

The Poem of Communicating Cross Culturally

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Seven (7) Statements About ME

- 1) I was born in Canada have lived only in Canada.
- 2) I am a white male and speak only one language
- 3) I am an “Army Brat” and moved 8 different times before I was 12 years old.
- 4) My birth-dad was a violent man who walked out of my life when I was ~6 years old and I grew up with my (step) dad who is an indigenous man who went to residential schools for most of his childhood.
- 5) I moved to the prairies when I was 12 years old and have lived on the prairies for most of my life since then.
- 6) As an adult, I have a set of values that cause me to live out my life in a way that enjoys connecting with people.
- 7) I will soon be 50 years old and that seems really weird to me.

Which statement says most about who I am?

Who wrote the following line of poetry?

(Prize involved)

I am a part of all that I have met;
Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
Gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades
For ever and forever when I move.



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I am a part of all that I have met

Three Big Realities that I have come to terms with in the last year

- 1) Take everything I know about communication and either increase skills or start over
- 2) Understand my power just because of who I am and where I sit
- 3) Its about culture and not about language.

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4 Stories that demonstrate what I am talking about

- 1) Two completely different first contacts on the exact same day
- 2) A new understanding of something completely new
- 3) The New Pilar Beer at the Umzoo!
- 4) When a form is just not a form

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From Where does that line from?

Ulysses

by Lord Alfred Tennyson

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield

Its wonderful to be loved....

It is profound to be understood.

Ellen Degeneres
(Oprah's Master Class)



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