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- Realize some things
- Release some things
- Restore some things

### 2. Focusing on the Present (vs. 14)

- Examination
- Clarification
- Illumination

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