# **"Two Kinds of Intelligence" by** [**Rumi**](https://allpoetry.com/Mewlana-Jalaluddin-Rumi)

There are two kinds of intelligence: one acquired,  
 as a child in school memorizes facts and concepts  
 from books and from what the teacher says,  
 collecting information from the traditional sciences  
 as well as from the new sciences.  
  
 With such intelligence you rise in the world.  
 You get ranked ahead or behind others  
 in regard to your competence in retaining  
 information. You stroll with this intelligence  
 in and out of fields of knowledge, getting always more  
 marks on your preserving tablets.  
  
 There is another kind of tablet, one  
 already completed and preserved inside you.  
 A spring overflowing its springbox. A freshness  
 in the center of the chest. This other intelligence  
 does not turn yellow or stagnate. It's fluid,  
 and it doesn't move from outside to inside  
 through conduits of plumbing-learning.  
  
 This second knowing is a fountainhead  
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