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Dictation by Suggestion, Request, Persuasion

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Abstract:

Intriguing and intricate are the ways we draw conclusions and arrive at meanings and then, rigidly (or loyally?) cling to (or stand by?), hailing them as absolute. Yet, interesting is reality: Nothing is absolute. Everything is contextual—relative—on this material plane, that, we herald and behold as: Life. Plato affirms the all-encompassing relativity, beautifully: “Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder.” Nothing is beautiful or ugly on its own; the identity, the “adjective” is dependent on the perception of the identifier, the beholder. So is with meaning. Our expressions, interpretations, experiences are reflections of our perceptions. Thus, that which is perceived as a dictation, request or persuasion could just be an intended suggestion! Albert Einstein extols: “Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That’s relativity!”

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“How dare you dictate me?”

“But believe me, it is not a dictation, it is just a suggestion.”

“Do not try to persuade me. Come what may, I will not change my decision.”

“It is very unfortunate that you feel so, because I am just requesting. The question of my persuading you, too, does not arise.”

How easy it would be to place our own names, as either of the speakers or both, as our life is full of such conversations. Getting it “right,” first up, just doesn’t seem right, it seems! Right?! Well, proving myself right is not the agenda. So go ahead, and declare, “Wrong,” if that be your experience and perception.

“Right” and “wrong” are like the dots of a colon, thus, coexisting, always. The agenda, here, is to uphold “how,” that “which” is said, is seldom received, as, most of the time, something else, is. And to compound the matter, this continues, when, even the reply is not received as it is meant. Thus, a conversation, very soon, turns into a confrontation and results into an altercation...as all, that matters, is interpretation, and for “that” matter, the

matter that matters is perception! What, we thus actually confront—all created by us—is a state of utter confusion leading to a status of mayhem.

“Ahem.”

Did I hear anyone?!

Yes, yes, we do create mountain out of molehill...

We all have incidents many that fit the bill!

And continue we will,

Till we get the real feel,

Of relativity, of and in life, and thus, deal

With the fact: It is our views which are not of the same mill.

Life doesn't “will” ill,

It suggests, to be still,

And requests, if we will

To thus know that it is our will,

And only our will, to will,

Well or ill....

Really, this has been the story and history of mankind, which makes us ponder how much we are “human” and how much we are kind. Though, by “kind” (type), we are humans, yet all, unique. But, being of the same “race,” “man-kind,” despite our differential uniqueness, we show an integral behavior when we interpret—misinterpret—something. It is so surprising, and at times amazes with its predictability—yet, surprising it is not, innately. Because, though the similarity lies, with “disagreement” (in interpretation) being the context, the disagreement in itself is natural as, yes...we all have different perceptions. So, what, is said, is colored by the “colorants”:

- By whom it has been said and to whom?
- When it is said?
- How it is said?
- How it is received?

Now work out the permutations and combinations, if you will!

No wonder, dictation is found to be “brought on” by request, suggestion and persuasion...and this is not fiction, but pure non-fiction, as lived—albeit, with friction!

FRACTIONAL DICTATION

Dictation from else is something which we innately despise and thus, revolt against. Yet, there are times, when unsure of self, decisions are drawn in by us by way of dictation from the external. There is a surety, an assurance, on leaving the responsibility of the decision on an external entity. Not even for once, then, do we receive it as dictation. So, even when we are found to be dictated by the “terms and conditions” of others, for us, it is we who are dictating the terms as we ask others to do the bidding for us.

But when we reach a state wherein we do not require to ask for dictation (which we label “help” and “seeking advice”), quite heavy and light with our ego and self-confidence, that very surety, assurance, of beings and their dictation, start being perceived—and thus received—as dictation and usury (which, to us, “they” seem to be asking from us, in lieu of what they “did” for us), causing much irritation.

Yet, the very irritant is within, a perception still on the tracks of ignorance.

