



The Word  
According  
to *Blyss*

## What's the difference between connection and attraction?

## What are you manifesting?

## Is it Taboo?

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I've been fortunate in participating in Little Woo's ([www.littlewoo.org](http://www.littlewoo.org)) "Alchemy of Manifestation" course this past month and I've been doing a lot of energy work around relationships and my notions about connection and attraction.

Insofar as dating and relationships, I find this to be a fascinating topic of discussion.

I find that when I ask the question, "What's the difference between connection and attraction?" people's answers to be very telling of whom they really are and what they are looking for in a "relationship".

In my research I've found men to respond on a more primal basis and women to answer with more emotional long-winded stories based on their personal experience. Before establishing my opinion and those of my friends lets look at the real meaning and origin of attraction and connection. I find these days so many words are open to people's interpretation which often vary, that it's important to establish a base line and remind ourselves of what the true origin and

meaning actually is:

### attract(ion)

Originally a medical term for the body's tendency to absorb fluids, nourishment, etc.,

1. The act or capability of attracting.
2. The quality of attracting; charm.
3. A feature or characteristic that attracts.
4. A person, place, thing, or event that is intended to attract: The main attraction was a Charlie Chaplin film.
5. The electric or magnetic force exerted by oppositely charged particles, tending to draw or hold the particles together.
6. The gravitational force exerted by one body on another.

### connection

c.1385, from O.Fr. connexion, from L. connexionem, from connectere "to fasten together," from com- "together" + nectere "to bind, tie" (see nexus).

-noun

1. the act or state of connecting.
2. the state of being connected: the connection between cause and effect.
3. anything that connects; connecting part; link; bond: an electrical connection.
4. association; relationship: the connection between crime and poverty; no connection with any other firm of the same name.
5. a circle of friends or associates or a member of such a circle.
6. association with or development of something observed, imagined, discussed, etc.: to make a connection between the smell of smoke and the presence of fire; I have a few thoughts in connection with your last remarks.
7. contextual relation; context, as of a word.
8. the meeting of trains, planes, etc., for transfer of passengers: There are good connections between buses in Chicago.
9. Often, connections. a transfer by a passenger from one conveyance to another: to miss connections.
10. a specific vehicle, airplane, ship, etc., boarded in making connections: My connection for Hartford is the 10:58.
11. a relative, esp. by marriage or distant blood relationship.
12. Slang. a person who sells drugs directly to addicts.
13. a source of supply for goods, material, etc., that is scarce, difficult, or illegal to obtain: a connection to obtain guns and ammunition for the rebels.
14. a group of persons connected as by political or religious ties.
15. Usually, connections. associates, relations, acquaintances, or friends, esp. representing or having some

influence or power: European connections; good connections in Congress.

16. a religious denomination: the Methodist connection.
17. a channel of communication: a bad telephone connection.
18. sexual intercourse.

One good friend tells me, "It is easy to be attracted; connection is hard to find..." another responds, "One often leads to the other, both ways around..." In my opinion, I think I've come to the conclusion that attraction is visual while connection is spiritual. I think of it as the border between the consciousness and the unconsciousness.

A relationship is a kind of prayer, an encounter with the divine in each of us. There are so many questions. The adventure of meeting another is to experience new dimensions in ones self, which can only be evoked by the presence of another, a growing edge of personal consciousness and inter-personal dialogue.

And of course the experience of bliss, is a kind of personal transcendence. Perhaps the body is a vehicle of consciousness, and the soul. The Eros is the seeking of connection and unity.

**Attraction is a kind of magnetism. Connection is the consummation of that attraction.**

I like to consider myself a researcher on a personal quest for new discoveries of self and of others.

Daily I hope, seek and pray that there is a kindred consciousness on the other side.

