

### SOME LIFE INITIATION PROCESSES/KOANS

REALM	SEPARATION	ORDEAL	RETURN
Stanford	Problems with Freshman English and Novel classes. Fraternity rush barriers. Talk with Wilfred Stone.	Dropping in and out. Separating from perceived destiny. Letting go of dream of academic life.	Sense of completion after finishing LMT credential program at CSULB
Counterculture	Taking acid at Big Sur and the Acid Tests	Floating in and out of bands, trying to live basically without income 1965-1970.	Getting job as stagehand, Antioch documentation, developing life at Zen Center, work & family
Farm	Talking with Michael and leaving the first time. Being confronted by Stephen publicly the second time.	Hitching from the front gate to Florida. Sleeping at Jimmie Hale Rescue mission.	Coming home to LA, getting job as stagehand, etc. (same as Counterculture return).
ZCLA	Warehouse accident. Ankle & sciatic injury.	All the physical pain of all those years.	Figuring out that I could sit in a chair. Letting go of machismo.
Marriage	Encouraged by therapy group to let go of my hostility & resistance & surrender to my longing for relationship.	First 1-2 years of her pain and my anger	Development and healing of our relationship with time
Business	Layoff from Avnet	7 year struggle for regular income (1991-1998)	Getting job as teacher
Teacher	First days in classroom without training.	The ordeal at West Vernon. Being cut.	Getting job at West Vernon
ZCLA	Moving into the Zen Center	Trying to get Dharma Transmission for 28 years.	Opening up to larger view, beyond dependence on institutional approval.
Teacher	Jose Cruz incident	LAUSD administrative hearings struggle. Then the police report and legal battle.	Administrative hearing judge throwing out the case. Getting into LMT program