MARY CATHERINE BATESON

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WE ARE NOT WHAT WE KNOW BUT WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO LEARN.

- MARY CATHERINE BATESON

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Catherine Bateson’s Contributions to Systems Thinking

- Her parents’ legacy
- Her work on life histories
- Her work on learning
Gregory Bateson
English anthropologist, social scientist, linguist, visual anthropologist, semiotician and cyberneticist whose work intersected that of many other fields

Margret Mead
American cultural anthropologist, scientist who was frequently a featured writer and speaker in the mass media throughout the 1960s and 1970s

The timing of death, like the ending of a story, gives a changed meaning to what preceded it.
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Our species thinks in metaphors and learns through stories. (Mary Catherine Bateson)

Five moves, they say, equal a fire. But those who haven't moved may begin to need a fire. (Mary Catherine Bateson)
Goals too clearly defined can become blinkers.
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Sharing is sometimes more demanding than giving.
(M CB)
Fear is not a good teacher. The lessons of fear are quickly forgotten.

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Fluidity and discontinuity are central to the reality in which we live.
The past empowers the present, and the sweeping footsteps leading to this present mark the pathways to the future.

(Mary Catherine Bateson)

What would it be like to have not only color vision but culture vision, the ability to see the multiple worlds of others?

(Mary Catherine Bateson)
In a world of rapid change and encounters with strangers, individuals can no longer depend on following traditionally defined paths.
The excitement of improvisation lies not only in the risk of being involved, but in the new ideas, as heady as the adrenaline of performance, that seems to come from nowhere. (M.C.B)

The End