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COSMIC WISDOM



Builds globally toward a universal religious consciousness

IN THESE GLOBALLY PERILOUS TIMES

Groundswells of new consciousness occur sporadically but without clear direction. However, when these swells coalesce they form a convincing tide.

A MOVEMENT ISN'T SOMETHING ONE STARTS,

Rather it is the momentum of many converging impulses. By now, consciousness of the quantum-electric universe and its practical implications prevail virtually everywhere except in the theological consciousness of Christian religions.

WHEN QUANTUM CONSCIOUSNESS INFORMS

All religious consciousness, an awareness tide toward greater civil and ecological conscience may be joined.

EVERY PERSON WHO LIVES BY QUANTUM RELIGIOUS CONSCIENCE

Is a drop swelling the global tide of hope for greater civil and ecological conscience.

JOIN THE TIDE.

THE CONSTANT OF TRUST

The Coefficient of Intentional Providence

C²

THERE IS NO CIVILITY EXCEPT THERE IS TRUST

There can be no faith except there is trust;
There can be no hope except there is trust;
There can be no love except there is trust.

COSMIC ENLIGHTENMENT EDIFIES THE CONSTANT OF TRUST

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**USHERING IN THE TRANSFORMATIONAL WORLDVIEW
USHERING OUT THE STATIC-CENTRIST WORLDVIEW**



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Dear Fellow Earth Pilgrim:

Our place in the world order has come to be rationalized on understandings of the world order. If we presume our Earth, ourselves, to be central to and controlling in the cosmos, then, we dare to harbor presumptions that cause us to think and act arrogantly toward all other existence. Today, global life is being mortally wasted because of the misinformed presumptions of "dominion right" over the Earth and all creatures in it. Can we desist from our destructive habits of arrogant consumerism? Or will we persist in them to the ultimate waste of Earth-life and the collapse even of humankind?

This writing, "The Constant of Trust", proposes for your consideration a "transformational consciousness" of the world order — a continuity world order, a cosmic order of essential, "quantum-electric" relationships — that might lead us personally and collectively out of our self-elaborated trap of centrist consumerism.

Please join in bringing about a conscionable change of public consciousness from the dead-end of closed centrist thinking to a hopeful one of open, transformational thinking. Thank you.

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THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

On October 31, 1517, the Augustinian Monk Martin Luther energized protests against the corruptions of Roman Catholicism by nailing his 95 faith positions (confessional theses) to the door of the Palast Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Christian faith has continued to fray at the seams ever since because of confrontationally insisted ideologies.

Is it possible for fixated Christian ideologues to mend their schisms, and for Christianity to come to the common ground of unconditional love openly exemplified by Jesus? Christian hope has to believe that it is possible. The personal hope for it to happen can begin with the personal confession of open faith. I have made my personal confessions and have "posted" them at the door of my Archdiocesan Cathedral Church. Personal faith-reformation is a necessary and continuing process in view of ongoing information-processing.

In the words of John, the "divine", God is "light". As wave and particle are two aspects of light-substantiality, so spirituality and materiality are two aspects of cosmic transubstantiality (C²). Light is the power of all life, the spiritual/ material inherency of communication, consciousness and conscience, of faith, hope and love.

All life "owns" the power of light. Jesus' responses to Peter's protests of love were: "Feed my lambs. Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep." In his testing of Peter, Jesus reveals the divine expectation of mature intuition, of parental spirituality, namely, of unconditional love, not ideological fixation. Notwithstanding the renewal (*aggiornamento*) formalized by Vatican II, institutional Catholicism remains fixated in the counter-reformation of the Councils of Trent and the First Vatican.

The fixations evolved by and within centrist, theological absolutism no longer inform faith credibly. Quite to the contrary, they serve as confrontational flashpoints of violence and havoc. The faith foundation common to all life and unfolding consciousness is the "*essential continuity of cosmic transformation*", which imposes on humans a consciousness of their self-caused predicaments. If the pillars of vital consciousness are trashed by a self-assertiveness that is blind to essential connections, then, the future for humankind is bleak indeed, and in mortal peril.

My confessional "theses" intend to affirm the universal *trinitarian pillars* common to the sustainability of humankind and all life. The resonant poles of vital sustainability — faith/ hope/ love — alone, work as a securing anchor of transformational harmony, now, and into the future.

