

## The Non-Existence of Being

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( a prose poem)

it's a form of obsession with humankind,  
being and non-being,  
"to Be or not to be," is indeed the question  
that has challenged humankind since creation.

subject (or object) to scrutiny,  
being reveals the most voluptuous 'things',  
however, the most rarefied  
states issue from non-being

humans instinctively seek Truth and  
the primordial principle from  
which all life/existence sprang;  
and if we are fortunate enough to discover it  
we realise that it resides in non-being,  
which state alone is subject only to itself  
and is best expressed as, 'I am That I Am'

the self-created original is not subject  
to anything unlike its creation  
which is subject to it --  
all the dimensions and multifarious forms  
it creates or rather, emanate from it,  
are illusory as they constitute a diverse plurality  
not of the character of  
ONE infinite singularity;  
plurality in short is a trick designed to ensnare  
with all its attractions and alluring temptations

and so we have infinite,  
self-created being/continuum  
and an illusory finite world of beginnings  
and endings

we have a vague inaccessible memory of our inception  
it haunts us until we are forced through circumstance,  
disappointment and hardship to seek the constancy  
of something beyond us

the question arises, how do we as finite beings  
apprehend the infinite, immutable constant?

simple,  
by tracing our consciousness back to its source,  
as nothing is separate from the living principle,  
we are able to realise who we are  
and our purpose in life

unsurprisingly much has been written  
about this mysterious source throughout the ages,  
why are we not surprised?  
we are sentient created beings  
and seek that which created us  
and answers to life's enduring questions

now consider that the desire to know is innate therefore  
common to all and that throughout human history  
many have pondered and inquired into the great mysteries  
and the meaning of life

an ancient Hindu holy text begins:

"I am Life; The Life of all lives.  
Adore Me who am Life."

and as we know from a modicum  
of theological knowledge the above sentiment/claim  
is shared by almost all the religions;  
we are also informed by various people  
from divergent cultures and historical periods  
that we have direct access  
to that source of Life

and so the mystery and meaning of our lives is accessible  
to those that pursue truth to the end

in order to approach a condition of continuous becoming,  
which is the character of infinity,  
we must adopt a condition that is compatible  
and as thought is finite, which is the polar opposite  
of infinity, thought (conceptualisation) must be abandoned  
if we wish to apprehend truth or infinity

we learn from Zen Buddhism:

"sitting quietly doing nothing,  
spring comes and the grass grows by itself"

which means do not fuss mentally  
as realising truth is Perfectly natural  
as is our direct and continuous connection to it.

the cessation of thought, which is composed of

cultural signs, images and symbols,  
eliminates the greatest barrier to understanding  
which is our false notion of a separate identity  
that defines us as unique in a pluralistic world

our bodies are born therefore must die  
yet something (primal memory) informs us there's more,  
something that survives and continues  
after physical death --  
every culture believes in some sort of afterlife  
and that is no coincidence  
as we 'die' to our bodies regularly during sleep  
yet remain confident that we continue to exist

we are in essence pure consciousness,  
which state does not necessarily involve  
thought; an empty or clear consciousness  
becomes aware of itself and its source,  
the seemingly endless process of thought  
is culturally derived and with practice is able to be subdued.  
Descartes unfortunately got it very wrong  
when he attributed thought  
as a condition of being/identity, "I think therefore I am"  
is erroneous as Being is not subject to thought,  
which assertion is 'easily' verified by anyone willing  
to subdue the incessant train of thought

Descartes' thought-based extremely limited identity  
is a very poor substitute for unconditional  
(self) awareness of the infinite process of Creation.

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