

## DIVERSION

1 Tell me about the Concept of Coincidence.

He is to the concept of Paradox what the court jester is to the king.

2 How is that?

There is nothing serious about Coincidence. He is the perpetual jest of Paradox. He can never be taken seriously by any concept.

3 But we take him seriously, don't we?

No. What you take seriously is Significance. You laugh harder and louder than anyone at Coincidence. But that is your protest against your proximity to the human predicament, which is positively awed by Coincidence, being completely fooled by him.

4 Why is humanity fooled by Coincidence?

Because Coincidence offers himself as an escape route from the ever present threat of Recognition. 'Down this alley', he cries, and off the terrified human goes, choosing to be amazed by the antics of Coincidence rather than face the overwhelming evidence of Significance and thus fall into the waiting arms of Recognition.

5 Why is so funny about Coincidence?

What do YOU find so funny about him?

6 The fact that people are fooled by him.

Exactly. He is like the practical joker. It is not so much HE that is funny, it is his effect on others. If no one was fooled by him, he would not be funny. The court jester entertains the king far more by his effect on others than by his performances.

7 How can we contact Coincidence?

It is hard for you because you are wise to him and he will steer clear of you.

8 But we are very appreciative of his antics. As you said we find him very entertaining.

But he has a conflict. He takes HIMSELF seriously. On one side he WANTS to make you laugh at his absurdity, but on the

other he wants you to be effected by it according to the rules of the Human Predicament.

You are an embarrassment to him. You are supposed to be taken in by him in your roles as human beings. He is shy of you,

because you love him through your exposure of his conjuring tricks. You understand him, you know him and you love him

because you see his plight.

9 What is his plight?

The very reason that he belongs to the court of Paradox. He is the greatest paradox of all.

10 What is the paradox of Coincidence?

He is real to those who do not know him, and a myth to those who do. Hence his conflict. Like all existences he wants to

be known, but on the other hand he wants at the same time to be real.