

Our topic:

Pila Mulligan: have you done 'soul' as a topic?

Calvino Rabeni: Soul sounds interesting

Calvino Rabeni: and some other things from western theology

Zen Arado: soul and resurrection

Zen Arado: transmigration

Pila Mulligan: it may lead to an analogy with atman and that in turn leads to some very interesting Buddhist ideas

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Zen Arado: frame a question

Pila Mulligan: would the existence of a soul necessarily imply dualism?

Zen Arado: does the concept of soul have any relevance for us?

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A bit of reading: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soul>

Gaya Ethaniel: Hello everyone :)

Pila Mulligan: hi Gaya and Mick

Mickorod Renard: hi

Agatha Macbeth: Gayababe :)

Ataraxia Azemus: Hi Gaya and Mick :)

Ataraxia Azemus: And Dao :)

Pila Mulligan: hi Dao

Agatha Macbeth: And micko too

No room to sit here, try another spot.

Agatha Macbeth: Hello Dao

Mickorod Renard: yea,

Dao Yheng: Hiya

Ataraxia Azemus: Hi Bruce :)

Pila Mulligan: hi Cal

Agatha Macbeth: Boxy!

Pila Mulligan: and Bruce

Alfred Kelberry: meep!

Pila Mulligan: and Alf

Agatha Macbeth: Meep Meep ;P :p:P :p :P

Ataraxia Azemus: Hi Cal :)

Alfred Kelberry: aggers :)

Agatha Macbeth: Brucie!

Alfred Kelberry: hi wokers

Agatha Macbeth: Calvinie!

Alfred Kelberry: gaya the bunny is here :)

Gaya Ethaniel: Hello Alfred, Bruce and Cal :)

Calvino Rabeni: Hi everyoneies :)

Agatha Macbeth: (Hm, doesn't work)

Mickorod Renard: hi everyone just turned up

Alfred Kelberry: pila-san :)

Pila Mulligan: Alfy-san

Pila Mulligan: :)

Alfred Kelberry: just boxy :)

Ataraxia Azemus: Hi Alfred :)

Alfred Kelberry: um, is there someone giving a talk?

Alfred Kelberry: i think dao is in charge :)

Pila Mulligan: it is not voice, it is just about to start

Agatha Macbeth: Yes ma'am

Alfred Kelberry: ok

Agatha Macbeth: Not you

Dao Yheng: ha ha, I was going to ask if you wanted to give us a lecture

Alfred Kelberry: :)

Dao Yheng: you're looking very collegial today :)

Mickorod Renard: brb

Alfred Kelberry: um... me?

Agatha Macbeth: Yea, thee

Pila Mulligan: I have a prepared paragraph to paste into text ... :)

Pila Mulligan: on soul

Alfred Kelberry: must be my scarf

Ataraxia Azemus: Me too :)

Pila Mulligan: :)

Dao Yheng: please do, Pila

Pila Mulligan: A wikipedia article refers to soul as "the incorporeal essence of a person or living thing or object." Separation of an incorporeal soul from the physical body is the premise that gives rise to philosophical dualism, as in Descartes identifying mind with conscious awareness as distinct from the physical brain. This depends on a definition of physical and non-physical that may have been wrongly taken if, as is supposed in some literature and even science, there is a physical aspect of the soul and consciousness that is itself not yet measurable. In other words, the dualism dichotomy may prove to be untenable in a manner that exceeds the scope of perception of contemporary science.

Pila Mulligan: -- finis --

Alfred Kelberry: i like the addition "or object" meaning a cup can have a soul :)

Dao Yheng: hmm, yes -- we sort of tip toed around the issue of "Separation of an incorporeal soul from the physical body " -- but maybe that wasn't always a distinction that needed to be made with soul

Calvino Rabeni: For comparison, here's a quote from the same article about a different greek's conception

Calvino Rabeni: "Unlike Plato and the medieval religious tradition, Aristotle did not consider the soul to be a separate, immortal occupant of the body, just as the act of cutting does not occur without a knife or axe, the soul ceases to exist at the death of the body. In his view, the soul is the actuality of a living body."

Dao Yheng: yes, alfred -- I like that too!

