

To Understand vs. To Stand Over

When confronted
with the unfamiliar
or the unknown,
is your first reaction
to try to understand
or to attempt to
stand over?

To understand
is an act of
submission;
to stand over
is an exercise of
domination.

To understand
requires silence;
to stand over
you have to shout.

Understanding involves
listening;
standing over requires
commanding.

Understanding,
you respect evidence;
standing over,
you manipulate it.

Understanding
will cause a
conversion;
standing over
is concerned with
control.

To understand
is a step toward
acceptance;
.to stand over
results in
alienation.

By standing over
you are looking down
on people and events;
by understanding
you look up
for light and guidance.

To stand over
translates into
standing against:
confrontation;
to understand
is the step toward
reconciliation.

Peace is possible
only when
people and nations
seek to understand,
not to stand over.

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