

INBETWEENNESS THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION OF IT ALL

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The particular reason for this title is to present the thought first and foremost that *Inbetweenness* is the cosmic connection of it all. This unveils and reveals that there is meaning of it all. Each religion is a path to pure spirituality. *Inbetweenness* is a way of describing that. *Inbetweenness* as Sunnie D. Kidd elucidated it is movement and vibration. Everything in our current world is movement and vibration. Let me if you please, put it this way the four symbols point toward something other than itself.

Each religion talks about that which is beyond and each presents an interpretation of it. Each is a view. *Inbetweenness* is not a view, it is. The four symbols representing religions are empty of self-existence.

Sunnie succinctly puts this issue to clarity:

We can now ask whether it is ever possible to distinguish experience from the interpretation of it. If not, it is unclear how any experience can be said to be self-assuring. The idea that the religious experience is independent of any interpretation of it can lead to the claim that there is an underlying unity of all religions, that different religions are simply different forms of truth. If religious experience is itself universal and independent of any particular religion's interpretation of it, then not all religions are derived from the same experience but point to a dimension of existence which is beyond religion itself. This is the spiritual realm of *Inbetweenness*. The spiritual is the fundamental ground of religion and each religion is a different form of it.¹

A commonality flows through religions. It is acknowledged that a reality exists and is basic to the ordinary world. This reality is viewed in various ways: it transcends; it infuses; it is identical with the ordinary world. Each religion points to a spiritual reality that exists. This reality is called: God; Spirit; That which created the universe; The Being of being; That which supports and sustains; Emptiness.

Each religion would say that the spiritual dimension gives meaning and purpose and truth to life. Each religion connects each person to this

reality. The Christians call it soul; The Jewish call it the divine spark within; Indians call it Atman; The Buddhists call it Buddha nature.

It is acknowledged that a reality exists and is basic to the ordinary world. That which connects each human being with this reality is basic to the ordinary world.

To realize this reality: The Mystic seeks to unite with it; The Buddhist strives to awaken it; The Christian yearns to have a glimpse of it. All of this is to be connected with it.

One can take many paths, so to speak, up the mountain. One may climb the mountain to find that one is already it. One may already be connected with it.

Now if we look at the four symbols as trees, we can exemplify this in another way. Each tree does not stand-alone. If we go into the metaphysical ground it is possible to see that trees commingle, there is an intertwining of roots. Now if we look at the monotheistic religions, Christianity, Islam and Judaism each is a view of that which is seen. But there are many commonalities as each touches upon the other. All three talk about the same God, each in a particular way or view.

Each religion presents a path up the mountain. Each religion points to the beyond. "This is the spiritual realm of *Inbetweenness*. The spiritual is the fundamental ground of religion and each religion is a different form of it."²

Notes

- 1) Sunnie D. Kidd, "*Inbetweenness: The Indivisible Whole*", Presented by James W. Kidd, Ph.D., at the Twelfth International Congress of Vedanta 13-17 September 2000 at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Cf. Sunnie D. Kidd, "*Inbetweenness: The Indivisible Whole*", superdirector.com, 1 August 2002; thomehfang.com, 2005; inbetweenness.com, 27 March 2006.
- 2) *Ibid.*