

A KIND OF INVENTORY OF WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW:

CBS FILM - Melissa Osaki....

STRANGER -- someone who is unknown, or whose way of life is not very well known to us....

Hollywood movie set: typical scene -- a bunch of tough looking guys sitting at the bar...someone walks into the bar-room,...and all the heads jerks...

HOWDY STRANGER....

or they're not quite sure how to treat him, because they don't know if he is friend or foe...

so they have to test it out first....

FIRST DESCRIPTION OF STRANGER: someone who may do me harm...or someone who may do me good....

Bible talks about welcoming strangers, and

Don't know yet.....

"entertaining angels unawares."

Typical phrases: "We don't want those people around here..."
(they'll bring property prices down....)

Or, it's much better to deal with your own kind....

SOME DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS OF STRANGER:

-- one who comes from a foreign land....

-- one not in the place where his home is....like a guest, or a traveler, or a pilgrim ("a stranger in these parts") or even an intruder (within the gates)

-- a person that is unknown (not yet known)....

Rev. Wilkes: non-person....don't you see me.... standing here....

STEVE HERRON: living as a non-person for a number of years...

one who does not belong to and/or is not permitted to take part in the activities of the group, organization or society...

-- comes close to the word "alien"

-- someone who is not indigenous.... (all of the talk we have had...about not being Phillipino...but being "AMERICAN"

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ who is indigenous: native Americans but even they came from somewhere else....

-- someone not of the nature or of characteristic of a person or a class....

Someone for whom I don't yet have categories & acknowledgment or acceptance. SO STRANGER IS DEFINED IN TERMS OF THAT ARE OPPOSITE TO WHAT IS KNOWN OR ACCEPTED

(non-Ku)

(non-white)

Now, we've noticed something here.....

--- there is development in awareness....
or a progression of sensitivity....

e.g. Rev. Wilkes and Steve Herron talked about the
category of "non-person".....
It's as if you are not there at all....
The non-person doesn't register anywhere...

I was once called a "non-entity"....

Doesn't show up....

Hien Do -- said that "VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE INVISIBLE
IN MOST FILMS ABOUT THE VIETNAM WAR...."

so, one sequence: from non-person to recognized someone....
(still stranger) to, what? human being
citizen with full stature....?
someone of the same nature of or characteristic of

ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD talked this way about God....

from the UNKNOWN to the ENEMY to the FRIEND....

SCENE AT MEMORIAL.....

somehow all belong....

TODAY, FOCUS ON AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS CHOSEN TO BE A STRANGER.....

We talk about "strangers" in terms of ethnic and cultural
diversity....

We talk about "strangers" in terms of handicapping conditions...

BUT TODAY, A STRANGER WHO HAS CHOSEN TO DROP OUT OF SOCIETY.....
SO THAT HE CAN LIVE THE KIND OF LIFE HE WISHES TO LIVE....

A PERSON WHO DOESN'T WISH TO TAKE FOR GRANTED WHAT MOST OF
US TAKE FOR GRANTED EACH DAY....

A PERSON WHO KNOWS THAT THERE IS ILLUSION AND DECEPTION IN
WHAT IS REGARDED AS THE NORMAL OR REGULAR WAY OF LIFE....

And who has become a monk....