

## BUZZism: Journey to Meaning... and Back

The evolution of certain intangibles can invariably be traced back to their origins of existence. In its current state (or mode), the isms of buzz can best be surmised by pondering over the question many have asked since the dawn of time: Why do we exist? To which the inevitable response is: **"We exist to define our own existence."**

That which exists cannot exist without first being that which is definable. Without definition can something truly exist as anything? By defining we give meaning... meaning to the existence of that which is defined... meaning to our own existence. How do we give meaning to our own existence? Reflection is one way some may say. We reflect on our experiences. Our experiences can be traced back to our origins. But our origins won't necessarily give us the meaning we seek. We may know where we came from, but do we know where we are going? By knowing where we are going, we are given guidance, and therefore meaning and something that is clearly defined in our existence. Guidance would imply direction... a goal... an end point, which would further imply a beginning point. By knowing where we've been we may not necessarily know where we are headed, but we at least know that we are headed somewhere—from somewhere. How do we know where we are headed? By giving ourselves guidance—from somewhere--and defining our goal—to somewhere... in essence defining our very existence.

Life, as some have equated it, is a journey... a journey from one place to another... and perhaps back. By coming back have we come full circle? If we do come full circle in our life--our existence--then perhaps it is not the destination but the journey itself that defines us. Evolving involves progress... going from a lower plane of existence to a higher plane of existence until eventually we reach the pinnacle of all progress... of all existence. It is that climb that defines, at the very least, how we got there. It is then the goal that defines what there is when we get there. If we define the climb... the path... the journey of how we get there... if we define the goal of what there is once we are there... we define our own existence. We are essentially defining who we are. We even define when we are by our own measurement of time in getting there. In our existence... our journey... we define WHO we are by defining WHAT is there that we are journeying toward, WHEN--by measurement of time--we are getting there, and HOW we are getting there. But, ultimately, can we define WHY we are going there in the first place? Why does one journey? Is it to not stay in the same place... to make progress... to move forward... to evolve? To make progress one must define progress. Is moving progressing? By definition, not if one is moving backward, or downward. Moving forward is progressing... and upward if one wants to consider different planes of existence. Progress on a chart is usually defined by a line moving forward and upward. Progress also usually involves the passage of a measurement of time by which we move. By definition... *perhaps*... time can only

move forward. And as time moves forward, we move forward as well, as we can only move within the confines of time. So, by definition, we progress forward with the passage of time. Time, however, is not a factor when it comes to whether we move upward or downward. While always uncontrollably progressing forward, as time does not stand still--therefore we do not stand still--we can control whether we are progressing upward towards a goal, or digressing downward where there is no goal. As long as there is a goal there is upward movement because we are always moving towards that goal. All we have to do is define that goal. By not defining a goal we have no goal. We still exist whether or not we have a goal. But there is no WHY to that existence. Because there is no WHY to that existence, we do not hold ourselves accountable to the WHY. We cannot answer the WHY. But we still have the WHAT, WHEN and HOW that defines our existence whether the WHY is there or not. But can we still define WHO we are without defining WHY we are? Perhaps the WHAT, WHEN, and HOW of our existence is enough to define WHO we are. Each individually can define WHO we are. HOW is enough to define forward motion. WHEN is enough to define forward motion. HOW and WHEN are a given with a definition that can be automatic; as in HOW one gets there (i.e., slowly—relative to time) and WHEN one gets there (i.e., never—relative to time). No matter HOW or WHEN, one will get there no matter what... or no matter the WHAT, because there is where we eventually end up. We just define the WHAT—as in WHAT is there when we get there or WHAT we will encounter on the way to WHAT it is that we are getting to. WHAT is defined by what we experience on the way and what we define that experience to be. WHY will define our goal and our evolvment and our eventual progress upward should we choose to define that upward progress. But no matter what, we exist to define (the when/how/what of who we are of) our own existence. Don't forget that the WHERE of existence is in "there." There is where the journey begins. There is where the journey ends. Define where the journey begins... and you are on your way to defining where it ends. Otherwise, there is no journey. There is no existence. There is no WHERE to define who you are.

On our own journeys to find WHO (via when/how/where/what) & WHY we are, we have perhaps encountered many "isms" of experiential knowledge and wisdom on the way, and like anyone else, have encountered many experiences that have defined what those encounters have been. In order to find, we seek that which we find. We have sought. We have found experiences. We seek enlightenment. On the way we stumble across an ism that we can buzz about with indefinite definitiveness (a definition to define our own existence), or definitive indefiniteness (a definition to defy our own existence)... as time moves... forward... perhaps...