

Innocence

“Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Obviously we cannot turn time back, to become kids again; it just says “like little children” ¿What does it mean? We must try to find out what is the common factor between us, as we are now, and us when we were kids ¿What is it that hasn't changed and what has changed? ¿Are we doing something different? ¿Is there anything we do now that we did not do when we were kids?

Start looking anew, just watch what there is in a completely empirical way, just the facts; do not add any interpretation. Look as if you had just landed in a foreign planet, as if you were in a completely strange new world and did not have any previous experience of it at all. Just explore what presents to you, with curiosity but without any agenda or vested interests, without expectations, as if you were back to square one.

It is in this way that little children contemplate the world, without preconceived ideas, from not knowing, from innocence.

That which watched the world when we were little hasn't changed. Only from that innocence can we rediscover the kingdom of heaven. It is where we belong.

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