

"Reason" even if it were as cold as a calculating machine with no prejudices & errors punched on our memory-cards (and there are plenty!) is only half the equipment of an integrated person. In Buddhism, the show-piece of the simply-adolescent-intellectual, there is nevertheless both Mahaprajna, the Great Wisdom & Mahakaruna, the Great Compassion and these are not two but one & flow into one another.

(*) "The highest reality" - I quote a Buddhist, Suzuki, "is NOT A MERE ABSTRACTION, it is VERY MUCH ALIVE WITH SENSE AND INTELLIGENCE, and above all, with love purged of human infirmities and defilements"

Sounds like "religion" doesn't it. Bambinos with starched embroideries & laces, electric prayer wheels, consecrated wafers, bloody wine, priests, ministers, saints, devils, rabbis, men with clothes reversed & bits of their epidermis "sacredly" removed, black meteoric stones, rosaries, patient men with big red hearts on the outside, tambourines, drums, mighty Wurlitzers, - - -

But, as it happens, it is true. [I refer to the paragraph (*)] You cannot "pin down" an experience & I cannot properly describe it, & if I could, it would not do the vital thing - produce it in you. That needs special techniques, continual squawks from you & gray hairs for me.

I could not describe a blue flower to a blind man - he could feel its shape & texture, that is all. Would he feel annoyed at not "pinning me down"?

Who is it then?

The "madball" is not I. I was educated as a mathematician at college, became a public accountant & worked on some of the biggest projects including UNRRA, became an executive, office manager, assistant treasurer - - - I was always very sceptical & hard-headed. My mind "contains" yours actually, although you could reach the same position of course & we were trying to do this. We are not unlike a man & quite a young child.

St. Teresa et alia

I am not driving at "mysticism". It is as it happens a valid glimpse at the One Self mentioned above, BUT I am driving at this IN THE CONSCIOUS MIND, freely available for experiment & consideration, not as a glimpse but fully & for days & weeks, not lost in semi-conscious ecstasy but in calm appreciation of the greatest mystery life has to offer. Like seeing a joke suddenly or leaping to a conclusion - - -