

Weekly Meditation by Rev. Brenda Hunt

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Be A Prayer

“We see the map as the territory...” Gregory Bateson

Stephen Levine speaks of his work in an animal sanctuary in southern Arizona. The sanctuary was the migratory home of hundreds of birds, the southern most home for Arctic fowl and the northern most home for birds of the southern hemisphere. In guiding ornithologists around the dangerous places, rattlesnake habitats and such, he learned to see a “vermillion flycatcher” rather than the brilliant reds of “the living reality.”

It would be an impressive thing indeed to comment on the official name of any bird or plant we might meet, especially if we have an audience... but then how much more wonder-filled it might be to simply see and savor the truth of what we see. As a child, and for a few years into adulthood, I could quote just about any passage of scripture for just about any theme, chapter, verse, etc...but what a different thing entirely to hear, feel, and see words come alive in actions and every-day-ness.

The “bead-work” going on at Agape’ just now is fascinating...and I wonder: Can the beads help me get past prayer as a thing to do, and perhaps become something to be...only as I am open to being a prayer. And we all know it so much easier to say a prayer than to be one...but just maybe.

Prayer: Divine who sees, who hears, who is. For today, and maybe just for tomorrow, help me to *be* a prayer instead of just *saying* a prayer, remind me and watch me “..as I start this day with seeing...” Amen.