

The Misleading Structure of Language

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The apparent possessive nature of language creates so-called separate ownership where there really is none. Seeing this is not based on a “someone” who is “doing” the seeing, it is simply the Very Self seeing this, of Itself. There is no separate one to see, own, or possess anything.

We *have* a body and mind; they are our possessions, they are *not* WE. And, it is not “our” body or “our” mind; there is only “body” and “mind.” Ownership is just the hierarchical structure of language; and, possessiveness comes out of language, while language rises out of thought.

The strong and long-held habit that we all are usually thinking and believing, though incorrectly, is that we are really individual, independent entities, or separate “persons” – bodies with minds, or minds with bodies – living in this world of time and space. The fact is, this wrong belief and our identification with it, is what is really meant in the Bible as “the original sin.” Believing and identifying with this idea *as* one’s life is *itself* suffering. It is living in “the state of sin.” Sin actually means, “missing the mark,” or the target, a term used in archery in ancient Greece.

For everyone who is incorrectly assuming that they are independent entities, living in and as body-minds in this apparent world of time and space, *there is really one primary thing to “get,”* or to Realize in this life. It *is* seen on ones direct awakening to this dream of mortality – but seen by no one. What is it? There is no such thing as a separate, individual being or entity – and there never has been! *No one* is living separate and apart from the One Reality, the One Source and Substance, which is the one True and Real God. Realization reveals we are *not* the body, *or* the mind; we are the One Self, or God Himself that is playing the role of this apparent entity or “self” we take ourselves to be. This is occurring in what is humorously or playfully “seen” as an eternal game of “Divine Hide-and-Seek.” God is playing this eternal game with Him/Herself.

And, taking this a step further, the hierarchical structure of language *demands* there be an “I” to *do* the seeing; and then, it is immediately (or quickly) forgotten that this “I” is itself nothing but language, or another thought. In fact, the “I” – in “I” think – is no more important and has no more substance than the “it” in “it is raining.” This means that it is just a part of the one, original and single thought *as* the thought “I think” is occurring. There is no separate “I” that is “doing” the thinking. There is just thought itself, and the “I” is just another thought in the process of thinking as it is happening. When seeing this occurs – that there is no “I” doing the thinking – then thoughts can no longer be taken as the cause of problems, for there is no one identifying with the thoughts as they arise. Thinking is just what’s happening, and complete in itself, with no need of being modified or altered. When you closely observe, this will eventually be seen.

Look closely, and see that there is *Something Else* that is aware of the activity occurring in the mind. If this were not so, thoughts could not be known, recorded, or in *any* way communicated. This Awareness, that sees and knows the mind’s activities, cannot be an object to itself. It is itself the Knowing that cannot be known, and the Seeing that cannot be seen. Realizing that this Knower is What-YOU-Really-Are, is not an experience for a “someone,” it is the Very Experience Itself, or the un-experience-able Experience “experiencing” ITself, and YOU are THAT! You are this Infinite and Eternal Self that was never born, and that will not die! You simply *are* as you are, *forever* – meaning prior to and beyond time and space, yet still appearing therein!

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