

The end of relating: The non-transactional nature of reality.

We always believe that relationship has to do with at least one other, something that is separate from “me” that “I” am “relating to”. However this notion or felt-state is a resistance to the true nature of reality. There is always a seeming separateness but this is actually merely the surface of what is going on, Oneness in fact is implicit.

This deeply changes any so-called relationship we might have. Even “we” here is a problematic word but please forgive the conventions of writing. A process of transaction is always perceived to occur and transaction is one of the mainstays of our ideology about relationship. It's an “I'll scratch your back if you'll scratch mine” type mentality with an inbuilt assumption that this is what goes on in wild-nature, but actually this is only the human perception of what goes on in the wild. In fact there is no transaction in nature. There is no nectar “made for bees” or ants that “tend plants” and get sweet sap from it “as a reward”. Nature is simply not like this, all of these are anthropomorphic ideologies wherein the human being is applying human “self” to nature and are a total misperception of everything.

In fact nature is completely free, it is expressing everything without regard for what will happen next, without interest in “future-based thinking, and this also applies to the squirrel who hides acorns in the winter-time, he's doing that in the moment, based on temperature change, not because he's building an insurance policy! The point is that nature is just an explosion of life happening, it's not teaching, it's not even “evolving” or “devolving” it's just expressing uncontrollably *for no reason*. This is often very difficult for humans to realize because we are seeking for meaning everywhere in everything, in hopes of finding a solution to feeling separate.

As such there is a certain ridiculousness to the idea that people in relationship to one another “share” or even the “connect”, for what is there to connect? What is broken which then requires coming back together again, in fact it is not even connection although this is often a word we use to describe something we feel. I have spoken about “Love” many times in these articles, it is a word now loaded high with idealism and in fact very often acts as a contraceptive for actual connection, interestingly expressed here in this excerpt of Frank Sinatra's classic:

“Something Stupid”

*“ The time is right
Your perfume fills my head
The stars get red
And oh the night's so blue
And then I go and spoil it all
By saying something stupid
Like I love you
'I love you...' ”*

And it *really* is “stupid” or rather purely mad..... and this way of thinking is also assumed to be an all a man-thing. Just as women berate men for a lack of intimacy, so men berate women for a lack of impersonal perspective, and so it goes on. Actually the two are one.

There is no contract for relating, it isn't about entrapment and control, or dismissal and rejection...none of these is actually real. Nature is already at One, it isn't at two. So there can never be anything called a relationship, this idea is purely fictional. Attraction and repulsion are occurring within the same singular energetic field. The problem is that when the "self" develops it wants to break everything down into parts, so "me" and "you" are deeply separate and dissonant, far apart from one another. But if "me" doesn't in fact exist then what is going on is without anyone's direction, it is completely without a leading head...anarchic. (See the Headless-state as expressed by Douglas Harding <http://www.headless.org>).

In regard to so-called "relationship" the impossibility of separateness of "me" and "you", causes a great deal of difficulty if actually looked into with an interest rather than dismissing it point-blank because it doesn't fit in with what you're used to. When there is a natural opening to nature in all its true expression, there is an opening to the natural human and the reality in this moment of what nature is through the human body, not the imaginary ideology of "what it would be like if...". Looking into the possibility of relationship as being purely fiction can overturn millennia of ideology about how society is formed and run and based on transaction.

Transactional relationships fundamentally don't work, (I won't go into the psychological method called "transactional analysis"). The basis of transaction is unnatural, it isn't about making something "fair" because nature has no judge or jury, judgment is all within "self". Nature is not "cruel" and "red in tooth and claw", there is no "selfish-gene" as some would like to think as it verifies the "me", it is actually uncompromisingly as it is, neither poles of "fair-nice" or "unfair-ruthless". In between these expressions is the "narrow path" or "middle way" which in fact is neither a "way" nor a "path", but simply that the "self" can't see as judgment gets in the way.