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Your Holiness POPE JOHN PAUL II
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Subject: your *Fides et Ratio*

Dear Holiness:

Because God's ways are naturally provident, they naturally inspire (imprint) trust. Because God's ways are naturally mysterious, they naturally invite discovery. Commitment to trust's inspiration and to truth's discovery is a human/ divine expression of consciousness rationally authenticated in God's *natural* word/ work. Communal conscience, the Church's (the People's), obliges the authentication of reason in personal word/ work, the *ex opere operantis* exercise of Sacrament. In personal fidelity to God's *natural* word/ work, religion and science (*scientia*) are reconciled and fulfilled.

In a manner consilient with your *Fides et Ratio*, my *Eden's Lifework Poetree* develops the above. It is my sense that reason derives from and is authenticated in the trimorphic resonance of the virtues, faith, hope and love, but also, that grace-augmented reason is the harmonic base for the further amplification of divine virtue in soul/ substance transformation. Life lived in resonant (trimorphic) relationship is authentic *religio*. *Relatio* (religion) is the reciprocal of *ratio* (science) even as *work* is of *word* — each is the essential transformant of the other: *relatio:ratio*, *religion:science*, and *word:work*.

Because of your total commitment to God's word/ work on Earth I dare to submit my confessional effort to your attention. Earth's universal *groaning* is that the word/ work of faith and reason brings all of humankind to ever greater civility and to an ever closer harmony with God's Universal Life Work.

A copy of *Eden's Lifework Poetree* is being sent to you under separate cover. Prayerfully I solicit your attention and thank you heartfully.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Sylvester L. Steffen

Enclosure: "The Constant of Trust"

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Subject: cosmic necessity's agendum is transformation. ***"The human race has passed from a rather static concept of reality to a more dynamic, evolutionary one. In consequence, there has arisen a new series of problems, a series as important as can be, calling for new efforts of analysis and synthesis."*** (Emphasis added). Joseph Gremillion, The Gospel of Peace & Justice, Copyright 1976, Fifth Printing, March 1980, Pg 247, "*Gaudium et Spes*", Introductory Statement, No. 5, Para 4, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, N.Y. 10545

Dear Editor:

Some time back, perhaps already ten years ago, it was entertained between us that I might write essays for possible publication in THE WITNESS. At the time, and until now, I was struggling to verbalize a worldview consistent with Jesus' Gospel and with informed knowledge of the quantum-electric universe.

I believe I have come to such a reconciled worldview and can now write essays that are consistent with Christocentric belief and with contemporary science. We are called to abandon worldly wisdom (short-sightedness) for God's (the big picture). God's wisdom invites us personally to let love be the light of our every action. It is difficult to conceive authentic worship of God except it is practiced in a profound sensitivity for Earth-life's sustaining necessities and for cosmic continuity's essential working. Consistent with "the big picture" are the three enclosed essays: **1.) *The Unbridged Chasm*, 2.) *Social Havoc & the Adversary Presumption*, and 3.) *Paradigmatic Nature & the Marriage Relationship*. I invite your consideration of them for publication in THE WITNESS. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.**

Sincerely,
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1. THE UNBRIDGED CHASM

"[Once] the truth has made its presence felt in a single soul, nothing can stop it from reaching out everywhere and setting everything free." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

For my lifetime I've been haunted by the question "Am I that different from other Catholics? From other Christians?" What kept the question up-front was my struggle for self-reconciliation, which struggle was dogged by the taught belief of being blighted with genetic sin. The defect of birth-sin was a frustrating presence even though I was assured that it wasn't my fault.

Something wasn't right. For all my life the Christian tenet of original sin has been a knife piercing the fabric of my consciousness. It is only in recent years that I have reconciled my consciousness with religious culture. An awareness I eventually came to that has been especially helpful in healing my psychological trauma is that we are *religiously* cultured in ignorant disregard for Nature and our essential connections to her, and that misinformed religious culture deludes consciousness and causes us personally and collectively to obsess in misdirected belief and behavior.

This awareness has opened me up to a "new genesis reading" of Nature that lays bare for me "religious" misinformation and its delusional consequences. My "new genesis discovery" had its serious beginning in February 1957. The class of first year theology students (Divine Word Seminary, Techy, Illinois) was required to write a paper. I titled mine "Religion: A Rational Consideration". It argued the fact of "essential continuity" connecting the whole of creation for all time and in all aspects. Some years later I discovered and read the writings of the Jesuit Priest/ Scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin who also wrote from the perspective of cosmic continuity including incident life's evolving complexity.

As I became more familiar with quantum-science, it became clear to me that science and religion (Einstein and Chardin) could be harmonized on understandings of the quantum-electric universe. For me, wave/ particle harmony resonates the "beginning Word" in natural texts of quantum-electric continuity which expresses essentially energy/ symmetry, spirit/ matter, soul/ body, faith/ reason and religion/ science. It is now clear to me that when we violate their identity, we violate the NATURALIS SACRAMENTUM ORDINIS. The signs of the times and a reading of history provide, I believe, the evidence that proves this to be true.

