

CHAPTER 3

THE EFFECTS OF MODERN CHANGE ON CREATIVITY

WE HAVE SEEN THAT the world is rough. We have seen that, as human beings, we have attributes that we must develop before they can be useful to us in dealing with this rough world. We also have seen that our ability to develop those attributes is nurtured by the recognition of those we already have accumulated. In other words, we are rewarded for our resourcefulness through showing what that resourcefulness has allowed us to accomplish.

This may seem to be an unfair arrangement on the surface. Yet you are a human being. As such, you are not just a passive existent. You are a thought-energy. It is natural that any recognition you receive must come from your ability to show that you are such a thought-energy. When you have more attributes than those you were given at the start—attributes that show you to be the individual, the existent that can see the world from a unique perspective and develop similarly unique solutions to offer to the world or some part of it—you will have earned the right to be recognized as a person of value, an important human being. This is because what you have was created by you, and because what you have exceeds by far what you had at the start, it means that your ability to create the energy that is you has value.

THE SECURE REALITY

On the surface, there seems to be a built-in paradox to this feedback system, one that allows you to get the strength you need to be creative