Dao Yheng: soul seems to be word that refers to something essential, and yet whether it's the aliveness part, or non-material part or something else always seems to come up

Ataraxia Azemus: On that note, I liked your distinction between a soul as something to have and a soul as something to be, Cal...there's kind of a similar thing going on there; the soul as an immortal object and the soul as the defining being of a thing

Gaya Ethaniel: What kind of 'living' it means I wonder ...

Alfred Kelberry: i'm with aristotle on that

Ataraxia Azemus: Hi Avy :)

Pila Mulligan: hi Avy

Mickorod Renard: either way though, could it be egg chicken chicken egg?

Agatha Macbeth: Hello Avy, how's Legoland?

Calvino Rabeni: In addition to Have and Be, I might consider Do . it might tempt soul to be more active in the world to consider it that way

Calvino Rabeni: Similar to ideas about whether love is a noun or a verb

Ataraxia Azemus: A soul Has to Be able to Do? :)

Agatha Macbeth: Both

Gaya Ethaniel: Hello Avy :)

Mickorod Renard: hi Avy

Alfred Kelberry: soul is like an idea, it's abstract and hard to conceive visually, unless you implement it, and we human beings are a result of that :)

Avy Runner: hi everyone :)

Alfred Kelberry: avy :)

Mickorod Renard: the thing is, can we determine which it is, i doubt it tonite, so are we discussing something exterior to that?

Alfred Kelberry: something in our brain

Gaya Ethaniel: Hello Zen :) I will make you a notecard of what's been said so far.

Ataraxia Azemus: Hi Zen :)

Alfred Kelberry: zen :)

Agatha Macbeth: Top o' the evenin' Zen

Zen Arado: Hi all:)

Dao Yheng: Zen arrives to give Avy a boost :)

Mickorod Renard: I was tinkering,,whichever it is,,is the soul the most important bit to consider when it comes to conscience etc?

Pila Mulligan: hi Zen

Alfred Kelberry: is soul synonymous to identity?

Avy Runner: boost?

Dao Yheng: (to your seat)

Pila Mulligan: maybe boxy, as in essence

Avy Runner: (I missed something ;))

Mickorod Renard: is the soul a passenger to our bodily choices?

Dao Yheng: (maybe my viewer is slow :)

Calvino Rabeni: If people say something like "soul is synonymous with identity" it means something about identity

Alfred Kelberry: pila, i think it subtly implies that soul is no different than a thought

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Pila Mulligan: and a thought is ...?

Pila Mulligan: Prof. Descartes :)

Alfred Kelberry: interaction of ideas :)

Avy Runner: (I look from behind the bushes ;))

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Mickorod Renard: I sometimes get the feeling the soul is the pet canary in the mind that will ultimately pay the price for our mischivous bodily choices and have to suffer at some later date by means of concience..or is that the ramblings of a mad man?

Pila Mulligan: sounds theological

Dao Yheng: Ha, I started to feel a bit loony myself when considering the soul...

Zen Arado: why do we need the concept of a soul?

Calvino Rabeni: To paraphrase Zen's question - How does the concept of a soul have any relevance to us?

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Calvino Rabeni: Personally

Mickorod Renard: maybe soul is concience?

Avy Runner: (bumped again :))

Pila Mulligan: human thoughts just seem to have wandered into the idea, Zen and Cal

Agatha Macbeth: WB Atari

Zen Arado: paraphrsed my own question:)

Pila Mulligan: welcome bcak Atari

Ataraxia Azemus: Thanks :)

Zen Arado: doesn't it come from religions?

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Dao Yheng: but it does feel like there is a something that pays a price, Mick

Pila Mulligan: and the thought seems to have taken hold, like a plant, in collective history

Alfred Kelberry: zen, religion only used it as a tool

Pila Mulligan: :)

Mickorod Renard: what if we had never heard of the notion of a soul,,what would we discuss tonite?

Calvino Rabeni: It might be useful to at least point out the way the concept has a lot of social and emotional baggage .. embarassment, propaganda, ideology ...

Zen Arado: if we didn't have e religious upbringing would we still have the idea?

