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WHAT TURNS ME ON — AND OFF!

(as a Counsellor-Person)

I find myself
 between HOPE and Despair
 and very aware of each,
 and this experience is becoming clearer to me as integral in being
 alive and human

What turns me on is the increasing sense of solidness I have inside
 myself — about my skills — my professional competence — counselling
 processes that are effective

and especially my own sense of worth
 to myself — and in relationship to
 others.

It is within this context that a basic religious stance has become
 meaningful to me. Theological words that a long time ago became
 dead
 anachronistic
 — and sterile

Also the church as an institution

But I am experiencing with persons a sense of
 Hope and Joy — The Discovery of Life (even in
 the painful empty-agony of
 depression).

What turns me on is seeing people come ALIVE — and myself
 being a part in that process!
 — who were blocked
 — at an impasse
 — Dead Ended

And so a Resurrection Process makes sense to me as a way of looking
 at this phenomenon.

And also a profound sense of the HELL in which quiet people lead
 their desperate lives . . .

My greatest satisfactions:

To see, experience, respond to the Christ in every man
the aliveness and potential in
the lives of the Janes and Johns with whom I am in relationship.

And a Counterbalance lies for me in the area of
FEAR of STAGNATION
and Failure

and perhaps the ultimate irrelevance and
uselessness of all this — counselling theory
— and practice

This has centred for me in the failure to be an effective change agent
in the midst of an educational institution. And I know in my head that
the Internal Change Agent from an Organizational Development point
of view faces a tough task:

— to sell — and exert influence from within an organizational system

At the same time, why aren't such basic issues as:
—The Education of the whole person
—The Search for Selfhood
—the importance of Social and Emotional
Growth in Persons
just as obvious to my colleagues in History — Economics — and
even Psychology as they are to
me ? ?

At this point in my life, the End Result is . . .
that I feel very, very HUMAN
There is little fantasy time for SuperMAN, for
around
the
corner

I can experience myself as a
(mite)

There is a sense of Reality in continuing Awareness that I am Human . . .
. . . STRONG
and
. . . weak

. . . and that's O.K., too!

It's the Reality in BEING ALIVE and Owning MYSELF AS A PERSON
—human person
—in Counselling