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The desire to imitate is a very strong factor in our life, not only at the superficial levels, but also profoundly. We have hardly any independent

thoughts and feelings.

(Source: Education and the Significance of Life)

When we are young what is important is not to be satisfied with explanations, but to find out how to be intelligent, and thereby discover the truth of things; and we cannot be intelligent if we are not free. It is said that freedom comes only when we are old and wise, but surely there must be freedom while we are still very young—not freedom to do what we like, but freedom to understand very deeply our own instincts and urges.

(Source: Life Ahead)

You must question everything, including your pet beliefs, your ideals, your authorities, your scriptures, your politicians. Which means there must be a certain quality of scepticism. If this is so, then you will put the right question. And if it is the right question you will have the right answer, because the very act of putting that right question shows the answer in itself.

(Source: Beyond Violence)

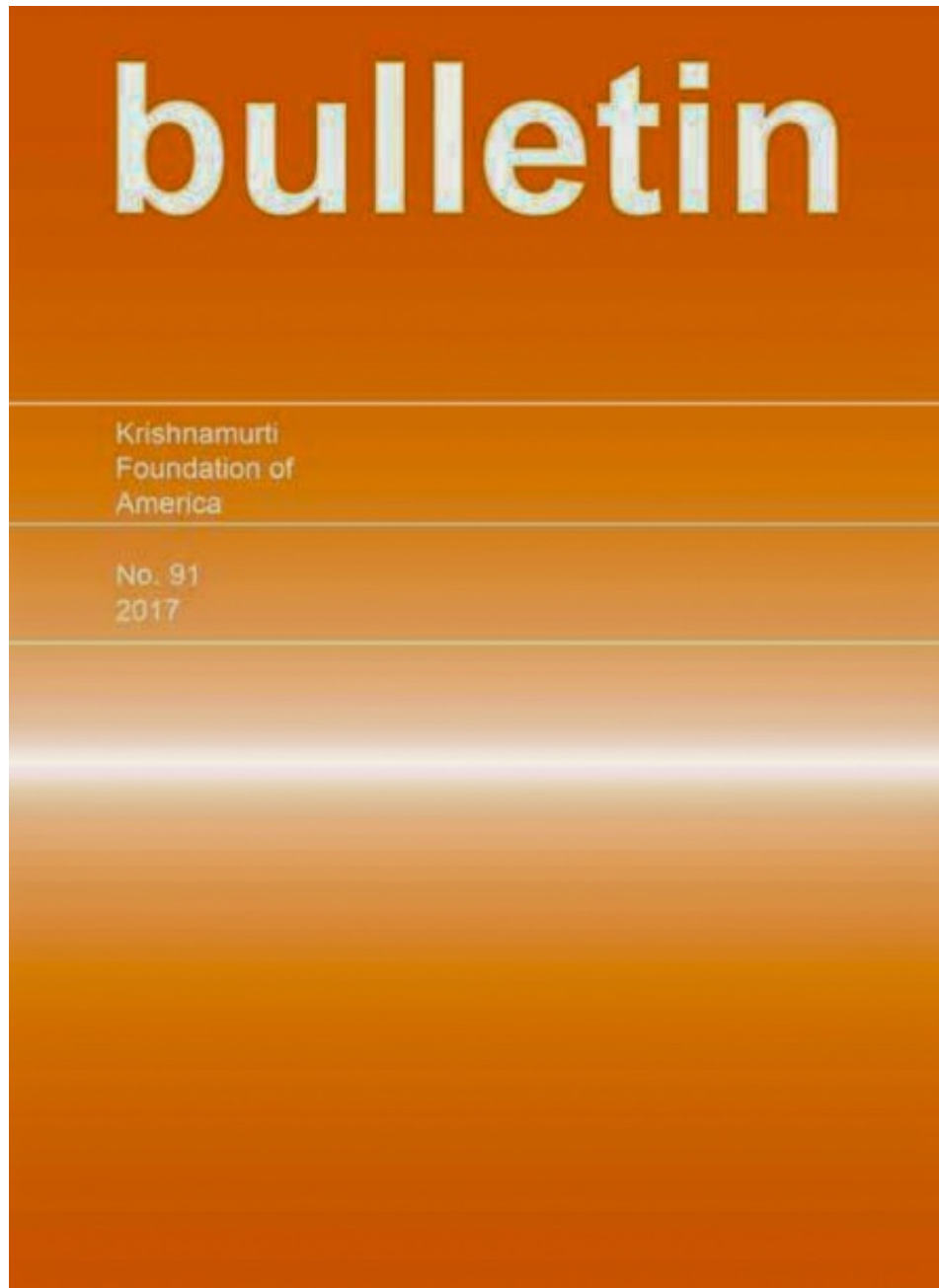
The image and quotes above are taken from a series of exhibition panels created by Vikram Parchure. The title of the exhibition is "To the Young".

Vikram is a designer exploring design as an instrument of social change and value education.

Krishnamurti's deep concern for the young led him to exhort youth to insightfully understand that the old ways of problem-solving will prove too inadequate to deal with the complexity of present-day world dilemmas. He said that only a mind that is fresh, youthful, perceptive and ever-willing to face the challenges of uncertainty can deal with this challenge successfully. What makes for such a youthful quality of mind, regardless of the body's physical age? This is the vitally important question that is explored in these panels.

Each KANZ newsletter is presenting one of the panels developed by Vikram for the reader's interest and reflection on the key themes of this exhibition.

Krishnamurti Foundation of America – Bulletin 2017



Every year the Krishnamurti Foundation of America selects a theme to focus on in order to align various programs at the Krishnamurti Center in Ojai and inquiry activities at the Oak Grove School. This year the chosen theme is *The Mirror of Relationship*.