A well-meaning suggestion, a request, becomes either a dictation or an “unjustified” persuasion. And all these, we inflict upon self. From the point of view of the “receiver,” we furthermore compound the complications by receiving the same as an implication of imposition—that, all that has been suggested or requested, has to be adhered. The same applies to the “dispenser” as well. A suggestion or a request, however well-meaning, when insisted with—with the ego egging on to see the same embraced, and thus persuading—becomes imposing, and a dictation thus.

We know not what we know, and how much we truly know of what we know. Hence, we know not, what, we know not. Amidst the complete lack of clarity, of and in our own knowing, we are found to cause clatters in life which clutters our very own life. It is all about interpretation, which is ruled by perception. The perception as leads to interpretation, guides to the intention as well, and it is intention that serves as a driving force, when perception perceives an inspiration.

All that transpires, does, because of all that inspires—as from it, perspires, the intention to transpire.

OF INTENT AND INTERPRETATION

The dualities perceived, are, because of the unity that is infinite! The observed is colored by the observer, and that which is the outcome comes out as their merger, the observation—and this very observation, thematically, composes this article. Because, this

is one observation which, in its absence, non-acceptance, has been found to be the causative agent of much strife, present and prevalent.

The abject surrender to the apparent duality, to the absolute omission of the inherent singularity, does not uphold relativity, but holds it up in a dim light, yet, whose intensity is fully controlled, dictated, by our very own interpretation and intent—taking us away from the objective of life, till we are realigned...realization dawning, with the grace of self-awareness.

Relativity shows the relative “faces,” but of the same thing. So, “seeing” relativity for what it is, would lead us to acknowledge the faces, and also honor the face behind those faces. But, do we intend to, and what do we intend to, if not that?

The intent and interpretation, too, are similarly entwined—of both the perceiver and the dispenser—as, through them, we are enrolled in the very verve of expression that sets into motion actions and reactions.

The “how it is said,” mentioned earlier as one of the “colorants,” is the intent, and the “by whom it is received,” is the interpreter. It is not always, that, the one who perceives a suggestion or a request or a persuasion as a dictation, is responsible for that reception. How, it is dispensed, is equally important. Because only at a very high level of consciousness, where equanimity resides, everything is received without any perturbation...and thus, even dictation fails to affect adversely, as is not taken as a dictation but as one of the innumerable opinions!

Where we “are,” we are, because of our conscious or subconscious or ignorant intentions. And where we “will be,” we will be, because of, again, our conscious or subconscious or ignorant intentions. Intentions to continue interpreting the way we have been, even if they have been causing such effects which seek much change—or intentions to change our interpretations of life to access its heightened functionality and that of our own selves—will manifest our interpretations of life, along with our intentions, too, for the same.

Interpretations manifest our level of awareness, and thus, that of ignorance as well. Would we, then, choose to access an elevated level of consciousness? As, with it, we expand our awareness and eliminate, in corresponding proportions, ignorance.

INTERPRETATION AND IGNORANCE

Through all these mayhem created in life, all that comes out are the outcomes of ignorance, fathered by ego.

Ego considers itself to be the “supremo.” But its bravado, aggressiveness, arrogance...and submissiveness (when it wants to please someone), which it dictates the mind to, are the very acts of the fact: Its fearfulness, that, once relativity is seen for what

relativity is, its own existence would be at stake. Attention denied is existence ignored. So it makes the mind forsake the rationale and do its bidding. But what surfaces is ignorance, as going with the superficial is like giving a facial massage, ignoring the message from within, ignoring the “inner work,” which, when attended to, could even obliterate the need for facial massage, as one is then aglow with the inner glow.

Going after the superficial, the real lies unattended. The reality is forsaken for the sake of what reality is not.

Thus, as there are interpretations, which, in a given context become misinterpretations, there are certain misinterpretations which are intentional as well—for some gains, to alleviate the perceived pains. And for it, what pains we take, painstakingly—as if our whole existence is at stake, yet reflecting a big hole in the understanding of self...existence...life!

