

About Space / Youngjae Lih

Space is something like abstract mass made by remaining things after forgotten in the time for remembering. That's why we are familiar with the question about "where" than "when".

I know someone who remembers everything and experiences like it is absolutely new like he never been before, even the most familiar places such as his house. Because he has recognized as every different experience, the house of the yesterday and today was different, experience of the outside and inside were also different. It was not a place or space, but just countless houses. In fact, because he is at the most big space in the world, he is smallest and lonely man.

For him, because every moment was remembered for every different form with subtle differences, his space of every different moment is increased to infinity. Since people are always going to forget everything, he was only one person alone who can remember everything. He was remained alone in the memories which were already disappeared in people's memories at any moments. In the huge chunk of endless memory, someone who he could meet was only oneself.

Eventually he didn't need the concept of the space. Space was just abstract idea for communicating among the people. Because people need to make intersection by abstract process and replace it with their specific experience. But there was no one who can share with his experience. Thus, like we don't need to use "I as the first person" when we write the diary by ourselves, he didn't need to use the concept of space. It was enough to use precise time. Usually, that is why we feel the sense of isolation when talking about what we had experienced together but if he does not remember. Because we discover ourselves left alone in the larger space than others.

Therefore, space has all different look depending on our experiences and remembrances. If someone just remembers the facts or sensual experience at the specific point in the time, may have different space personality. Or besides, space could be multi-layered depending on what did I think about and what did I think about any other specific time. Because space is the abstract concept in the time, if I remember the specific time perfectly, and in the case which I had recall the another specific time in that time, it means those discrete times are able to merge with space concept by meta abstract process.