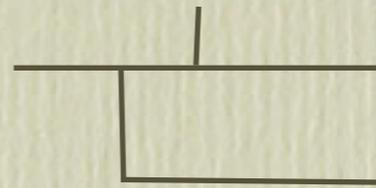


Meaning of Life

Too busy - Iso gashii



Heart



Destruction

Mark 6:31-32

Jesus said to his apostles, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure ... And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.



Matthew 11:28-29

- The word "educate" comes from the Latin "ducare"(to lead)
- with the prefix "ex"(out from).
- Michelangelo



- The word "teacher" comes from the same root as "token". A teacher is one who, like a token, shows something in order than another might see.
- The word 'catholic' comes from the Greek 'holos' ('whole'), with the prefix 'kata' (belonging to), 'all-embracing'.

Education may be defined as drawing people into communion in the meanings and values that are the riches of our culture (including our Catholic culture), with a view to their contributing to these meanings and values.

Mark 1:21-27

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum.

When the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes ...

{Description of a healing}

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching — with authority!

Education

Intelligence Training

Moral Training

Meanings

Values

See

Judge

Act

Attentive to
Experience

Truthful in
acknowledging
the way things
in fact are

Responsible in
doing what one
judges is to be done.

Education / Teaching heals

- We all seem to ask, consciously or unconsciously: ‘Am I significant?’, ‘Do I really mean anything to anybody?’
- This is not a curious question to be pondered on my own. It is a cry to others, for it really means: ‘Am I significant to you?’
- It is the question we ask of someone who is significant to us:

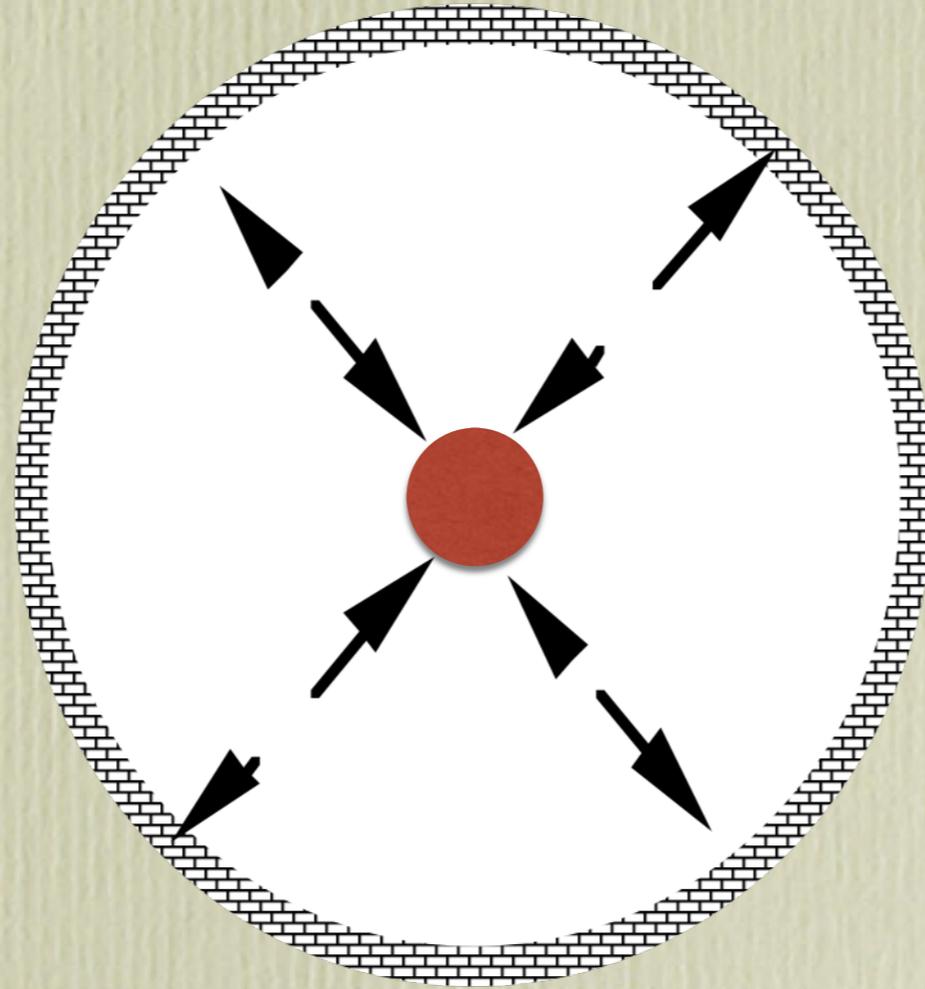
- It is a love question

- We long to be ourselves for another. We long to be ourselves, and we know that this can only be in a love-relationship where the other person wants me to be myself and to be myself for them. When this happens, we are nurtured, we come alive, we grow, we blossom.
- When we are not confident that this question is being answered, we de
- The trouble with this is that these strategies work at the expense of love. Growth from the total dependence of a baby is not towards independence, but towards mutual, freely chosen, personal inter-dependence.