Calvino Rabeni: I think so Zen

Ataraxia Azemus: I think so, too

Alfred Kelberry: pila, that sounded like a line from "inception" :)

Calvino Rabeni: everyone has a religious upbringing by being part of a culture

Pila Mulligan: religion is a very thick cloud in both philosophical history and personal thinking

Calvino Rabeni: regardless whether they were lectured on theology

Dao Yheng: it's a weird question in a way -- all humans have had a religious background, we're the closest we've ever come to not having one

Mickorod Renard: the notion of a soul must be for a reson,,to explain something

Calvino Rabeni: Unless you define consumer culture as a religion .. it's certainly a value and ethical system

Zen Arado: it allows immortality

Calvino Rabeni: I agree with Mick on that

Ataraxia Azemus: If we mean soul as a thing that continues after death, then it seems like a natural concept, because without it, death means a cessation of experience, and we find that disturbing

Pila Mulligan: it is the transcendent part that gives people pause today

Bruce Mowbray: Is "soul" something separate and individual - as would be suggested by the notion of punishments, etc. - or is soul something we share with all living things, or perhaps all of Being?

Pila Mulligan: :)

Calvino Rabeni: People accept a concept because of the MANY THINGS it sort of says something about

Zen Arado: ie do dogs have souls?

Ataraxia Azemus: I prefer the latter to the former, Bruce :)

Pila Mulligan: ahh, Bruce, the Atman question :)

Bruce Mowbray: me too, Violet.

Mickorod Renard: the transcendant as in to have something accountable for our actions in this lifetime

Pila?

Dao Yheng: can we have it both ways?

Ataraxia Azemus: I prefer that to either, Dao :)

Bruce Mowbray: soul - connective stuff

Calvino Rabeni: Sure, we can have it both ways, says /me :)

Alfred Kelberry: bruce, for those who believe in afterlife, soul is very real and separate, for others it's just a concept in our head

Pila Mulligan: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C4%80t...%28Buddhism%29>

Calvino Rabeni: Not necessarily Alfred, a soul need not imply an afterlife

Zen Arado: we couldn't go to heaven or be reborn without a soul

Bruce Mowbray: what is "after-life" -- when Life continues and we are soul-connected to all of it?

Calvino Rabeni: it might imply a "meta-life" though

Pila Mulligan: accountable for our actions in this lifetime, Mick -- I'd guess not

Gaya Ethaniel: hm ... still listening here but soul seems to bring a lot of other related ideas into consideration when discussing ...

Mickorod Renard: does anyone here not believe in some sort of life after death?

Calvino Rabeni: I don't

Pila Mulligan: I do

Pila Mulligan: :)

Zen Arado: depends what you mean by life Mick

Alfred Kelberry: cal, meta-life?

Ataraxia Azemus: I don't, either

Mickorod Renard: in that case Cal, do you believe in a soul?

Pila Mulligan: yes, life is the tricky part there

Ataraxia Azemus: But...I find beauty and value in different conceptions of a life after death

Alfred Kelberry: mick, i think secretly everyone wishes it is true :)

Calvino Rabeni: Yes, a greater more universal significance for the living self in the here-and-now ..

Calvino Rabeni: that would be a meta-life

Bruce Mowbray: I believe that Life will continue after my individual body dies. . . and that in some ways I will continue to contribute to that Life. - - - perhaps as fertilizer . . .

Calvino Rabeni: connected with something beyond individual

Calvino Rabeni: but impermanent

Pila Mulligan: I prefer the idea of some sort of *life* (identity, essence) before birth

Zen Arado: we go back to what we came out of

Alfred Kelberry: cal, which would also be a concept

Calvino Rabeni: huh Al?

Alfred Kelberry: yet highly regarded by the author

Bruce Mowbray feels that we never really "came out of it"

Zen Arado: it's the individuality of a soul we like isn't it?

Mickorod Renard: mmm. I was trying to get to what the soul may be value for

Zen Arado: our ego wants to keep going some way

Alfred Kelberry: cal, you don't say this meta-life is separate?

Calvino Rabeni: @zen, i think what we like about the idea of soul is it is a connector between individual and something greater

Ataraxia Azemus: I think that's part of it, Zen, but maybe on a deeper level, it's the continuity of experience...

