

## The Person in Person

*the mystery of experiences*  
- Roger Scruton

Sexual desire and erotic love both are *manifestations of other things* (not least, animal needs and emotional habits), things which can be transferred from object to object (transferability being essential to biological need since such need is relative to function, and function can be fulfilled by any object with the relevant feature),

but when a lover says *I need you* the meaning is not 'I have a need which you can satisfy' but rather *I need you* — the subject not object the love and desire are *for*, intended *for*, the person in person, our individual selves incarnate, embodied, bodied forth in animate flesh and blood the only form we can even pretend to know one another in.