

The Experience of Oneness

Larry Krantz: I recently viewed an interesting talk by a journalist named Suki Kim. She is from a family that escaped North Korea, during which her uncle—her mother's brother—was caught and executed. The rest of the family made it to South Korea, where she lived until she was thirteen when they immigrated to the United States. As a journalist, and given her background, she had an intense interest to learn more about North Korea, something that could not be done from outside the country. She found a way in with an evangelical Christian group who were hired to teach the sons of elite families. They had to pretend they were not missionaries and the journalist had to pretend she was an evangelical. Lots of deceit, but it was the only way to get into the country for an extended time. If any of them were caught proselytizing, they could be executed since North Korea only allows worship of their god-like Supreme Leader.

(<https://themoth.org/storytellers/suki-kim>)

While there, this journalist found the country was built and based on a lie and people are kept in the dark about what was beyond their borders. It is a closed system, with little information about the world allowed, so people know only what they have been told. For example, even in the science and technology school where she taught, most of the students didn't know that a man had already walked on the moon. Few knew there was an Internet, and those who had access to it were severely limited in what they could see. Much time and effort was made to build statues and ways to revere their Supreme Leader. She mentioned how easily it was for her students to lie, even about small matters, as if the line between reality and fantasy was blurred. As she listened to her students speak about their country, repeating what they had been told, she felt their eyes were empty, and that they lived under the pervasive fear of saying anything against the established order. Perhaps at a deeper level they may know it was all a sham, but no one dared say anything against their government or its leader. The people spied on each other and the journalist felt she was always being listened to and watched.

A government built on lies and fear is difficult to maintain and eventually will rot from within. It takes a lot of energy to divert our natural expression of life into a mold that restricts and corrupts free expression and excludes love and openness. The true, angelic, creative spirit, which is who we are, strains at the unnatural bonds that hold us—all the

concepts and rules and beliefs. North Korea is just an exaggerated example of the human state; it is self-serving, diabolical, and—in a sense—it's the phony, controlled world of human nature on steroids. Seeing an extreme example such as this can be useful to understand that ways of thinking and behaving, even what is inculcated in our supposedly more open societies, holds us back from revealing our true nature. This includes concepts most people think of as “good and necessary.”

It is also useful to bring this part of the world into our awareness for purposes of radiation since we have friends who are spiritually conscious on the Korean Peninsula, particularly in Seoul, Busan, and on Jeju Island. So, we send a current of support to them that the force of spirit may impact that region and allow rigidities to loosen.

This also emphasizes how human governments and religions deny access to the reality of spirit. People are so convinced of the lies they hear from childhood onward about the restrictive human state that it leaves little room in consciousness to consider another way. This was certainly true 2000 years ago when the Master was born into a closed system in which the people thought they knew what God wanted of them and they were not interested in rising up to greater understanding. To go against that mindset was dangerous and considered blasphemous. At one point, the Master is quoted as saying, “For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” (Matt,13:15)

Trying to get through to these people was not easy, for most were not interested in listening to him. They thought, in their arrogance, they had it all figured out and anything else was wrong and even punishable. In some ways, it is not that different today. Nevertheless, he persisted and found a few who heard his voice. Of course, in the end, the people at that time got rid of him; they did not want anyone to challenge their closed system of beliefs, especially someone who posed a threat to those who benefitted from it. During the short time he was able to speak the truth, he told people how heaven felt, to give them a sense of the true state. He did this to establish a holy place in them, a sensing of the presence of the divine. This is the crucial first step toward wholeness, for if there is not a place in consciousness where the things of spirit are safe, then the winds of this false world will blow them away; nothing will persist and anything of value will be forgotten. It was a meager start to bring back an awareness of our true selves, but essential. It took another

2000 years until a new focus of spirit came along to show us how to live in that holy space, how to express spirit in our lives, and the character of a divine man or woman.

Before the Master departed, he outlined the process of listening to the voice within, although not many heard him at the time. He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true." (John, 5:30)

This is very simple instruction. We discern what comes from Source and can act accordingly. If we behave on the basis of our isolated human self, which understands nothing of reality, whatever we do will be wrong. So, a holy place must be maintained that is inviolate, and in that place we learn to listen deeply to the impulse of spirit, yielding completely to that inner guide. If we do that, our living expression will reveal the reality of the heavenly state. We need to break the bonds of what we have been told to believe and how to live and not be moved by the variety of human opinions voiced on TV and in the media, to be free to find the true path set by spirit.

When a person lives in the holy place, keeping things sacred, and expresses right spirit in living, another level of awareness comes into view: the intricate beauty of the design of life. This innate pattern is complex and varied and exquisite in ways that boggle the human mind. The pulsations of spirit emerge through creative fields, which is what is before us in each moment, the range through which a person may act. We each are in the midst of innumerable creative fields since there are many cycles working out at the same time, wheels within wheels: they are varied in time-frame and configuration of people, yet we need only act as life presents a cycle to us, while the rest move as they will in the background. No matter where we are in the design of life we are but part of a larger creative field, yet we each oversee smaller creative fields. All of us are part of the creative field of the one we call the Lord, and he, in turn, is a part of an even larger creative field. So there need be no ego involved or should we think we need to be a step higher in the design to have any worth, for we simply play our part, whatever that may be, in humility and thankfulness.

