CHAT NOTES - July 20, 2014

from klaus noldes to Everyone: TSK is as abstract for us as water is abstract for a fish

from Caroline Sherwood to Everyone: Is this what is meant by the reference to knowledge not being a function of experience?

from Ron to Everyone: Do you think this positioning of the self is what creates what we consider the unconscious?

from ken to Everyone: How does accepting avoid positioning?

from Caroline Sherwood to Everyone:

How can knowledge be known if not through experience? It seems there is a difference between 'knowingness' and experience: the former not being governed by the senses, but the latter being depended on them.

from Ron to Everyone: I don't think knowingness excludes the senses

from ken to Everyone: What if knowingness and experience are given together?

from Philip Gold to Everyone:

Perhaps relaxing the postioning allows us to stop labelling certain experiences we all have, outside conventional knowldege, as "coincidences".

from Caroline Sherwood to Everyone: That's closer to what I was looking for, Philip.

from ken to Everyone: Such a paradox, focusing on the whole. Where does the one focusing stand?

from Philip Gold to Everyone: Exactly!. Simply as part of the whole. That's where the self disappears, fortunately

from Ron to Everyone:

Buddha's teaching to Bahiya is often twisted, "In reference to the seen, there will only be the seen, etc" the notion of turning to "direct sensory experience" but what's often missed is that there is not a self taking a position that is the seer doing the seeing.

from Ron to Everyone: Ken a TSK koan :)

from ken to Everyone: If self must show up as, and only as, a sort of deadening of knowing, we are really downers. Alternatives?

from ken to Everyone: Radiant openness before positioning, after positioning, and as positioning? Did that ever arise?

from Philip Gold to Everyone: In the practice I felt something like a significant relaxation between the cells of my body, and later a reaching out of the senses to embrace much more and finally an explosion of contact to memories