The Non-Existence of Being

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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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