

Multicultural Diversity...What Is It...Why is it...How

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We live and work on the land of the Denali in respecting our Alaskan Native populations

It's one's values, symbols, interpretations, voice, meaning, color of my skin, my Alacrity

Diversity is when I can dare to be different

Invite others to the table

Visit the known and the unknown

Earn the right to vote and vote

Raise my voice and be heard

Stand up for Justice and allow waters to roll down like an ever flowing stream

Sit still and silent and know there is a higher power in me and respect the power in you

Invite you to my home, my spiritual space, my job, my feelings, my stay here, and listen to all you have to say about you

Test the waters of your life, love, your very being, race, gender, lifestyle, values, habits, customs, take time to know she, her, hers, he, him, his, they, them, theirs

Your name is what? You came from where? You know me and I know you... You make a Difference

Diversity

Yes, Black Lives Matter... Human Beings Matter

The helping of yourself and helping the other self

Multicultural is your prerogative

It's a subcritical life expression

It's a plethora of multicultural experiences

It's confronting and owning the difference and welcoming it...

It's the multicultural awareness... the skills. The knowledge of who I am and whose I am

Can I be the I Am... and allow you to be YOU

Yes, that's me

BREATHE...

The What, the why the How of Multicultural Diversity