

# Wake Up Call #15a

## *Language Reduces Experience*

Language Reduces Experience. The way it does that is because you give a name to something that is more than its name. If you give a name to a person or a tree, it's so much more. If you say in language, "I fell in love," does that say it all? So, there is no way, completely, to explain experience with language. It's always a reduction.

But it's worse than that. We have to go a little bit farther to understand what we are going to do for our exercise to re-integrate our lives. Our lives come apart when we use language. If you go back to the earliest languages, they didn't always take things apart and have a subject and a predicate to a sentence. For example, take a modern sentence like, "The light flashed." They would say, "flash" - one thing. There wasn't a light and a flash, they saw "flash." It's a noun and a verb. So, not only is it a subject and predicate, they also blended what we have as *tenses*. But they didn't blend - for them it *was* together - they were in the present. So, they spoke of everything *becoming*. The past comes into the present, which comes into the future in one stream. They did this because they were so present to things a long time ago. The earlier you go, the languages do this. But, which is more advanced - their way or ours.

So, if you want to say, "I see the light flash," and be more advanced, you might try, "flash." Our next stage of humankind has to find out how to use our current language - because it is quite sophisticated - it's awesome - we have come somewhere with it - but yet, we will need to integrate ourselves back to wholeness.

So, the goal is - the exercise for today as we try to wake up - to see ourselves as a paradox. Here's the question, "Are you a noun, are you a verb, or are you a paradox?" A noun might be the "human being" as a thing - as a noun. You're not a thing. You're not an object. If you assign yourself to being only a noun, you will see the whole world as objects - you will project this view onto everything you see. Objects. Things.

Or are you a verb - a "human doing?" "I'm going to see what I get done today." You don't want to do that either, because, if you're thinking only of what you'll get done too much, you're not here on the ride. You won't see what's going on all around you.

But, if you're the paradox - a noun and a verb - it's impossible - it's paradoxical. If you're a "human becoming" - not a "human being" - not a "human doing" - a "human becoming" - maybe we can recover where the ancient languages and the people who spoke them were. Then we'll see things as integrated - not apart. And then, although language may be reducing, you will not.

That's the wake up call for today. I'll see you in one those *future* tomorrows.