- It is an ultimate question

- We want to know whether the part-answers (child-parent, child-teacher, peer group, lover) are real answers to our need.
- Am I significant only for now, for this person, here and now?

- It is a religious question



Religion Re + ligare To bind back

- It is a 'God' question

God Sanskrit **Ghu** ('called' 'calling') + **To** ('The one')



God 'The Heart and the Beyond
of Everything'(Teilhard de Chardin)

- Rather than undertake the inner and the outer journey to the heart and the mystery, we opt for false religion and a false god. We project a god in our own image, our own wishful thinking or our own fears. We grasp for security, even when it is meaningless and does not answer of radical questions. We cover one mask with another rather than stand naked before the truth.
- It is no wonder that many settle for agnosticism (the questions are too hard), or, faced with obviously false gods, for atheism (there is no god). Both these options leave our ultimate question unexplored.

John-Paul II Mission of the Redeemer 28

‘The Second Vatican Council recalls that the Spirit is at work in the heart of every person, through the “seeds of the Word”, to be found in human initiatives – including religious ones – and in the human effort to attain truth, goodness and God himself ... The Spirit is at the very source of people’s existential and religious questioning ... It is the Spirit who sows the 'seeds of the Word' present in various customs and cultures, preparing them for full maturity in Christ.’

- ‘Whatever good is found sown in people’s minds and hearts or in the rites and customs of peoples, these are not only preserved from destruction, but are purified, elevated and perfected for the glory of God’(Vatican II LG 17)



Moses said, “Oh, let me behold your Presence!” And YHWH answered, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name YHWH ... but you cannot see my face, for man may not see Me and live.”

And YHWH said, “See, there is a place near Me. Station yourself on the rock, and as my Presence passes by. I will put you in a cleft of the rock and shield you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you will see My back; but My face must not be seen” (Exodus 33:18-23)



Jesus is God's perfect human word.
God's **Word**-made-flesh

He received everything from God -
life, word, **Spirit**.

His **Spirit** is his love-communion
with God whom he calls 'Father'

His Word and Spirit reveal God as Love

'The Law [Torah] indeed was given
through Moses; the gift of Truth
came through **Jesus the Christ**.'

No one has even seen God. It is
God's only Son, who is in the bosom of
the Father, who has made Him known.'

(John 1:17-18).

Mark 1:32-38

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick ... and he cured many who were sick with various diseases ...

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. Simon and his companions looked everywhere for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.”

And he went throughout Galilee teaching in their synagogues.

Teilhard de Chardin SJ (1881-1955)

‘The evolution of chastity’ 1934

‘Some day,
after harnessing space,
the winds,
the tides
and gravitation,

We shall harness for God
the energies of Love.

And then,
for the second time in the history of the world,
we shall have discovered fire.’



Love changes everything

music: Andrew Lloyd Webber *Aspects of Love*
lyric written by Charles Hart and Don Black 1991
Only Love: The very best of Nana Mouskouri



Love, love changes everything:
hands and faces, earth and sky.
Love, love changes everything:
how you live and how you die.
Love can make the summer fly,
or a night seem like a lifetime.
Yes, love, love changes everything,
now I tremble at your name.
Nothing in the world will ever
be the same.



Love, love changes everything:
days are longer, words mean more.
Love, love changes everything:
pain is deeper than before.
Love will turn your world around,
and that world will last forever.
Yes, love, love changes everything,
brings you glory, brings you shame.
Nothing in the world will ever
be the same.



Off into the world we go,
planning futures, shaping years.
Love bursts in and suddenly
all our wisdom disappears.
Love makes fools of everyone:
all the rules we make are broken.
Yes, love, love changes everything:
live or perish, in its flame.
Love will never ever let you
be the same.
Love will never ever let you
be the same!