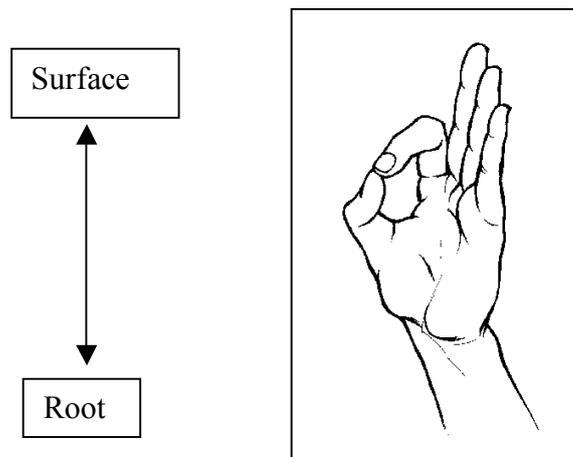
It is now common place for women to feel that sexual connection is something they "own" and can give out in return for "good behaviour", it is seen as a power and control factor for men. Here the role for men is seen to be about doing her bidding in order to ultimately "get what they want". Being sexual has connotations with performance targets, where it's all about "how many orgasms can I get" or "how good you are in bed" or how "bad". The whole thing is about a transaction between "giver" and "receiver". A "good" lover is presumed to make a partner feel pleased, he/she gives and receives proportionally, and a "bad" lover won't, it is assumed they are "selfish". But nature has no parameters, it sees behind the notion of "good" and "bad". Then all there is, is natural Oneness and in this there is relaxedness, which means an in-love-ness without condition. This is the only kind of love there is, not "with a person" but with everything. Love is all *and* nothing, it's non-specific.

Medicine is also based on transaction that forms hierarchy, control and power where the patient and the practitioner have roles that are played out in order to "heal". However in neither of the cases above is there a performance, no actor versus the audience, they are utterly one, nature is living through everything and therefore the ideology of relationship is impossible. Nature just happens, both sexually and without sexuality, it happens when people seem close and when people seem far. It doesn't actually have anything to do with a "me" and a "you", it is very irritating and upsetting when we believe it does because our expectation is for something else.

People in the Western world are often regarded as utterly mad by people in many indigenous societies, *especially* in regard to relationship. (please read the brilliant and vital “Sex at Dawn”: <http://www.sexatdawn.com/>) Often the Western person investigating the tribe is met with total disbelief at their misunderstanding of the nature of relationship. In these tribes men are usually seen as exactly expressive of what they are naturally. There is a total acceptance of the nature of the masculine energy as that which by nature “seeds” many partners in a lifetime. Tribal women have a complete understanding of this. The masculine energy is accepted and known to be beautiful and celebrated by the whole tribe. Equally the female and her central expression as the creator is also accepted and seen as perfect. Her requirement to be protected, to be powerfully passionate and to be seen, are all part of the cultural understanding.

While there is still warped-ness in those indigenous societies, i.e. still ideologies of “me” versus “you”, it is to a far lesser extent and without the intensity that it occurs in the Western world. The Sufis say on meeting someone: “I am you rendering ridiculous anything that comes after this statement which are about love, sacrifice, ideologies of transaction, “me”, “you” and the whole nine-yards, it debunks the whole thing in one shot.

Wilhelm Reich pointed out that healing is not about the hierarchal power of the healer, it occurs at the *point of contact*, this concerns the basis of all the ancient medicine that has ever existed - the nature of the medicine is not to do with the practitioner or the patient, but with the nature of healing touch that occurs purely naturally at the right time. The healer is simply a finger of the hand of nature that is naturally that, not by role or ideology but by nature. The patient is just another finger, by nature at that moment in time, and the roles could alter at any point. It’s actually *one* thing happening, like an index finger and a thumb joining, so they are one at the palm but then they connect again on the surface also. This is often why fingers are joined in the various mudra’s of ancient India, it is a symbolic depiction of Oneness on the surface (fingers) reflecting the root:-



As always with medicine, and indeed with everything else, there is no process of getting better, or understanding more, or of “self-development”, the nature of healing is always about the occurrence of a dropping away or a letting go, a dissolving or

unravelling, or a bubble bursting. It is *never* the situation of something being added-on, but always the revealing of something that was originally hidden. The same is true for the nature of so-called “relationships”. There is a longing for the “other”, who in fact never left.

Please see the vital clarity of Tony Parsons <http://www.theopensecret.com>

Also please see the work of genius 2012 film “A Caretaker’s Tale” by Danish director Katrine Wiedemann (<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2429638/>) which completely dislodges the ideology of the common understanding of sex, love and relationship by presenting the child’s view. This for some disturbing and for others brilliant depiction completely shatters the illusion.

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