The cultured schism between soul and body, spirit and matter, is a violation of consciousness-grounding that imposes on consciousness alienation from its grounding. The alienation of consciousness frustrates the naturally harmonious working of soul/ body. The implications of cultural disconnection are comprehensive even as are the consequences. The healing of the schism and its consequences doesn't happen easily, in no small part because we mostly don't realize how deeply rooted and widely injurious our culture of dualisms is. But the evidence now is that it has become a floodtide that threatens to sweep us away.

The habituated alienation of personal consciousness breaches internal communication; compromised consciousness compromises communication, garbles the true message. The compromise of ground-messaging diseases the psyche with an affliction called schizophrenia, which has many faces. Society — composed of people afflicted with the same disease — is collectively confused about itself because of false messaging — alien voices. In true messaging, individuals, communities and societies discover ordered relationships, that is, person-to-person relationships which are beneficially motivated in faith, hope and love. That the scrambling of messaging occurs prevalently is evident in the personal/ social dysfunction of faith, hope and love. Collective disruption is evident also in the collective sacrilege of natural sacraments, that is, in their "religious" appropriation in rite and ritual, wholly out-of-context of the realworld venue in "secular" reality.

In essential continuity, *new genesis consciousness* recognizes that natural soul/ substance, the soul/ substance of Sacrament, is one with Earth-life's "supernatural" soul/ substance, and that we are personally Sacrament and Grace to one another.

Only recently have I come to grasp the profound significance of Socrates' advice to "know thyself". I've come to understand that correctly informed self-knowledge is a priority even before worship of God, for, except we know rightly our place in created order we cannot know our relationship with our Creator and cannot, therefore, know the worship that God expects. The healing of our personal inauthenticity is only possible in the continuity recognition of energy/ matter, of soul/ body, of Einstein's $E=MC^2$.

It has become my belief that our cosmic ignorance, and our arrogance of refusing to inform ourselves in cosmic self knowledge, is a slap in God's face. The arrogance of locking ourselves into willful ignorance is nothing less than idolatry, blasphemy, for we own the means (cortical intelligence) to get beyond the self-obsessive fixations of arrogance and ignorance.

Arrogance and ignorance violate faith and hope, and when faith and hope are violated, so is love. "Civility" is the natural faith/ hope/ love expression of human relationships— what Christians believe exemplify the presence of God in Creation. The cult of incivility is rooted in three deadly social sins which directly defeat the civil virtues of faith, hope and love. These sins devastate personal and communal life; they fly directly in the face of Christian Trinity and must, therefore, be considered as blasphemy by Christians.

These sins can be expressed in the manner of the seven deadly social sins of Mohandas K. Gandhi. They are: words *without* work, procreation *without* provision, and civitas *without* civilitas.

Words without Work. The fraud of word only spirituality is that it justifies itself without accountability for its connection to the working of natural necessity. God's Word is self-bound in natural Work. True Sacrament embodies in work its consciousness of word, unlike word-only rite and ritual. True word raises consciousness by its efficiency in doing in secular (material) reality what it says. The reliable embodiment of word is the fact-basis of faith; empty words are fruitless for they lack the faith-inspiration of work's embodiment. The pretense of words at odds with work puts God to the test and trashes Natural Order.

Procreation without Provision. Hope is consciously engendered in the experience of Nature's reliable provisioning of life. Hope is defeated when the providence of life is desecrated. Excessive human numbers and appetites are viciously wasting network life. True worship of God holds Providence sacred and sustains the largesse of network life for future generations. Where humans settle, history shows a mindless absence of foresight and the mindless waste of life. The conscienceless destruction of natural providence is a hope-destroying act that unmasks the lie of pretentious belief in God's Providence — a fearsome mockery of God.

Civitas without Civilitas. The collective breaches of faith and hope ultimately work their devastation on love. Without love for one another people obsess in egoism and neglect confessional living that acknowledges the debt responsibility of bearing one another's burdens and sharing life's gifts. Individual life and its giftedness is a gratuity of previous life that belongs also to future generations. The violation of communal love is a violation of conscience. Without civility, without lived faith/ hope/ love, there can be no City of God, no harmonious community. The defeat of love is the ultimate sin against God who is Love.

I return to the original question "Am I that different from other Catholics? From other Christians? From other human beings?" Do my fears about the culture of alienation date my mindset as belonging to a different generation? If subsequent generations have acquiesced to acculturated alienation, is it because they are desensitized, do not recognize it, expect divine intervention to heal it, or simply refuse to let it be an obstacle to getting on with their personal lives? Whatever the reasons, the consequences of alienation remain an accumulating catastrophe that demands resolution.

