

Kahil gibran talking

AND then a scholar said, Speak of Talking.

And he answered, saying:

*You talk when you cease to be at peace
with your thoughts;*

*And when you can no longer dwell in the
solitude of your heart you live in your lips,
and sound is a diversion and a pastime.*

*And in much of your talking, thinking
is half murdered.*

*For thought is a bird of space, that in a
cage of words many indeed unfold its wings
but cannot fly.*

*There are those among you who seek the
talkative through fear of being alone.*

*The silence of aloneness reveals to their
eyes their naked selves and they would es-
cape.*

*And there are those who talk, and with-
out knowledge or forethought reveal a truth
which they themselves do not understand.*

*And there are those who have the truth
within them, but they tell it not in words.*

*In the bosom of such as these the spirit
dwells in rhythmic silence.*

*When you meet your friend on the road-
side or in the market place, let the spirit in
you move your lips and direct your tongue.*

*Let the voice within your voice speak to
the ear of his ear;*

*For his soul will keep the truth of your
heart as the taste of the wine is remembered
When the colour is forgotten and the
vessel is no more.*