Calvino Rabeni: its an in-between

Zen Arado: I want to exist as 'I'

Calvino Rabeni: @Al I would say separate, no

Mickorod Renard: I am lost

Pila Mulligan: Dalai Lama (quoted in wiki): when we look at [the] interdependence of mental and physical constituents from the perspective of Highest Yoga Tantra, there are two concepts of a person. One is the temporary person or self, that is as we exist at the moment, and this is labeled on the basis of our coarse or gross physical body and conditioned mind, and, at the same time, there is a subtle person or self which is designated in dependence on the subtle body and subtle mind. This subtle body and subtle mind are seen as a single entity that has two facets.

Ataraxia Azemus: "I" is always changing, isn't it?

Alfred Kelberry: cal, between what?

Agatha Macbeth: Fluid I

Calvino Rabeni: It seems a part of most spiritual systems to offer something to the desire people have to be "more than an I"

Zen Arado: ah but the soul is supposed to be the unchanging part isn't it?

Calvino Rabeni: soul provides some of that

Ataraxia Azemus: Or an I-deal, at least

Pila Mulligan: :)

Agatha Macbeth groans

Alfred Kelberry: :)

Mickorod Renard: :)

Ataraxia Azemus grins

Zen Arado: :)

Mickorod Renard: my soul hurts

Calvino Rabeni: if all is impermanent, would that include soul?

Zen Arado: impermanence seems to rule it out

Zen Arado: since it doesn't change

Zen Arado: ?

Gaya Ethaniel: brb

Pila Mulligan: but it can change :)

Dao Yheng: If a soul doesn't exist in time, then what does impermanence mean?

Avy Runner: it would include it for me yes

Mickorod Renard: could it not be that other part of ourselves that is in operation to challenge our decisions and act as a conscience?

Zen Arado: my idea of a soul is something that is an essence of us

Calvino Rabeni: Seems to me, Mick

Alfred Kelberry: mick, that would be you :)

Mickorod Renard: :)

Pila Mulligan: like Freudian superego, Mick and cal>

Pila Mulligan: Cal*

Zen Arado: but mind isn't soul is it?

Alfred Kelberry: soul is a work of mind

Calvino Rabeni: It's an axiom of theology that soul or god does not change ...that doesn't make it true

Mickorod Renard: it could be if its placed in us before our corruption

Zen Arado: but when is it placed?

Pila Mulligan: :)

Ataraxia Azemus: I see a soul as essence, too...but closer to Bruce's POV. An essence of Life, more than the life.

Pila Mulligan: nature changes

Zen Arado: well we are talking about a concept here aren't we

Zen Arado: we cant see a soull

Alfred Kelberry: right, zen

Calvino Rabeni: Zen, can we talk about the moon?

Calvino Rabeni: not about a concept of the moon?

Pila Mulligan: or intuition

Zen Arado: didn't the try to weigh bodies to see if they lightened after death?

Pila Mulligan: yes

Alfred Kelberry: cal, what's your point?

Zen Arado: after the soul left?

Pila Mulligan: yes Zen

Calvino Rabeni: We use concepts .. with some faith that they may refer to something .. which itself is rather unclear

Mickorod Renard: there must be something in our genetic structure that is fundamental, after that we add information via our brains

Ataraxia Azemus: When we talk about souls, we talk about a lot of different things....some of them are still valuable or beautiful, even if we don't accept them literally

Zen Arado: yeh but you kinda have to have faith to believe it exists at all

Dao Yheng: you also have to have faith to believe that it doesn't exist, right?

Agatha Macbeth nods

Alfred Kelberry: maybe some developmental psychologists know when a concept of soul is grasped by the kids the first time

Pila Mulligan: must go now, rl stuff -- aloha

Ataraxia Azemus: The continuity of all life is one of the most beautiful human concepts I know....I don't believe in it, but it's nice poetry. It speaks to the soul :)

Alfred Kelberry: but i'm pretty sure it's not built-in :)

Agatha Macbeth: Aloha Pila, take care

Dao Yheng: bye pila :)

Zen Arado: bye Pila

Mickorod Renard: noetic science wieghded the soul,,and purported that it had a wieght

Ataraxia Azemus: Take care Pila :)

Mickorod Renard: bye Pila

Bruce Mowbray: bye, Pila.

