

INBETWEENNESS: WHAT IS IT? 2

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Nothing independently exists. We think in terms of relationship. We are in relationship. This is what in physics is currently called entanglement. This is what in philosophy is currently called intersubjectivity which reaches out to other things. Nothing exists by itself. That which exists is an unbroken wholeness. This unbroken wholeness is a pattern of wholeness, of matter and energy, *Movement and Vibration*. This is a dimension where each is the other.

Mystics of each religion identify religious experience with the ideas and figures of their respective cultures. They also offer different interpretations of their experience to a reality beyond experience. This points to a distinction between the religious experience itself and the interpretation of that experience. Following out this thought one could ask whether religious experiences are necessarily experiences of God. In Buddhism and in Taoism there is no idea of a personal God who creates the universe and to whom one can pray. In Hinduism there are interpretations of Brahman which, identify it with a personal God and those who do not. For this reason *Inbetweenness* is pure spirituality, it is The Indivisible Whole:

There is something in life that connects us all. That would be spirit, although it may be described by people of different cultures in significantly different ways. Regardless, it exists, it is, it happens. This sense of what might first be felt as *simpatico*, as commonalities, as something that is understood and felt rather than cognitively analyzed and deduced indicates that it is something basic, grounding and life affirming in its ability to be inclusive rather than exclusive. It enjoins in freedom and conjoins in love. It is *Inbetweenness*.¹

Inbetweenness cuts across and goes beyond all religions. It is the *Cosmic Connection of it All*, pure spirituality. It is *Movement and Vibration*, *Spontaneity*, *Constant Change* and *Participatory*.

To resolve social difficulties one must first resolve them within oneself. After following out this path it can be understood how one's own liberation would, when taken into relationships shared with others, resolve conflict. When two or more persons who have discovered personal freedom and found true understanding are together, then there is true cooperation *Inbetween* them. There is no competition, no conflicting belief systems, no conflicting religious systems, no conflicting social systems, no conflicting political systems. True cooperation

means to be nothing together. It is liberation that arises from *Inbetweenness*. Truly being together, without striving to transform, modify, avoid or suppress *what is*, engenders a unifying, wholistic and harmonious vibration of care to emerge. From *Inbetweenness* flows creativity at its finest which truly frees human beings. Indeed then *we are all our relationships*.²

If this thought is given credence it leads to living in the service of humanity, without self-interest, then the way in which other persons are perceived and valued are permanently changed. For if one is living for others rather than for oneself, then the quality of the relationship shared *Inbetween* persons is one of freedom, the true expression of liberty.

To pursue in a deeper way just how intersubjectivity, the interpersonal realm of coexistence might best be understood when considering relationships of human beings in this spiritual dimension we call this *Inbetweenness*.

From this philosophical view the possibilities for peace begin in the deepest inner sense of each person. Its proliferation can be enhanced through engendering interpersonal relationships based on openness and disposability. In this way, being peaceful is brought into interpersonal relations. But in order to realize peace *Inbetween* persons those involved must first learn to live in Truth, in thought, in speech, in action. These qualities of human existence, when accompanied by the practice of true compassion and humility are accelerators of the transformation of human consciousness. This is one way by which being peaceful can emerge and flourish.

Notes

- 1) Sunnie D. Kidd, "*Inbetweenness: What is it?*" (superdirector.com 2003); (inbetweenness.com 2006). This article was published after Sunnie's passing in 2002.
- 2) Sunnie D. Kidd, *Inbetweenness: The Cosmic Connection*, Unpublished Manuscript, 1980, pp. 108-109.