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Chapter 6

Search for challenges, this chapter explores the activation of thoughts in relation to our day to day lives. The first thing that caught my eye was us, humans being the “ Reactive” thinkers instead of active oo. This is something I can absolutely agree with, some of us go through our day to day lives and the thoughts that go through our minds are more of a reaction to the things around us. This can kind of make us dull and kill creativity over time, I believe time alone, quiet and away from the outside can give us space/room for us to think and further understand ourselves. The chapter continues to give helpful techniques and advice on how we can further combat these reactive states of living. Some of the techniques that stuck with me are the following, Noting your own dissatisfaction, noticing the colors of people's eyes, and merely asking yourself random questions that you should or should not know the answer to. These questions I believe make us more aware of our surroundings and help us focus on the curiosity and learning aspect of things. One topic that stuck with me is looking for imperfections in things. This is not based off of being unhappy with things but to look beyond comfort and feed in to curiosity because improvements can always be made in almost anything. As stated in the chapter “Some Productive thinkers and creative people have a keen sense of imperfection”, trying to find imperfections in things as simple as a book stand makes us think which is something needed in this world of reactive thinkers.

