

### 3. *Being*

*As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light of meaning in the darkness of mere 'being'. - Carl Jung (1875-1961)*

What is Being? One might say that "being is *existing*", but what is 'existence'? Being is the foundation on which everything stands and yet it is virtually impossible to define. If something is being then it is an entity that exists in our reality. To 'exist' an entity will stand in reference to other entities. If there was only one thing being, nothing else existing, then this sole being could not react or compare itself with anything else. If, however, this thing, existing all alone, was conscious it would 'think' it was the whole universe as there would be nothing else other than itself. And it couldn't have form as there would be no boundary to its shape; so could it couldn't change its shape. A sole entity cannot 'be', at least in the terms of existence as we know it, so existence must at least be a duality.

If the basic definition of 'being' is explored it will be discovered that there are many views on what exactly 'being' is. Aristotle's (384 BC - 322 BC) opinion of being was that Spirits and Gods are independent of matter, and thus these entities are purely "substance" or "being". Aristotle believed that 'being' was independent of the material world, independent of matter. Other philosophers state that the definition of 'being' has no relevance in the matter of 'existence' because an object's 'being' is always relative to other objects and so it is the relationship that determines being. L,B believes that there is no difference in the being of objects and the being of people, but other philosophies believe there is.

If something is being it is 'existing', which means it is real and tangible. Every example of being will have some *physical* form. Every being thing will also have a relationship to the world, it will have a *concept*. Everything being is unique and has its individual presence. This is the *essence* and it is impossible to describe but it is easily named. L,B's definition is that 'being' will always have a *Physical* aspect, a *Conceptual* aspect and an aspect of *Essence*. These are the PieCEs. The PieCEs describe the object, the relationship and the subject of being. The PieCEs pertain to every aspect and every level of an entity's reality. L,B defines 'being' by naming its parts, the PieCEs, and stating that existence and any entity within it must be composed *Physical*, *Concept* and *Essence*.

The PieCEs of being are not items that we can put on the table and dissect like the cells of our body. The cells of our body are made of molecules and these molecules are structures that are built of atoms. The atoms are the building blocks of our material world and they are made of electrons, protons and neutrons. There are about 50 common atoms, starting with hydrogen and helium as the lightest ones and Uranium and Plutonium are the heaviest commonly known elements. The weight and character of an atom is dictated by the number of protons at its centre, which then dictates the approximate number of neutrons it has. At every level of reality there are components and the arrangement of the components dictates the character of the entity they create. There are over a hundred different atoms but they are made of only three particles: the proton, neutron and electron. Perhaps the particles of an atom don't fit the description of PieCEs but they are made of PieCEs. The particles themselves are 'being' and they have a physical aspect, an informational/conceptual aspect and a description/name of its essence.

Everything in the physical world is made of the physical pieces known as atoms but the atoms themselves are entities that are 'being' in their own right. Being also has the states of the non-living, the living. We tend to think that living things are different to

the non-living things but at a fundamental level of reality this is not so. Just as it is biased to see animals and humans as different, judging living things as different to everything else is also a bias. The cells of our body are alive and they are made of molecules and atoms, which are the basis of all material things. The atoms are not alive... but they are being. Life is formed from atoms because it is possible for them to arrange themselves in a way to form life. Life starts as a potentiality and all it needs is an opportunity to become reality.

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