

... finite lives on a finite planet ...

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Inquiry questions

How might we live meaningful and flourishing lives when confronted with finitude?

How can we begin to create spaces, structures, resources, images, language, stories that will help?

finite lives



finite planet





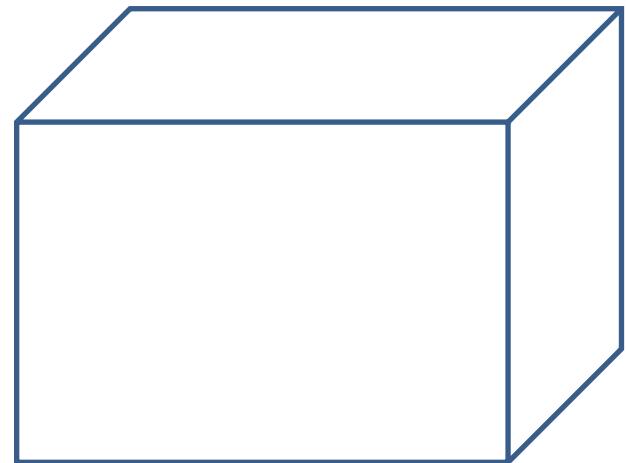
Parallels

- We live **finite lives**
- We know we will die
- We generally do not know when and how we will die
- We live on a **finite planet**
- We know planetary changes are happening and ahead
- We do not know exactly what, how and when these will happen

This uncertainty makes it harder to face and engage with

*“scratch climate change
confusion long enough and
you may find our denial of
death underneath – we may
need to look at climate
change on those terms to
really deal with it” Rowson
(2014; p6.).*

Flourishing in face of finitude



A TOUR OF BONES



*facing fear
and looking for life*

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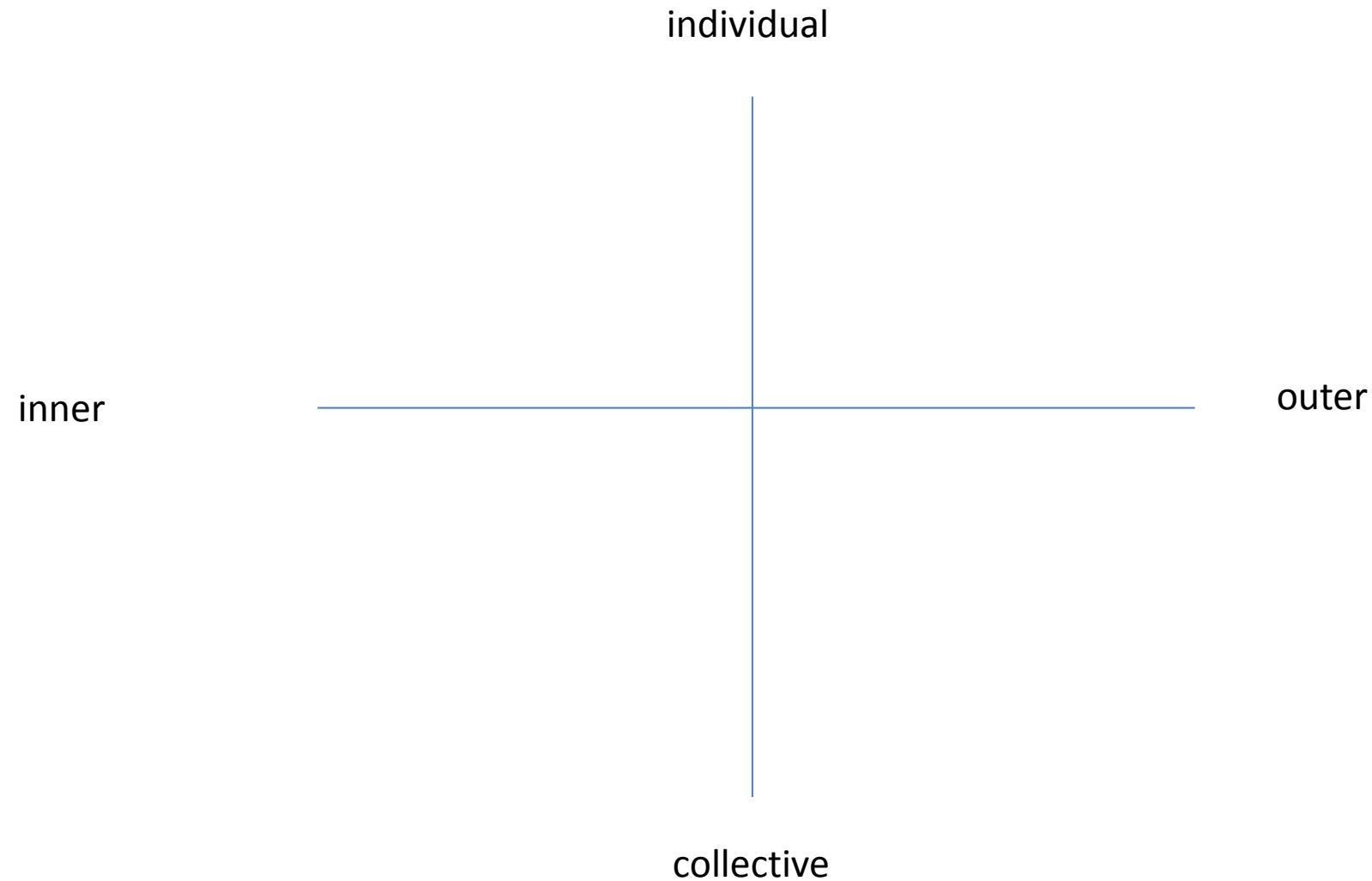


