

Why We Need A Sense Of Humility

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Within the experiences we undergo as living souls in physical bodies is the experience we call "choosing".

To choose is to select from all possibilities open to us some particular course of action or thought, or some feeling attitude which relates us to events in a particular way.

If we like, we can make an image of an act by thinking of the whole of reality as like a great Christmas pudding, and ourself as taking a sharp knife and cutting out of this pudding a piece which we imagine will be enough to satisfy our appetite for the time being.

We are to remember that this pudding which represents total reality, is not like an ordinary physical pudding, which is limited in size and is made of material constituents.

The pudding which represents total reality is infinite, unlimited, and therefore can never be reduced to nothingness. No matter how often we may cut a piece from the unlimited pudding of total reality, we shall never reduce its size, never be able to take it all into ourself and digest it so that absolutely nothing remains.

It is this impossibility of our ever swallowing and digesting the whole of total reality that gives all intelligent persons their sense of humility.

Humility is the feeling we experience inside oneself when we stand consciously in the presence of something that we know beyond doubt is, and will remain, IMPOSSIBLE for us.

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