A potential attraction, which might lead to a connection, which could extend to the edge of our consciousness. Where there is a flow of an electrical/spiritual current in attraction--at some level there also may be only a difference of degree in attraction and connection. Or they may be indistinguishable other than between what is felt and what is acted upon. Attraction may arise unbidden... connection can be a conscious choice. We may have no control over attraction, or rather it may be both autonomous, and an act of will. Attraction is when our unconscious alerts us that there is some potential for growth, or rapture (bliss) in the presence of the being of the other. That attraction in itself is a kind of "connection"--in the external world.

Then there are the other dimensions of "connection" which is the purely internal experience of "connecting" with some internal aspect of our being. Some aspect, which has lived in the shadow lands of our consciousness and wishes to come to light... to be integrated as a new aspect of our selves; some aspect which has been wanting to surface and for which the presence,

consciousness and experience of another serves as a kind of catalyst or midwife.

This internal dialogue between self and soul, and the external dialogue between self, soul, and other... is the driving force of life. Attraction and connection is the fabric and manifestation of the universe.

Now, that brings to mind another kind of attraction, the attraction to the within of our selves. The attraction to the sense of a personal odyssey, which will enlarge our consciousness and rapture of our sense of being. But this is unpredictable. The universe brings a moment before us and we are either "hot-to-trot" from attraction to connection or...

Perhaps this is where the taboo comes into play...

**taboo**

1777 (in Cook's "A Voyage to the Pacific Ocean"), "consecrated, inviolable, forbidden, unclean or cursed," explained in some English sources as being from Tongan (Polynesian language of the island of Tonga) ta-bu "sacred," from ta "mark" + bu "especially." But this may be folk etymology, as linguists in the Pacific have reconstructed an irreducible Proto-Polynesian \*tapu, from Proto-Oceanic \*tabu "sacred, forbidden" (cf. Hawaiian kapu "taboo, prohibition, sacred, holy, consecrated;" Tahitian tapu "restriction, sacred;" Maori tapu "be under ritual restriction, prohibited"). The noun and verb are Eng. innovations first recorded in Cook's book.

-adjective

1. proscribed by society as improper or unacceptable: taboo words.
2. (among the Polynesians and other peoples of the South Pacific) separated or set apart as sacred; forbidden for general use; placed under a prohibition or ban.

-noun

3. a prohibition or interdiction of anything; exclusion from use or practice.
4. (among the Polynesians and other peoples of the South Pacific)
  - a. the system, practice, or act whereby things are set apart as sacred, forbidden for general use, or placed under a prohibition or interdiction.
  - b. the condition of being so set apart, forbidden, or interdicted.
5. exclusion from social relations; ostracism.

-verb (used with object)

6. to put under a taboo; prohibit or forbid.
7. to ostracize (a person, group, etc.).

Up until very recently, I was told that this kind of thinking and "food for thought" discussion was taboo and was often ostracized for it.

I now revel in the fact that others are playing in this paradigm and that I'm not alone. Finding a community is vital, as is a sense of belonging.

I now daily vibrate love, life, laughter and peace and I'm enthralled in the results. Doing a personal house cleaning and removing the negative people and influences from my life that brought me into extreme contraction and thereby ill health as I had refused to listen to my higher self and physical self, martyring myself out for some silly notion of acceptance.

I'm now analyzing daily the notion of expansion and contraction and how my environment is affecting and effecting me. Taking 100% responsibility for my life and choices and working with due diligence not to judge or dwell in guilt or attachment. To show gratitude, trust and have clarity of desire so that I may shift into alignment through positive vibrations and thereby manifest my ideal through inspired action. It's a wonderful beautiful journey.

I found that I was negative focusing on the ill, the paradox of our time in history putting it out there that, "we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes."

Thank goodness I now see its my responsibility to change perspectives by shifting alignment through positive vibrations and not negate the effort with the contrast and feedback we experience in the mass media. I'm still working on the notion of attachment and abandoning fear. So I try to accentuate the positive.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your

side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all, mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak. And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breaths away.

Investigating how people's perception can be influenced by future events is implicit precognition. As you create your New Year's resolutions due so with conscious awareness, light and most of all LOVE.

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