Look at the flower: the flower also looks

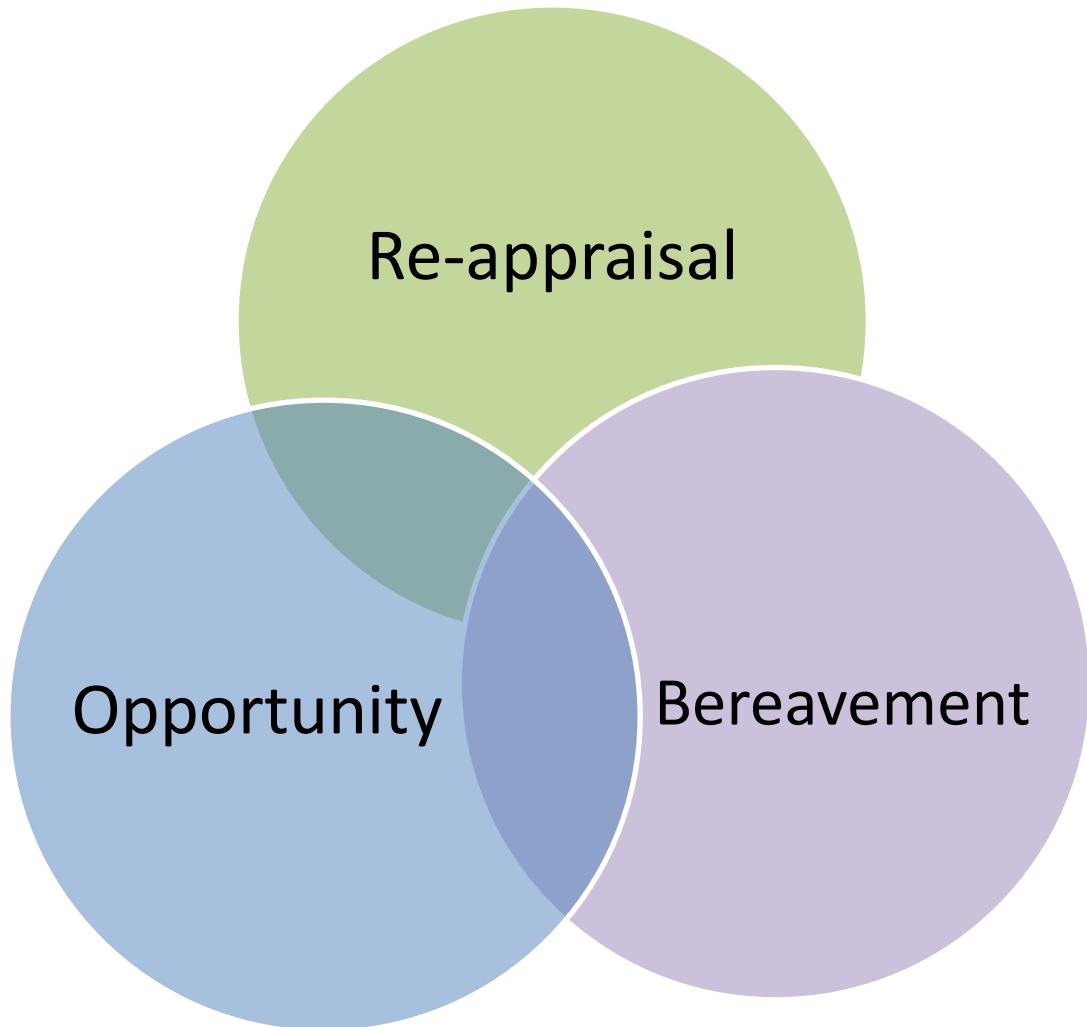


Let me not to the marriage of true mindes
Admit impediments, loue is not loue
Which alters when it alteration findes,
Or bends with the remouer to remoue.
O no, it is an euer fixed marke
That lookes on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to euery wandring barke,
Whose worths vnkownne, although his hight be taken.
Loue's not Times foole, though rosie lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickles compasse come,
Loue alters not with his breefe houres and weekes,
But beares it out euен to the edge of doome:
If this be error and vpon me proued,
I neuer writ, nor no man euer loued.

