

Imposed order and dogmatism within the spontaneity of Natural order:

This article is about differentiating between living and existing within a paradigm or idea, and letting go of this to simply see what happens, sensing and realizing that the notion of instinctive-intuitive response, forming that which we see in nature, is natural order.

Natural order looks very “chaotic”, from the perspective of the imposed-structure world view. (Examples of this are touched on in other articles: politics, economics, health and healing etc.) Chaos, or anarchy, when considered from the perspective of a world-view of imposed order and non-spontaneity, is seen as something which is “dangerous”. However it underpins everything. When we use the words “should”, “could” or “might”, we are based in the rules and regulations of social conformity, conventions and traditions. These are problematic as they imply dogmatism. This doesn’t have to be religious dogmatism, or philosophies like Newtonian science and materialism, but it often is because organized religions etc., have much of the ideology previously mentioned. All of these are to do fundamentally with the idea of separation and the individual as a “real” thing, which it isn’t, but this is rarely seen. Rene Magritte brilliantly depicts the hallucinogenic effect of the “knowledge” of separation in his very realist (Magritte said he was a “realist”, rather than a “sur-realist”: he drew what really was happening) depiction of what he calls “The Son of Man”: the bite of the apple of mind here sending humans into an attached-to and imagined world of “self”-image and separation, the apple, not really fit for human consumption, a toxin that diffracts the senses:-



Natural order comes about naturally, it cannot be forced or imposed from the outside. It doesn’t have any rhyme or reason from the “imposed-order” point of view, it has no logical stance, from this perspective, that can be clarified and differentiated. As such it is very disconcerting for people who are attempting to “get there”, because there is nothing to get, there is nothing to find and seeking renders no reward. When this process of

seeking stops naturally, either seeking reaches a maximal point of tension and collapses in on itself, usually in an acute situation or by the idea of self gradually dissolving away like a stone on the beach, there is a dissolution, a letting-go or a contextualization of what the *idea* of separation is, merely being that, an *idea*, a wisp of smoke, a cloud in the sky. Then the cloud is accepted - the sky is seen, there is no contention.

The process of change is spontaneous, as with everything in nature: the ripening of a fruit that falls down to the earth, the dropping of a leaf from a tree, a flower opening, or the process of rotting down of leaves to make soil. All of these processes are equivalent, none better than any other, none of them an “improvement”, merely things occurring spontaneously at the point of time in which they can do so.

So how does knowing this help? If we are in the state of separation and enforced order which associates with hierarchy, or structuralism of any kind that is imposed, processes and ways of thinking that are about a “you” vs a “me”, we always look at things as if we can achieve them or do them. Nature, however, doesn’t have the human ideology of “time” - things occur when they are ready to. So the nature of this process could be seen like any situation of nature, a plant growing or dying, any part of the cycle of nature - any attempt to make this cycle occur quicker or “more profoundly” will not work. It is simply what it is, no amount of structuralism applied on top of the process will affect it, other than it will impede the process for a while, energy will be built up behind the process of impeding, and then at some point the dam will burst and the energy will flow, so balance is always maintained. The nature of it is never to do with anything imposed. No amount of “doing good deeds” or applying oneself or “polishing” oneself has any effect whatsoever, other than to re-enforce the idea that one is “doing it right” - another illusion to see through. When eventually this process comes to an end, which it always does, there is a letting-go, a dissolving, an allowance. This then brings about the knowing of what there is, as it is. There is nothing therefore one can “do” about any of this, waiting for something is also “doing”, just as meditation for 30 minutes a day is doing, in another way, or being a financier organizing a large business deal. These too are other forms of doing, all are doing. When there isn’t any of this process of “doing” or feeling the requirement to achieve, then there is an end to the seeking process and this feeling come about naturally. At this point there is simply a move to going towards that which one likes to do, going towards that which one is; it becomes an unrestricted expression of the human-animal. From Zen the phrase: *The obstacle is the path*, is appropriate here, meaning when you are walking the path, any path, there is an “attempting”, a pushing against what is.

There is a Zen proverb:

“No snowflake ever falls in the wrong place.”

It seems obvious enough but when we consider it, it is an expression of realization of natural spontaneity and natural undirected expression. When understanding comes of this, we see that nature, order and spontaneity all come at once. Things find their right “level” in life. This is not a hierarchy of power but a construction of a natural expression. There

is no tension held, based on “self”-image, for this is seen through. In natural relationships, people come together because there is a magnetic pull towards each other. When a leader takes his or her place, it is because he/she naturally feels that they lead; there is no attempt to command or attempt to get a person to obey or follow. There is just, by nature, a natural charisma of one and a want by some others to follow. There is no attempt to pursue a “master” to see if they have a “secret” or “store of power” that is accessible through certain routes, or a disguising control behind ambivalent tactics, no manipulation, no requirement for power. There is no contention, not by ideology but in reality; those who follow, by natural inclination, do this as if it were a magnetic pull. Those who follow may also lead others those who lead may follow others but there is no hierarchy; it is all an energetic interplay, a circle. There is no “service”, the one for the other, it is all pieces of a whole picture that interact as a whole, beyond the sum of its seeming parts.

Imposed order always leads to constriction and tension, resistance, the imposer of mind focusing, applied to the body or in a tyrannical situation of “me” vs. “you” and there will be a imposition of one thing over another, a belief that you are “improving” or “getting somewhere”. However, the natural cycle keeps on moving, what is held down and restricted will always come back up, what is expanded and over-extended will always come back down. Natural balance allows for a constant neutralization of these factors, hence within Oneness is held all such phenomena of seeming separateness. Its effect or idea of a real “self” is like a stone in the seas of life. It is worn away, day by day, and gradually it is utterly changed, and it is so through no effort in and of itself.

When we are considering the nature of Oneness it includes all things. It includes the nature of imposed order and dogmatism, and as such it is not in contention with them, but these things will also have their time and nature will dissolve them and re-make them.

There is nothing to do here, no path to go down, the path itself being the obstacle, the obstacle itself not being a problem. When none of the methods work, it always comes down to a situation of seeing this and accepting it simply as it is, for within this is natural order, spontaneity and freedom from the known, it is the way of the majority. The minority, the small foreground of ideas, is the one that keeps us in the belief that the mind itself can unravel its own dilemma.

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