Misinterpretation—intentional or unintentional—leads to misrepresentation of issues, situations, events...and of course, of words. And if it is intentional, it becomes distortion, with intent towards manipulation.

At the same time, persuasion, too, could become manipulation, overpowering and controlling, if the intent is for the same. On the intent, depends, the content.

Intention behind an action lends flavor to the action, to a large extent, as intent and interpretation are connected—and the principal principle of nature, reciprocity, is always at work. As is the energy so is the materialization, “as we sow so we reap.”

The intention matters, as the intention sets into motion all that reaches fruition—even that, which is termed unfruitful or harmful. The content of attention and intent for its materialization, as merges, the process for the emergence of the same gathers intensity—depending on how intent we are about the content, and yes, how much of discontent is there for the way life is at present. And we intend to follow, what we attend to, only when we are guided by belief—either of our own, or that of someone whom we believe...even to the extent of allowing dictation, as then it no longer remains a dictation. Either way, our acts are the acts of our belief. As to the content of belief, well, that is contextual, as is everything, including this article!

HOW YOU CAME TO THIS ARTICLE AND HOW I CAME TO WRITING IT?

We have been observing the observations which are trusted to serve the purpose. Though, in case they are found to be too abstract, an abstraction of the same, with this article as the example, is being forwarded—to mobilize the immobility of comprehension or remove the friction in its assimilation....

There could be many reasons behind your being led to this article—the perceptible reasons, that is. This article might have been suggested to you by someone, and again, it might have been at the behest of a request—and though improbable, but quite possible, that, you might have been dictated into reading it by someone whom you allowed to dictate. Last, but not the least, the act could be of the persuasion, from within, call from within, drawn by curiosity, in search of something new—or to know something anew, to renew one’s own learning.

And as your foray into this reading has its own reasons, its being written, too, has its own! Because, without that, this article would not have come into being—and there would not have been any persuasion, suggestion, request or dictation to read it!

Well, well, it has been a case of persuasion as well as dictation, as also, a suggestion and request ardent, as well, from within, to share all that is being shared.

This article is thus an “update” from such a request which suggests that it is not to dictate or persuade, but is shared as just “another” view, received by being on “date” with self!

But, irrespective of the manner it is received, and irrespective of the reasons one has been led to it, without the intention, the final call (in this context), to be here to these pages, would not have been heard.

When attention meets with intention, the “circuit” is completed and the “current” flows—the action—leading to the manifestations of the affairs that currently hold one’s attention with intentions intense.

AS TO HOW PERSUASION AND DICTATION MERGED...

Whenever the context is self, all that goes on within are found to merge, and, what emerges, is an act with a singularity of the cause, as the cause and the purpose merge. Thus, having been persuaded to accept the suggestion and request from within—in fact, didn’t even have to be persuaded, as the surge of the contents find their way out, from within to without—I am found to be taking the dictation from within, with gratitude and humility, fully content. It is a direct relay, without the active participation of the conscious mind. It is on the “ventilator” of that which vents from within...and out comes the dictation, as these citations.

And this gives dictation a completely different meaning...opening me up to a dictation of a different type: A spontaneous surrender...to the highest order, within.

AND WITH IT, COMES SURRENDER, TO THE FACTS OF LIFE...

The facts of life are different for all, as our facts are governed by our beliefs, our experiences, and our perceptions—with these, not always following a similar pattern.

When we follow, the pattern of life that flows with and through relativity, consciously, we are not bothered about the pattern, as, to us, the context matters.

So a context, an issue—in the context of which we think that others need to change their ways of being, thinking and doing—is realized to be received by others per their perceptions, beliefs and experiences, instead of judging them, anymore. Also is realized a fact, concurrently, that, in extending our very well-meaning suggestions and requests, to an extent of persuading—which we feel self to be doing and only because “we” feel that that is good for them—we end up dictating. Once we envision their predicament, our “places” swapped, mentally, we realize that others are justified in reacting (balk, sulk, contradict, oppose...) the way they do.

