

WHO AM I?

As I traverse life
from birth to old age,
Who am I?

Born of immigrant parents,
educated in the finest schools,
serving as a healthcare provider,
a husband, father, grandfather,
outdoorsman, hobbyist, traveler;
Who am I?

Searching for an identity.
Studying religions, philosophies, the great mystics and avatars,
Yet, I know not who I am.

Aging, facing my ultimate demise,
after a lifetime of seeking, wondering,
I know not my fate, nor who I am.

Bidding my time,
I pray that benevolence will befall me.
My identity in doubt, my fate uncertain.

As I anticipate sacrificing my body on the altar of the finite world,
I discard all identities, clinging to the belief in a benevolent, joyful future.
Just as I am.

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