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Unity and intimacy are human instincts. But the politics of power build walls which divide. Empathy is replaced with fear. Through the blindness of indoctrination, alliances and oppositions are integrated into culture and passed down through generations. It is to the unique advantage of those in power that divisions between races, social classes, religions and cultures are not amended.

It is easier to succumb to hatred of an enemy (manufactured by political interests) than to be ostracized by the society. Submission becomes a method of self-preservation.

Political alliances serve to multiply the power of those allied. Does alliance imply friendship?

Does friendship imply love?

A demonstration of forced love illuminates the absurdity of forced hatred. It seems so unnatural.

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