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The Vatican has a vast and an ancient library.

There is only **one** person

who can remove a book from that library:

The Pope.

One such Pope, Pope Leo X (1513 - 1521) said:

"How well we know

what a profitable superstition

this fable of Christ

has been for us."

There is a book, The Lost Wisdom of the Ancient Masters

by Professor Hilton Hotema.

Professor Hotema said:

"**Truth** is such a rare quality,

a stranger so seldom met,

in this civilization of fraud,

that it is never received freely,

but must fight its way

into the world."

This statement, by Professor Hotema,

embodies **a sentiment and a viewpoint** that I share,

almost!

Consider what **truth** is !

Truth is a representation,

a statement which maps an event or describes an action,

which proposes a set of forms, objects, bodies or creatures,

or a set of events or a set of actions.

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There are no fully contained or fully conveyed representations,
which can ever well present, represent, plot or diagram
any process, any event or any action,
fully or adequately.

This brings us to the very important understanding:
LANGUAGE, WORDS, DO NOT and CAN NOT EMBODY TRUTH !

Regardless of the vigilance or the rigour,
the precision or the acuity, of logic or of reason,
language and words
do not and can not embody **truth**.

That means - there is validity
to the Zen concepts
of "thusness" and "suchness".

Beyond and within all forms and all surfaces,
forces and fields,
in intricate patterns,
underlie and motivate
everything that happens.

When and only when
we stop talking in our heads,
we stop muttering to ourselves,
we abandon the interpretations involved,
in mapping the world with words and with language,
do we get in range of **truth**.

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There is a deep silence,
a quiet touch,
a submerged connection,
between a centre of consciousness
and its environment.

Everything is made out of consciousness,
the coemissive fundamental,
the self referencing and the other than self referencing.

We need to do our knowing
by connection,
by interacting forces and fields,
by feel-knowing!

Zen commends us -
to burn scriptures,
for safe keeping.

Much religion
appeals to the authority of scriptures.

How tragic!

These scriptures are bad maps
and provide bad navigation
of life itself.

We need to open the boundaries
of self definition.

Submerge the self -
functionally.

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More **being**.

Not so much **doing**.

Being is its own justification.

The more we define

and the more we keep track of ourselves,

this is me and this is not me,

the less we are

or even the less we can be.

To define ourselves

and / or to keep track of ourselves

is a process of closure and bounding.

Our salvation

lies in **openness**, in **connectedness**,

in intense interaction,

in responsive functional presence.

Be and become !

Live and make alive.