

## *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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