Challenges of finitude



Routes into inquiry

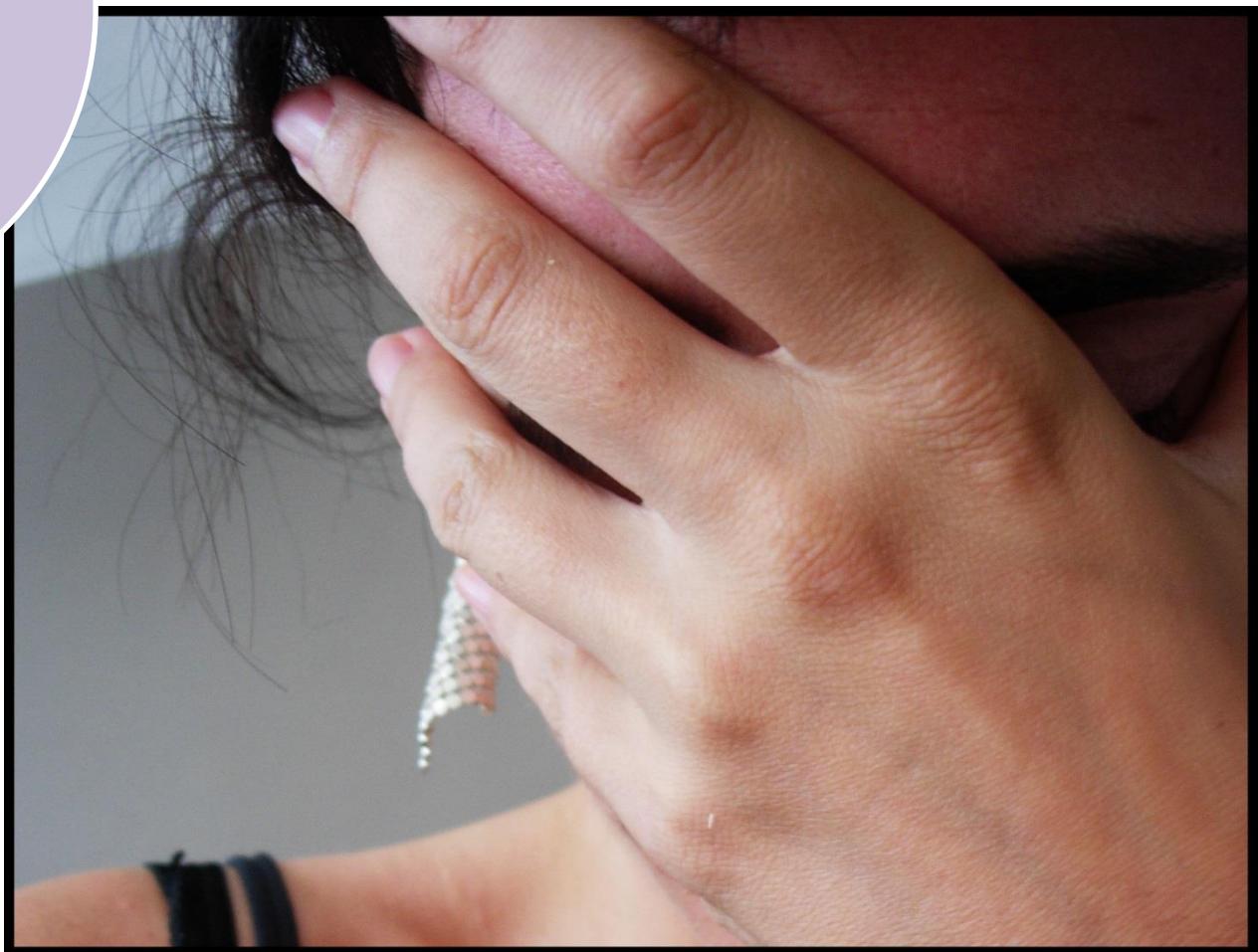




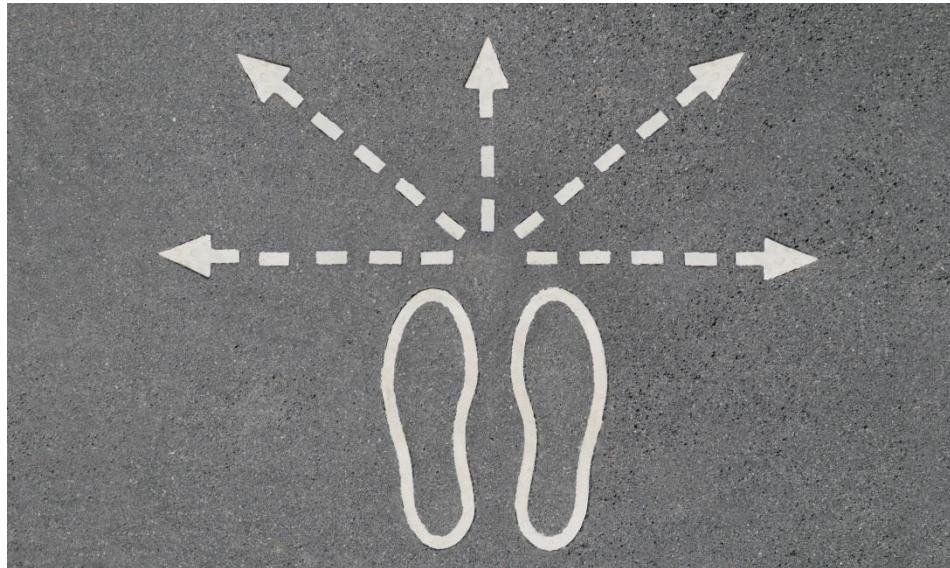
Re-appraisal



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Opportunity



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