

Rodin on "Dialogue with Delphi"

Purpose with Passion & Compassion- In Search for Happiness & a Flourishing Life- by Rodin JS Kumar.

Why I Wrote This Chapter, and What I Hope You'll Discover.

When I wrote *Dialogue with Delphi*, I wasn't merely imagining a genie or crafting a spiritual fantasy—I was reaching for something more intimate, more enduring: the moment in every human life when we are confronted by the voice within. The voice we often silence. The voice that asks us: *Who are you becoming? And why?*

Delphi is not meant to be understood only as a character. She is a symbol—a mirror, a guide, and a challenge. She is that flicker of wisdom that appears between ambition and exhaustion, between success and sorrow. She calls you "Yinyang" not because it's your name, but because it is your nature. You are, like all of us, a being of dualities—light and dark, outer and inner, desire and reflection.

I wanted this chapter to feel like a dialogue with destiny. One that strips away the noise of modern life—the endless scrolling, the constant striving—and asks the fundamental question: *What path are you walking?*

In the world today, we are told to chase the ephemeral—wealth, fame, beauty, applause. These are not inherently wrong. But these are incomplete. The other path—what Delphi calls the everlasting—is harder to see. It does not shine on magazine covers or trend on social media. But it nourishes the soul.

The tension between these two paths is not abstract—it's the quiet battle inside nearly every one of us. That's why Delphi

doesn't demand you reject one in favor of the other. Instead, she offers a more radical idea: integration. You can walk the world with passion *and* still turn inward with compassion. You can earn, achieve, build, lead, and still grow, reflect, question, and love.

What distinguishes this chapter from others is that it is not about explaining. It is about evoking. I wanted readers not just to understand philosophy, but to feel it, live it, speak to it as if it were alive inside them.

With this first chapter, opening with a dialogue, I wanted to offer more than ideas—I wanted to provide presence that would lead to a transformation, to a voice not from the outside, but already waiting within oneself. This chapter sets the tone for the entire journey, from analysis to embodiment, from ideas to dialogue. It is an invitation to the reader to set aside their intellect and begin listening with their heart.

By the end, Delphi doesn't vanish. She becomes part of you—your thought, your instinct, your deeper voice. She reminds you that your flourishing will not come from avoiding pain or mastering the world. It will come from how you *meet yourself* amid that pain, and how you choose to walk forward, again and again, with grace, even when grace feels far away.

So ask yourself:

- Who is your Delphi?
- What voice are you ignoring?
- And what part of you is still waiting to be seen, named, and lived?

That is the purpose of this chapter.

That is the beginning of your next one.

— *Rodin JS Kumar*

CLOSING REFLECTION:

“Flourishing is not found in avoiding hardship, but in what we become through it.” — *Delphi, to Yinyang.*

What is flourishing for *you*, and what invisible voice is calling you forward today?

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