Calvino Rabeni: Maybe zen .. or maybe not .. suppose someone uses a concept e.g. soul to refer to something in you, that you call by a different name ... so you believe in "it" but don't subscribe to the concept

Dao Yheng: Ata, that's a nice distinction -- that some things don't exactly need to be true or false

Gaya Ethaniel: oh missed Pila :(

Ataraxia Azemus: wb Gaya :)

Agatha Macbeth: He only just left

Zen Arado: maybe there is a sliding scale of realness from a concept to something that is more tangible

Alfred Kelberry: violet, well said on the afterlife :)

Ataraxia Azemus: :)

Gaya Ethaniel: ty :)

Alfred Kelberry: gaya the bunny :)

Calvino Rabeni: The question of interpretation .. the "hermeneutic stance" .. is whether the concept used by something else refers to anything in one's own experience or beliefs under a different name

Zen Arado: experience yes - we don't experience a soul

Bruce Mowbray: re - the hermeneutic stance -- perhaps "soul" is a metaphor for something. . . . that we cannot know literally.

Calvino Rabeni: Yes

Mickorod Renard: unless the experiencing aspect of our existence is experienced by our soul, and only that?

Calvino Rabeni: maybe it has components that are knowable and others that are unknowable

Avy Runner: (sorry, get's distracted a lot)

Zen Arado: it certainly is pervasive

Ataraxia Azemus: Maybe our experience is our soul? Does an impermanent soul still count?

Agatha Macbeth: me too Avy

Mickorod Renard: without a conscience do we experience?

Alfred Kelberry: our experience shapes our soul

Calvino Rabeni: Occasionally the soul is considered to be an observer, .. the ghost in the machine ...

Bruce Mowbray: Throughout this whole discussion, it seems that we have not mentioned "Spirit" --- The archetypal psychologists (e.g. James Hillman) make a clear distinction between spirit and soul.

Mickorod Renard: this is what I was thinking Cal

Calvino Rabeni: Yes

Zen Arado feels soulless

Alfred Kelberry: thisa?

Mickorod Renard: :)

Mickorod Renard: Bruce, say more?

Ataraxia Azemus: Mm, I'm curious, too

Calvino Rabeni: That's a great distinction Bruce

Zen Arado: what is it Bruce?

Bruce Mowbray: spirit ascends and descends... whereas soul is an inward and downward sensing...

Zen Arado: the Holy Spirit?

Calvino Rabeni: There's that directional component, but what is that a metaphor ... for ?

Mickorod Renard: mm i was wondering too

Zen Arado: ascending to heaven?

Alfred Kelberry: :/

Calvino Rabeni: In other words it shows different qualities

Avy Runner: sounds like the difference between holy and grounding.....

Calvino Rabeni: something like that

Zen Arado: or descending to hell

Mickorod Renard: mood i should think

Avy Runner: teh uprising part and the descending part

Avy Runner: ?

Calvino Rabeni: mood is grounded in our gravity field

Bruce Mowbray: Soul music -- soul food -- bodily sensations are soul. . . whereas flights of aspiration are spirit.

Ataraxia Azemus: Oh, I see now,

Ataraxia Azemus: I like that!

Bruce Mowbray: ;-)

Gaya Ethaniel: :)

Bruce Mowbray: (Hillman says it MUCH better than I!)

Calvino Rabeni: soul is associated with individuality, spirit with universality

Bruce Mowbray: ;-)

Avy Runner: yes

Avy Runner: I can see that

Alfred Kelberry: bruce, what happens when they combine?

Bruce Mowbray: I'd say just the reverse, Cal -- There is World Soul . . . whereas there are individual spirits.

Zen Arado: but that's the Christian distinction between body and spirit

Calvino Rabeni: soul is associated with immanence, spirit with transcendence

Zen Arado: the body seen as corrupt

Bruce Mowbray sits on hands and listens -- intently.

Alfred Kelberry: zen, that part is awful

Mickorod Renard: ponders

Zen Arado: reminds me of the soul wanting to join up with Brahman?

