## It's Not Easy

A prayer for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

It is not easy  
walking between two cultures  
honouring the two spiritual ways.  
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It is not easy  
seeing the truth that comes from the ways of my people  
and  
at the same time  
seeing and honouring the truth  
that comes from the way of Christ.  
It is not easy.

It is not easy  
when you have been taught for years  
that the Christian way is the only way to God,  
yet, you know deep inside  
that this was just one interpretation, one understanding  
and you know inside  
that there is a deeper truth that speaks to the soul  
that says that all true spiritual ways hold truth  
and that truth is expressed  
through all spiritual ways;  
that there is deeper truth  
that speaks to the soul  
that says that God is greater  
than all our ideas, thoughts, perceptions, and theologies.

It is not easy  
walking the path of respect, the path of truth, the path of honesty.

As a Christian  
I seek to walk that path of respect, truth, and honesty.  
It is a lonely path  
when you walk  
between the safe roads  
that others walk.  
Maybe it does not  
have to be.

That is my prayer.

– Alf Dumont