

you ought to be, rather than anywhere else you could have chosen – in front of a computer, in the library or on a sports field. Reflective knowledge is the basis of social change. Not to be measured, it can only be subjectively described.

- Lastly, *relational* knowledge is the understanding we have of others as human beings and partners. It is the experience of being familiar with someone, felt directly and emotively. Shared moments of life give us relational knowledge. The only reason for many of you being here this afternoon is the shared experience that we have with one another. It has made all the difference to me to have people here who went through what I did, with me, who know me. This relational knowledge is often the only foundation for great human challenge and endeavour.

Going back again to the three forms, representational knowledge we know well; it forms the logical framework for all experiments in natural science and some in social science and has been documented since history began 6th century BC. Reflective knowledge has been expressly included in scientific reports for the last 50 years, after we realised that we had to explain where people were coming from in order to get them to work together. But relational knowledge receives scant attention in scientific literature. It is time to change this. Things are not what they seem.

I would like to end with this quotation.

The sun never says to the earth,
“You owe me.” Look what happens
with a love like that.
It lights the whole world. (Hafiz)

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