Mickorod Renard: lost for words

Agatha Macbeth: Anima Mundi

Zen Arado: sort of a corruptible body and a higher part that is spirit

Mickorod Renard: what does the dali lama say bout spirit?

Bruce Mowbray: Yes - World Soul.

Calvino Rabeni: if soul is associated with a downward direction, that's a metaphor meaning ... sinking, relaxing, slow, deep, hidden, obscure, all the qualities that earth appears to have in distinction to sky

Bruce Mowbray: yes, Cal, all of that -- well put, sir.

Calvino Rabeni: World Soul is a nice concept Bruce

Gaya Ethaniel: :)

Ataraxia Azemus: Very well put :)

Calvino Rabeni: it says metaphorically, there's a lot that does not immediately meet the eye, that can't be perceived in terms of forms and shapes

Avy Runner: Wrold can be associated with earth also

Avy Runner: and the qualities of it

Calvino Rabeni: these metaphors are based on the way we are embodied and the way our senses work

Agatha Macbeth: The word nephesh occurs 754 times in the Hebrew Old Testament.

In the A.V. and R.V. it is translated "soul" 472 times, while in the other 282 places it is represented by forty-four different words or phrases. In fifty-three of these places there is a marginal rendering which calls attention to the fact that the word is "nephesh", while in 229 passages the English reader has hitherto been left in ignorance of the fact. The English word "soul" is in every occurrence the rendering of the Hebrew nephesh, except in Job 30:15 and Isa. 57:16.

Though, with these two exceptions, the English word "soul" always represents the Hebrew nephesh, nephesh is not always translated "soul".

Avy Runner: yes

Avy Runner: descending, ascending, becoming body, becoming spirit

Bruce Mowbray: Our world's soul is sick and needs to be re-souled. . .

Bruce Mowbray: For Hillman, "soul" is about multiplicity and ambiguity, and about being polytheistic; it belongs to the night-world

of dreams where the lines across the phenomenal field are not so clearly drawn. Soul pathologizes: "it gets us into

trouble," as Moore writes, "it interferes with the smooth running of life, it obstructs attempts to understand, and it

seems to make relationships impossible." While spirit seeks unity and harmony, soul is in the vales, the depths.

Calvino Rabeni: If we "saw" on different frequencies, the earth would be a luminous cloud, .. then we'd have to find some other metaphors to locate hidden, obscure, and implicit qualities

Bruce Mowbray: - - - soul is in the depths. . .

Calvino Rabeni: thanks bruce

Bruce Mowbray: yw

Gaya Ethaniel: :)

Mickorod Renard: so maybesome o us,,me included,,or only me,,have mixed up soul with spirit?

Gaya Ethaniel: Well if we see differently like that, we will communicate differently also :)

Calvino Rabeni: It's important for soul not to be clear and controllable .. therefore it causes "trouble" in Hillman's way of seeing it

Gaya Ethaniel: Even if a tiger can speak, we can't understand it :P

Avy Runner: well, it's the sin side according to some parts of Christianity, the bodypart

Dao Yheng: Mick, I suspect your understanding is as reliable as anyone else's :)

Mickorod Renard: I am confused in that if we accept that idea then I have to adjust my vocabulary

Avy Runner: so that thinking is part of our culture

Zen Arado: I have to go

Calvino Rabeni: @mick, there's little consensus and lots of variety, I don't think there's a standard to conform to

Zen Arado: ty for discussion

Zen Arado: bye

Gaya Ethaniel: Good night Zen :)

Calvino Rabeni: Bye Zen

Dao Yheng: night zen!