In this hitherto unpublished talk that took place in Saanen in 1979, Krishnamurti talks about “thinking together”. He points towards our

inability to think together and implies at the same time that the acute realisation of this inability brings about “thinking together.” He spells out that thinking together means to meet at the same point, at the same level, with the same intensity. Responding to a question from the audience, he states that you cannot try this, that trying is another trick of the mind to avoid. To consider “doing without trying” is a huge challenge for our brains which habitually base action on a progression of gradual improvement. Our brains are caught in time.

Download the 2017 Bulletin [here](#).

The Observer is the Observed



“Am I different from the content of my consciousness? If I am different from the thing I observe in myself, then there is a division between ‘me’ and the thing which I enquire into.

We’re going to go into a little more. I observe in myself anger. I am angry. Or I am greedy, envious. Is that envy different from me who is observing that reaction which I call ‘envy’? Or that envy is me; I am not different from that envy.

So, when I observe, is there a division between the observer and the observed? Then there is conflict. Then I try to suppress it, control it, or run away from it, or try to wish to change it.

But if the observer is the observed, then a totally different action takes place.

Are we dissipating the mystery of it? Because this is very important. Right from the beginning, we are conditioned to the conflict of this division. We are conditioned to either suppress it, or analyse it or run away from it. We are educated, to accept this division. But when one looks into it very, very deeply – not very deeply, it's fairly simple – one sees the observer is the observed, therefore, you eliminate all conflict."

J. Krishnamurti

Brockwood Park, 1976

View a short video – [here](#)

On Living With Intelligence

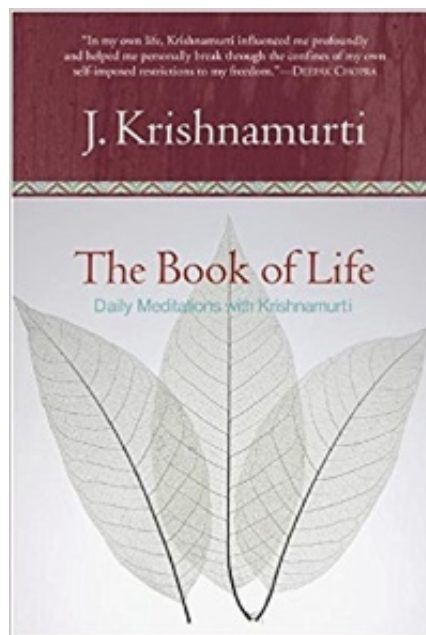


"What is intelligence? I'm asking you the question, you must answer it. Not all of you, but answer it to yourself. What is intelligence? The meaning of that word – Latin and so on – means to read between the lines, to gather information, to acquire knowledge, to accumulate the experience of others and yourself. And to gather information that gives you more knowledge. That's generally the meaning of that word in the dictionary. That is the common usage.

That intelligence is based on knowledge, based on experience, based on skill. Right? Which is the extraordinary intelligence of thought."

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Recent Additions to the Krishnamurti Postal Lending Library



The following books have recently been purchased from the book store at the Krishnamurti Centre, Brockwood Park, and are now available for loan.

10.21

A Jewel on a Silver Platter – remembering Jiddu Krishnamurti by Prof P Krishna

This book was reviewed in the January edition of the KANZ newsletter.

#5.1

The Book of Life – Daily Meditations with J. Krishnamurti

(Please note this book is different to the booklet of the same title already in the Library – #8.12 which is an excerpt from a talk in Colombo, Sri Lanka).

The Book of Life is arranged in an order similar to the way Krishnamurti delivered his talks. He usually began with listening and the relationship

between the speaker and the audience, and ended with subjects that naturally emerge when life is in order and greater depth begins to surface into consciousness. During his last days in 1985 and 1986 he talked about creativity and the possibility of a totally new way of life. This book has excerpts on those subjects. There are 365 passages, with a new theme for every week of the year.

#7.15 Individual & Society – A Study book of the Teachings of J. Krishnamurti

From the introductory passage:

It must be fairly obvious to most people that there must be throughout the world a tremendous revolution – a revolution not of words, not of ideas; not the exchange of beliefs or dogmas; but a change, a total mutation in thought. Because, in the world which is our world – the world we live in, the world that you and I inhabit – the companions, the relationships, the work, the ideas and the beliefs and the dogmas that we hold, have produced a monstrous world, a world of conflict, misery and perpetual sorrow. There is no denying it. Though every one of us is aware of this extraordinary state of things in the world, we accept it as a normal condition, we put up with it day after day, we never enquire into the necessity, the urgency of a revolution that is neither economical nor political but much more fundamental. And it is that we are going to discuss, we are going to talk about together, to explore together, during these three weeks.

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In 1934 Krishnamurti said:

"Why do you want to be students of books instead of students of life? Find out what is true and false in your environment with all its oppressions and its cruelties, and then you will find out what is true." Repeatedly he pointed out that the book of life, which is ever changing with a vitality that cannot be held in thought, was the only one worth reading, all others being filled with secondhand information. "The story of mankind is in you, the vast experience, the deep-rooted fears, anxieties, sorrow, pleasure and all the beliefs that man has accumulated throughout the millennia. You are that book."

These many other books, are available from the [Krishnamurti Postal Lending Library](#).

Christchurch Dialogue Meetings

Now I am asking you, is there such a thing as the subconscious at all? ...We have accepted that there is such a thing and all the phrases and jargon of the analysts and psychologists have seeped into the language; but is there such a thing? And why is it that we give such extraordinary importance to it?

Saturday, 24 March, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

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