It is impossible for us to figure out all the factors related to these infinite creative fields on the basis of our human intellect, but thankfully there is a higher level of being that easily sorts out the vast number of factors and extends a vibrational roadmap to us. All we have to do is trust what spirit presents and follow the lines of force, using our individual

gifts and creativity. This is how the design of heaven is revealed through us, which is satisfying and fulfilling and sets us on the path to do exactly what is needed.

In this heavenly design, there is always a point of coordination for every creative endeavor. It is how spirit works. It expands outward from a point. This beautiful and natural way to bring about unified collective action has often been misconstrued and distorted and people have rebelled against this distortion, ready to throw the baby out with the bath water. The common misinterpretation is that a focus for creative action should dictate what everyone else should do. People have called that approach patriarchal and arbitrary and that it diminished those who are then told what they should do, which did not make them happy campers, and that is understandable.

The government of God is vibrational governance. A coordinator coordinates, which means being responsible for the central tone of the creative field and to welcome participation. All input is needed and accepted without judgment or coloring. Together, a collective finds a way forward, along the lines of force emerging from spirit and emphasized by the coordinator. In that way, fulfillment is shared by everyone. No one is diminished. All are enlarged for they share in something bigger than any one person. In a unified collective, there is no place for bickering or envy or jealousy over one's position in the design, for that is how fallen man tramples what is beautiful and wonderful and trashes the wonder of what spirit would bring forth.

As creative actions are freed up and we act in concert with each other, we begin to have the experience of oneness. In the divisive world of human nature, we tend to see things from a position of separation. That is not reality, but a broken view of our world. For example, if I see someone singing a song with a lovely voice, I do not have to think, "I wish I could sing like that." I already am. That is me, at least in essence, because I am part of everything. All of the marvelous expressions of spirit, all the gifts and abilities, are things I can be proud of and appreciate because they are revelations of the one spirit, of which I am part. I am not separate from everyone else, or from all the varied aspects of creation. The question comes up, "How large am I?" I would suggest that we are vast, without end. We are infinite. This may sound like a nice thought, a pretty concept perhaps, but it is an experience within our reach. We are everywhere right now. We are everything. Yet, we are also in an individual human form able to focus spirit right where we are in ways that are unique to each one. From the perspective of oneness, the world looks quite different.

Tired concepts and long-held beliefs keep us from realizing our full potential and cause us to judge and divide groups of people. So often people take pride in their views on religion or government or stances on things like mask mandates or vaccines, so full of themselves and what they think of as superior knowledge that they do not see their own arrogance and hubris. Thinking we know better than someone who has a different view may make us feel good about ourselves, but it is human deceit. If we are free to express spirit accurately, we need to come naked and unashamed before the Lord. We hold onto nothing but are humble and open. We do not clutch concepts or clever human views, but have an unfettered openness to the movement of spirit.

Following this line of thought, we can learn something from quantum physics, which speaks about *entanglement*, the mysterious phenomenon where two particles, like electrons or neutrons, are somehow connected no matter the distance between them. If one is changed, the other changes in the same way. Such particles are said to be entangled. Recently, there has been mention of entangled relationships. An example of this is when people are in love and begin to function as one. They act in concert, even without words spoken. Perhaps we have experienced that, although this state often dissipates in human experience.

The natural state is one of *spiritual entanglement*. We are joined by spirit and all aspects of the creation find a point of connection in God the Father. The same pulsation of spirit emerges everywhere in the universe at the same moment but affects each part according to its makeup. This is what allows the true state to be harmonious, with all parts moving as one. A particular note is sounded and heard by all. We may know that reality ourselves, and collectively, for we are one. When we do, we may live gracefully and creatively, moving in coordinated fashion wherever we are and whatever we are called upon to do. Love is the supreme force and is the means by which there is universal entanglement. It binds us together, which is the reality of the cosmos. Separateness is the illusion. Divisiveness is a human conceit and is an illusion, an effect that occurs when oneness is denied and human structures are erected and maintained with great effort. If we let go and relax in the current of spirit, life is easy and oneness known. This is how we see with new eyes and become aware of the intricate and ever-changing beauty of the design of life, emerging anew in each moment.

The world we live in is in trouble and more stress is likely on the way. We have a pandemic and overpopulation and the scourge of climate intensity and many other

problems that loom large. If we go on in childish fashion, denying spirit, it will only get worse. I like the sobering words said this past week at the United Nations by the British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. He said, "We still cling with parts of our minds to the infantile belief that the world was made for our gratification and pleasure and we combine this narcissism with an assumption of our own immortality. We believe that someone else will clear up the mess because that is what someone else has always done. We trash our habitats again and again with the inductive reasoning that we've gotten away with it so far and therefore will get away with it again. My friends, the adolescence of humanity is coming to an end and must come to an end."

Yes, it is time to grow up spiritually and take responsibility for our world. We are here to give of ourselves, not to take selfishly. We can abuse what comes to our hands or we may care for each moment's precious gift. We are not separate from the world but are part of everything and share responsibility for all of creation. When we mature, we see the wonder of spiritual entanglement, the oneness of all things, held together by love, for that is reality. Everything else is a mass delusion. Let these days be not a time when our hearts are waxed gross and our ears are dull of hearing. We may let go of what binds us and experience the glory of oneness, of God in expression, for that is the true way. Let us remember who we are and why we are on earth. By our living, we hold open the door to understanding that all may come through.

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