

Rational vs. Relational

Rationality concludes;
relatedness includes.

Rationality defines;
relatedness combines.

Rationality thinks
and perceives;
relatedness gives
and receives.

To be rational is to be
reasonable in living;
to be relational is to give
a reason for living.

To be rational entails
self-consciousness;
to be relational involves
selfless largess.

To be rational may
make you independent;
to be relational will
make you interdependent.

Rationality is what
I exercise;
relatedness is what
WE possess.

Rationality appeals
to the solitary;
relatedness calls
for solidarity.

Rationality discerns
the connections;
but relatedness
makes them.

Rationality sees
clearly;
relatedness loves
dearly.

Rationality speaks
to the mind;
relatedness flows
from the heart.

Rationality is
calm and cool;
relatedness is
warm and exciting.

Theology says that
in God's inner life
relations constitute the Persons;
it is not different, however,
in the lives of humans.

You can be irrational,
but never unrelated.

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