## 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.
It is not easy.

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