

Werner Erhard discusses being for human beings.

The question is, what sees?

So, okay, yeah, I see, I see Roman. But what is it that sees?

Now, it sounds like I'm asking, what is the equipment with which you're seeing? So, you might say, I see with my eyes, or I see with my brain, or whatever the heck you come up with. That's not the question.

The question is, what's seeing?

That question is as critical a question as you can possibly imagine, even though it sounds rather trivial.

Yeah, because I know that what sees is me.

I see Arlene.

That's the way I speak. I see Arlene. And it is whatever, that is, the eye that sees, that determines one's ultimate power in life.

Now, you know, I spent a good deal of my life being very successful, being very forceful, without very much power, until I realized that the only time I was forceful was when I didn't experience any power, Force is the negation of power.

So, this I, I'd like you to consider, suppose I was nothing more than something that showed up in the clearing that you are. Suppose that's all I was for you.

The way that thing I refer to when I say I occurred for me was as something that showed up in the clearing I am.

And I'd like you to see what would be your relation to it. And I like that name, because that's my name for what I'm referring to when I say I. But at any rate, never mind my play on words.

It's worth considering that while we all function inside of, I don't know what word to use, so I'll use a word that comes to me, which isn't as good as the word I should use. But at any rate, we all function inside of a certain environment. And the environment in which everybody in the room functions, no matter where you think you're from or what your culture is, ultimately the culture you function in is called human being.

And, it ain't doing too good.

It's been a long time since what it means to be human has had any breakthrough whatsoever. It's been a long time.

Now, at one time, if you and I were born sometime in the past, every one of us would know that we would not determine the course of our lives. Somebody else would determine the course of our lives, and that would just be the way it is to be human. You know, it would be the king or the queen or the warlord or the blah, blah, blah, whatever.

Something else would determine the course of my life, not me. And while that's still true in lots of places on our planet, it's no longer what's there essentially. And there was a time, and it wasn't very long ago, when in all around the world, some human beings were sub-human beings.

And everybody knew that that's the way it was. There were some human beings that were sub-human beings. And it didn't matter where you were.

Didn't matter whether you were in Merry England or the United States or Africa or whether you were in Mesopotamia. Slavery was a part of, okay, so you get my drift, that we don't make very many steps forward in what it means to be a human, what it means to be a human being. Wouldn't it be fabulous if you could participate, makes my hair stand on end. Sorry, I gotta go slow here. Wouldn't it be fabulous if you and I, you or I, could participate in a transformation of what it means to be human?

There is this possibility of planting the seed, of taking some ground in what it means to be human.

And one of the things that I predict can empower you and me in making some contribution to a transformation in what it means to be human is to wonder what would I be like, what would life, this whole mess here, and what would my engagement with this whole mess here, you know the mess I call life and the engagement I call living, what would that look like if whatever it is when I'm referring to and I say I is something that shows up in the clearing I am?

How much would I have to defend what? I.

How much would I have to make sure that I was right?

How much would I have to resist being dominated or attempt to dominate?

And so I don't wanna give you any answers because you gotta throw in answers about that question for it to be any value.

But at any rate, if you can take a minute from time to time over the weekend to see, what would it all be like if what I refer to when I say I or me occurred as something that shows up in the clearing I am?