Mickorod Renard: ok,,so in that case,,,bye Zen

Agatha Macbeth: Bye Zen, have fun

Avy Runner: bye zen :)
 Ataraxia Azemus: Eep, too quick
 Avy Runner: ick, for you it might be interesting to look at Father, Sun and Holy Spirit
 Avy Runner: *Mick
 Avy Runner: *Son
 Mickorod Renard: in that case,,as a christian,,it sort of lend s more towards the holy spirit
 Mickorod Renard: yes Avy,,ty
 Avy Runner: yes
 Avy Runner: to me that is
 Mickorod Renard: mmm
 Ataraxia Azemus: I should be going as well, though....thank you for your thoughts, everyone :)
 Ataraxia Azemus: Take care! :)
 Mickorod Renard: bye Atar
 Dao Yheng: thank you too, Ata
 Avy Runner: bye Atara :)
 Agatha Macbeth: C ya Atari
 Gaya Ethaniel: Thanks for coming bye Atari :)
 Bruce Mowbray: I must go too. THANKS for this discussion.
 Bruce Mowbray: bfn.
 Mickorod Renard: bye bruce
 Dao Yheng: bye bruce!
 Gaya Ethaniel: Bye Bruce :)
 Avy Runner: bye Bruce :)
 Agatha Macbeth: Nighty-night brucie
 Avy Runner: those meetings are logged?
 Calvino Rabeni: I think they are, Avy
 Mickorod Renard: I thin its ben ver inteesting
 Gaya Ethaniel: Which meetings?
 Avy Runner: this one Gaya
 Dao Yheng: on the wiki, avy
 Dao Yheng: <http://waysofknowing.kira.org/>
 Gaya Ethaniel: Yes they are on the wiki under 'Discussion' :)
 Agatha Macbeth: Where's eliza today?
 Avy Runner: ok, thanks, have missed parts, would like to read it
 Mickorod Renard: I liken this to ways of knowing
 Gaya Ethaniel: :)
 Gaya Ethaniel: Eliza can't always make this one.
 Agatha Macbeth: Aww
 Mickorod Renard: there is not so much an answer, but an energy to work on and find reason
 Avy Runner: I think she's busy
 Gaya Ethaniel: :)
 Avy Runner: :) Mick
 Mickorod Renard: :)
 Dao Yheng: our new tagline :)
 Avy Runner: I don't know about finding reason, but surely something to work on, without expecting an

answer

Gaya Ethaniel: What? 'No answers'? :P

Mickorod Renard: he he

Mickorod Renard: I often find lil inspirations

Avy Runner: hehe Gaya, THEN WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE !!!

Mickorod Renard: on the way to work

Agatha Macbeth: Yes, what are we doing here? :p

Gaya Ethaniel: oh ... I'm not here for answers ...

Mickorod Renard: most my thoughts stem from wok

Gaya Ethaniel: wow thanks Mick, we appreciate your participation too.

Calvino Rabeni: Yes true Mick

Mickorod Renard: thankyou

Dao Yheng: Wallace Stevens used to compose a poem on his walk to work every day :)

Calvino Rabeni: A variety of perspectives - helpful

Gaya Ethaniel: Give us one Dao :)

Calvino Rabeni: And William Stafford

Calvino Rabeni: a contemplative poet with a good sense of place

Mickorod Renard: yes, I had a great thought thismorning, it almost reduced me to tears it was so great

Calvino Rabeni: Rilke's a good soul poet

Mickorod Renard: ok,,must go now

Gaya Ethaniel: Good night Mick :)

Dao Yheng: I

Among twenty snowy mountains,

The only moving thing

Was the eye of the blackbird.

II

I was of three minds,

Like a tree

In which there are three blackbirds.

III

The blackbird whirled in the autumn winds.

It was a small part of the pantomime.

IV

A man and a woman

Are one.

A man and a woman and a blackbird

Are one.

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I do not know which to prefer,

The beauty of inflections

Or the beauty of innuendoes,

The blackbird whistling

Or just after.

Agatha Macbeth: Bye Mick

Mickorod Renard: bye everyone,,thankyo

Calvino Rabeni: I think John O'Donohue is a good Christian / Celtic philosopher somewhere between embodied and transcendent soul

Dao Yheng: from Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird -- goes on...

Dao Yheng: bye mick!

Calvino Rabeni: Bye Mick :)

Gaya Ethaniel: ty :)

Agatha Macbeth: Me go too - sayonara

Gaya Ethaniel: Good night Aggers :)

Calvino Rabeni: Sime here actually - hasta la vista :)

Dao Yheng: night all!

Avy Runner: bye veryone who goes

Gaya Ethaniel: Bye everyone :)