

Twogether

Personal Reflection – October 14, 2021

I am the wordsmith again, suggesting we need a new word for my experience with friends. When Paula comes with Sunday evening supper on the back porch, we are ‘twogether’; when Val calls from New Orleans, we are twogether; when Janet was here for two days from Tanzania, we were twogether. I can be together with folks in a small or large group but that is not twogether.

You know the experience, the gentle silence that occurs, the dialogue that is possible, the wonders that emerge!

As God is the ground of my being, so twogether is one ground of Shekinah, the felt presence of God. We each feel it in our own way; I fill up and cry! And we are twogether in the ensuing silence.

I have discovered that twogether works well in a learning situation: doing a learning task twogether means nobody is excluded from the dialogue. I’ve got to listen and stop talking sometime! My partner speaks and listens; we create twogether. I propose that we always try: *“In pairs, do Learning Task #XX”* Twogether!

--Jane Vella