. Sometimes this happens in small choices, saying what you truly feel, beginning a new project, painting, dancing, taking a step that feels authentic but also risky. Every time you choose the creative way, even if it is frightening, you are walking toward freedom.

Freedom is not a gift that someone else can give you. It is an act of awareness that must be renewed again and again. Freedom requires courage, attention, and work, because the normal state of human consciousness tends to fall asleep in habits. It is so easy to drift into routine, to live by inertia, to accept normality as a kind of comfort zone. We forget how many crossroads we pass each day where life itself invites us to move differently, to express something new, to take the creative path instead of the predictable one.

Every time you listen to your inner passion, even when it feels uncertain, you reconnect with your vitality. You rediscover movement. You discover that freedom and creativity are two aspects of the same energy. When you create, you are free. And when you are truly free, you create.

Notice that in Hebrew the word for freedom, *hofesh*, comes from the same root as *heepus*, which means “search.” Freedom contains within it the essence of searching. The creative person is always searching, not in order to find something final, but in

order to stay alive within the process of searching. Searching itself is freedom, because when we search, we are open. The creative search keeps all inner channels alive. It keeps curiosity burning, emotions flowing, imagination awake.

You can think of painting, writing, dancing, composing, or simply dreaming, all of these are acts of searching. I add another color, and another, and I don't know where it will lead. I add another word to my story, another step to my dance. I am searching. And at some point, something reveals itself, and the search continues inside that revelation. That is creativity.

The beauty of art, and of life itself, does not depend on perfection. It depends on the authenticity of the movement. When you look at a painting created by someone who simply allowed their soul to celebrate on the canvas, not to impress, not to please, not to be coherent, but just to express, you feel freedom radiating from it. You feel the joy of the soul returning home through expression. That is true beauty.

Freedom, in this sense, is not a destination. It is a rhythm, a way of breathing, a way of thinking and being. Creativity is not a single project that begins and ends, it is a worldview, a way of living. It asks you every day, "Do you see the world through eyes of curiosity, through the freshness of questions, or through the rigid filters of certainty?"

To redefine freedom, we must also redefine creativity. Creativity is the ongoing search. And within that search, you find the path that allows you to keep searching. That path is uniquely yours. On that path, your emotions find their proper flow, and your creativity becomes the natural language of your inner freedom.

When you live like this, life becomes a dialogue between the known and the unknown, between form and movement, between the question and the answer. You are no longer trapped in the illusion that freedom is a permanent state. You understand that it is a dance, sometimes joyful, sometimes challenging, between your desire to create and your fear to act.

So, to live creatively is to redefine freedom every single day. It is to say: freedom is not outside of me, it is not in the future, it is not in someone else's permission. Freedom is my willingness to search, to feel, to create, to express, to live as if every moment offers me another invitation to be who I really am.

Self-Reflection Questions

(It is recommended to answer in writing)

1. What type of freedom do you feel is most missing in your life right now?
2. When your Kingdom of Creativity functions better than it does today, what new kind of freedom will enter your life?
3. What are the things you currently wish to explore through your Kingdom of Creativity?
4. Which creative paths have you not yet allowed yourself to explore or experience enough?

5. You are the CEO of your own life. Define your new freedom goals according to the path of growth and development that feels most authentic and suitable for you.