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Presenting the
IDENTITY MACHINE

It might dance in your ears,.... it might take you through time,.... Will it give you the answers that you seek?

As more I want to grasp the concept of identity the more far I feel about it. And yet, I find fascinating the roads I have gone in my exploration in the understanding of our-self, beyond cultural and social constructions.

I would like to share with you my Identity Machine, project that started in the designing of workshops and eventually took form in this created four spaces, that arise from my own experiences of reflexion in how our complex identity is formed or exists inside us.

The duality of constant change through time, and experiences, parallel with the concept of one and unique, as a blue print that can not change, uniting our sense of being, making it the paradox of identity never to be really unraveled.

Like with one of the first concepts for identity given by the Griek, with the Stoicism, explaining that the ratio was given to every of us to be able to think, but the divine sparkle is what made us human beings, a divine quality equal to all of us, to follow the good way, the inner strength to pursue love in life.

Many religions talk about this in the way of reflexion to make us better and follow the good path. Can deep prayer, meditation or religious practices, drugs or personal reflexion unravel the notion of identity ?

Christianity promises that, in state of grace, in communion of God, He let us see our true us, how we really are, our true essence.. this deepest knowledge hidden in us, would be impossible to find without divine or supernatural help.

Buddhism promises the way to find our true beings bayond our ego, via meditation.

Philosophy, phycology, and other sciences would have theories and difficult things to read.

Identity is in fashion, a bit in a political correct light, in Education, in Internet, in movies...

My approach is to reflect about identity in this art work comes from my particular point of view, my own personal journey, so people enter my own perception and from there experience their own sense of self.

The Identity machine wants to be this bridge from different paths and entries and to different peoples identity, so we are connected, and feel not isolated or different.

I invite you to join me in the journey and how far you will you go?