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The master was strolling in the mountains of Nan Zhen when a friend pointed out to the following trees on a nearby cliff and said, 'if in all the world, there are no principles outside the heart-mind, what do you say about these flowering trees, which blossom and drop their flowers on their own, deep in the mountains? What have they to do with my heart-mind?'

The master said, 'Before you looked at these flowers, they along with your heart-mind had reverted to a state of stillness. When you came and looked upon these flowers, their colours became clear. This shows these flowers are not outside your heart-mind.'

Wang Yangming, 1472-1529 quoted in Victoria S. Harrison, *Eastern Philosophy: The Basics*, London, Routledge, 2013, p. 172.

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