

### #30 *The Fox and the Mule*



*A fox saw a most remarkable bolt of lightning in the distance and exclaimed to his friend, the mule, “Look! Flash!” The mule replied with a condescending air, “I think you meant to say, ‘The LIGHTNING flashed’ - you see, your sentence needed both a subject and a predicate. And as a matter of course, it also needed a past tense, for the lightning has already done its deed.” The fox, content to keep watching, heard, but snubbed the correction. Then, upon seeing the next, even more spectacular bolt, cried out, “Flashing Fiery Branches! Did you see that?” “No,” confessed the mule, adding in a haughty tone, “but I did notice that at least this time, your exclamation did not use incorrect grammar.” The lightning subsided. As the fox turned to his friend, he defended himself in a more than slightly annoyed voice, “The way our schools teach us to separate everything into subjects and predicates is historically and in actuality incorrect. It often breaks up nature. That is wrong. Nature is actually an*

*indivisible whole. It is our arrogance that separates her into parts. And by the way, it is the same with tenses. There is no past or future, so the tenses are also whole.”*

*Feeling somewhat contrite, the mule apologized and admitted to entirely missing the lightning. He asked the fox to tell what he saw. “Why,” called out the fox, quite glad to finally be heard, “I saw that tree and bush and flower and fire and lightning are also one whole! It was like a VISION - as if the vegetation was a slowed down version of the lightning!”*

### ***Quickening***

*fire and lightning  
may appear  
separate from  
plants growing here*

*but see the branch and flower spread  
to full grown height from a single seed  
then quicken the vision inside your head  
till the scenery reaches terminal speed*

*trees and bush  
grass and stem  
are simply fire  
slowed down, then*

***PRESENCE LEADS TO VISIONS***