

Parallel Universe

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I saw myself in a parallel universe the other day searching for something I hadn't lost. It seems I possessed what my mirror-self had lost -- very disconcerting!



It became apparent that I was the source of all 'my' own frustration and vexation or rather, the other's discomfort and agitation. But I couldn't help or reach 'him' though I could see clearly and feel 'his' anguish.

I tried to scream through the membrane that separated us to re-assure myself that neither of us need be perplexed at what the other mistakenly imagined he had lost. Yet I was in full possession of what the other lacked -- very disturbing!

I became frantic watching myself searching and panicking, it seems that 'being' had been misplaced, somewhere!

It then became apparent that I was the 'being' the other had lost and the other was searching for himself, which would explain why my frantic screams were silent; I was the incorporeal aspect of myself -- I could make no impression on anything.

I became desperate in my attempts to reach and re-assure myself that I had not lost myself or the being the 'other' lacked!

The membrane that separated us was perfectly pliable but impenetrable; at times it completely enveloped me like a second skin as I frantically tried to push through it and reach the 'other' side of myself!

After many fruitless attempts to reach the 'other' side I concluded there was nothing I could do but watch myself frantically searching.

I watched myself working, marrying, rearing a family, doing all the things that men do searching for their 'being' – how I yearned to re-assure myself that all these efforts were futile; that being required nothing other than itself!

There was nothing I could do to assist myself or re-assure myself that nothing had been lost or was lacking.

So I turned and ceased all attempts to reach myself; I resisted the impulse to observe my 'other' – immediately I came to myself! The warp closed and the universe became ONE again.

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