

Where we live

Some people
like to say
what's wrong

with this person
or that person

And of course,
we're all
such easy pickings . . .

Perhaps existence *is*,
in some way,
divided
into what's wrong,
right,
and unimportant

between good, bad
and gray

love, hate
and indifference,

heaven, hell
and purgatory

If that sort
of understanding
is useful

then
there's a simple measure
for knowing
which of these worlds
we,
in each of our moments,
are in

One that
people
animals
plants
insects

all bits of existence
which *may or might*
be sentient

know instantly

Because you know
and others do too
when you're being kind
and when you're not

Kind to another
fellow creature
or to yourself
or to a time
or a set of circumstances

Thinking,
reflecting,
or expressing and acting
with kindness
and appreciation
of what is there
in front of you
all around you
or a part of you

Seeing
hearing
feeling
and understanding

And being thankful

Knowing
the moment
and the bits of life
and existence

sharing the moment
with you

Simple gift
for being
sentient creatures

It's a simple measure
of who and where you are

Ask yourself

In this moment
is there kindness
unkindness
or simply
indifference

Being humans
love is, perhaps,
beyond us
a mystery
beyond our understanding
...

But kindness we can do
and recognize
in ourselves
and others

Kindness is the
measure
of how close we can get
to the divine

To love and light

Kindness is a measure

The real miracle
is that we *can*
be kind
in our thoughts
and actions

Can approach love
with

Kindness
Our heaven

Unkindness
Our hell

Indifference and
ignorance
Our purgatory

...

And, having will,
we are blessed

We choose
in each moment
where we
live

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