Dear Post-Beckett Folk,

I was really happy last night at supper in conversations with M J about her Socrates project which will, this autumn, take her to I 's country, in discovering that A 's Portuguese has Angolan elements in it, in finding about a bit where in Italy Susie comes from in and "placing" her in a social context which I can do reasonably well in Italian situations, in observing her joy at observing Englishmen at the bar as they quietly observed our group (observing observers is great fun), in joking with Ahmet in a common bond of maleness, in trying to get content rapport going between N and G , as they realised that they were both school owners etc....

I have one huge regret which is all the other conversations I did not have and which would also have been rich and stimulating in quite other ways.

Today we are moving into the area of VAKOG and the huge chapter of the sensory reality of our perception. This is the area of NLP that has most obvious relevance to teaching and this is the area that most language teachers immediately feel practically at home in, especially primary teachers. This is an area in which NLP has strongly influenced coursebooks (you will remember that M told us he came to NLP through teaching from Jane Revell's Buzz books (Longman A, how many brownie points do I get for this puff?))

For me the danger of today's work is that some people may make this area of NLP into the main thing they take away with them. That would be to do an injustice to other "harder" areas.

Judy Baker will be up tonight working with all comers. I would suggest this is a session that will directly enrich your core course. She has done the Practitioner, the Master Practioner and the Trainer courses, though she did not get the piece of paper from Bandler after the trainer course as he demanded that she pay him 200 dollars per head for everybody she trained in NLP. He extorted this agreement form most of the 80 people on that course. This is a yukky side of NLP, in my view.

This afternoon Simon will be working with us. He has strong therapy knowledge, though a stand-offish relationship with NLP as a system. This is why I invited him to work with us..... also for you to have a rest from an overfattening diet of Mario. He will be working within the objectives of the course.

Enjoy,

Warmly yours.

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