Who are we, to proclaim selves as the all-knower of others, when we do not even know our own selves well? Had we known, we would suggest, we would request, but, we would not insist upon adherence to the same. Suggestions and requests, when start claiming approval and acceptance (no doubt, nothing pleases us more, not only from the point of view of ego but also a genuine feeling of elation is felt if we are convinced of what we suggest), and that, too, aggressively, aggression is what they reflect and thus beget.

Suggestions and requests are to be simply dispensed—what comes of them, not given importance. Once we are attached to them, we create what we have been creating...and get labeled as “dictators” thereby, despite not being consciously so—leave aside the cases, when we are being the same, dictator, in full conscious consciousness!

And from the perceiver’s perspective, all suggestions and requests, if not taken with an open mind, as options and not impositions, we find ourselves in a position where life’s dispositions appear to have appeared only to dispossess us. When we know this, even a dictation, in the wake of our truth, with truth as our sentry, is spurned with a polite: “Thank you, but I am guided by the conviction in my truth. Nobody likes to be dictated—and that includes me as well as you. Am I even requesting you to keep your dictations to your self?”

It always takes two to tango. Hence, when the duality, apparent, is merged with its original singularity, originality is reverted to, life is found to roll out its red carpet...which is always there...but the carpet is not seen till then. And even if it is, the color is colored by the filters of duality, as we lead a dual life—as if we are two separate beings, one within and one, without.

Whether we are surrendered to the mind or the true self, manifests with the dictation we are dictated to. Whether the mind dictates, or the true self, is apparent thus—in our approach and attitude, in our being and doing. And what comes over, thus, either we are overcome by or overcome—the hurdles, that, earlier, we used to be overcome by—

overcoming the mind, which, with its limited perception, creates the hurdles...the puddles in life. Whether the mind dictates, or the highest order guides, decides:

- How we serve, what we serve?
- What we serve?
- How we receive that which is served?

Yet, this dual life is led only till we do not recognize and accept that, there, within, lies the real self, unawareness of which creates the strife. The “higher mind” once adhered to, one, surrenders all the fetters of the mind... “The do’s and don’t’s,” from others, are received with equanimity, filtering out that which are not in sync. These, are subsequently treated, not with offense but with indifference—and with a gentle, resolute silence as well. We realize that they have their reasons for behaving the way they do...they, too, have things that are true only for them, as we, too, have things that are true and untrue to and for us, exclusively.

We are then surrendered to the dictates of the true self, which dictates not but guides, one, to and through the principle: “Live and let live.” We “live” this principle, guided by our truth. As the truth of self suggests, so it requests, and with its empowering quality one is persuaded, spontaneously, to follow its suggestions and requests, as we know that it knows the best...and that the best is all about bettering the best...as each thing in its place is the best.

Hence, neither do we dictate nor do we allow dictation. Our life is a projection of all the allowances made, by admittance into our consciousness. The only dictation that matters is the “inner dictation,” which persuades us to listen to the ardent requests of life, and suggests:

“Come alive to life!

You are always welcome;

How well you come, it is only you, who can decide,

But this fact is known only to some.

It is a wish ardent, that, this “some”

Becomes many and many, in times to come,

To grow into more...and many more...

As many more choose to grow...

And coming alive to life, within,

They find the board, ‘You are welcome!’

Embracing life, finally, as wholesome,

This is coming home...

To the fact that each is best,

And none is better than the rest;

As one is, so all are...

It is not about only some.

Assured thus, one rests,

In the calm knowing of having come home,

To which, one is always welcome.”

Notes:

Use of “welcome” and as its expansion, “well come,” is inspired by the beautiful use of the same, by Neale Donald Walsch, in his writings: www.nealedonaldwalsch.com

Neale Donald Walsch’s *Conversations with God*, a nine-book series, has definitely been an inspiration, and any one book cannot be singled out (though book one is being mentioned in the bibliography). Hence, the URL is being provided.

The list of the publishers of his books can be found on: <http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/doc/publishers>.

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