Alienation's catastrophes are still happening: genocides; unprecedented, man-caused extinctions of species; out-of-control corporate consumerism; sacrilegious profiteering; ecological devastation driven by resource consumption and environmental pollution; social dysfunction at many levels — and the litany goes on.

Anciently speculated dualisms that cleave spirit and matter, soul and substance, are assumptions of alienation that defeat the continuity of working relationships. The adversary-minded people is the progeny of a presumed adversary relationship between spirituality and materiality. The chasm of alienation fundamentally frustrates human relationships. The patriarchal male has from time immemorial arrogated himself the "high road" of spirituality and has derogated to woman the "low road" of materiality. This arrogation obtains in his casting of God to his male likeness and in his politicizing of dominion in Church institutions. Male self-arrogation is socially destructive idolatry.

When civil society is structured on the adversarial model of male arrogation, which is Western civilization's presumptive basis for its religion, law and politics, radical contention is sanctioned. The fact is that Jesus' universal commandment of love applies personally/ communally/ globally and is irreconcilable with male, adversarial presumption. The global challenge in the Third Millennium is to bridge cultured chasms and to authenticate the natural, civil virtues of faith, hope and love.

2. SOCIAL HAVOC & THE ADVERSARY PRESUMPTION

Rooted as it is in the heritage of European nationalism (racism) and theocratic paternalism, Dr. Martin Luther King called American Democracy "anemic"; he also might have called it *cannibalistic*. Acculturated American Democracy's consumerist mind stands the golden rule on its head. The freedom to profiteer is consumerism's holy grail, whose justification sounds in a distortion of the golden rule: "*Do it unto others before they do it unto you*". The "it" refers to self-advantaging conduct that disadvantages others. The exploitative mind behind self-advantaging puts each person in a distrustful relationship with every other. As a point of fact, the working presumption underpinning the philosophy of American consumerism is distrust.

The presumption of distrust roots in Judeo-Christian tradition. Christian Theology and Western Jurisprudence have evolved on a common, mono-valent presumption, namely, on the mortal disabling of humankind by original sin, causing individuals and humankind collectively to be incapable of self-perfecting and self-rule. One is taught not to trust oneself. This dominating negativity (human untrustworthiness) discredits the essential goodness God pronounced on creation. While humans are inclined to sin, they also carry in their consciousness the redeeming virtue that enables goodness. The imbalance of absolutized negativity (original sin) without the positive offset of original grace has had a socially degrading effect. It suppresses original grace. People can be nurtured to grow in trust even as they have been to grow in distrust. If societies would consciously cultivate the grace of personal goodness, people might come to be more trusting and trustworthy.

Social status is characterized by personal use and control of resources. People are class structured along lines of resource access (rich or poor) and use. When greed overwhelms need as the motive of resource control/ use, contention and violence are fomented. Historically, cultures have been preoccupied with contentiousness and violence because appetites of greed rather than need have been cultivated. Global societies are now mortally threatened because of the mortal waste that has been imposed on Earth by greed.

Life resources are perceived as twofold, that is, material and spiritual. All Earth-life manifests both qualities. The common "spirituality" of matter is its potential (electron energy) for transformation, its quantum-electric, thermodynamic potential. This transformational potential is a "cosmic" resource that resides commonly, in diversified ways, in all substance of network life; its complexity (soul) varies with the complexity of molecular substances. The unity and continuity of spirit/ matter are such that the waste of one does not happen except with the waste of the other.

Humans cannot trash natural resources without trashing their own soul/ substance. American Jurisprudence, grounded in English Law, is structured on the *adversary presumption*, on the expectation that the testimony of opposing parties is weighted to self-advantage. Obviously, it is prudent for the Court to presume an adversary animus between parties; it does so, however, on the

expectation that lawyers for the opposing parties, who are also Officers of the Court, will, in accord with commonsense, the law and facts, present the case of their clients truthfully before the Court. Thus, it is the intent of the Court, relying on the integrity of lawyers, to resolve disputes in a manner that is honest with the facts and that fosters public confidence and communal harmony; all the above, however, is frustrated when lawyers do not conduct themselves with integrity in their service to the Court.

In our times in America, it is generally believed that Courts do not dispense justice, that lawyers are not honest before the Court and that people are fool-hearty to expect justice from the process of law. To understand this public state of mind it must be realized that lawyers are acculturated in the consumerist philosophy of putting self-advantage first. Lawyering is perceived by students of law to be a "growth industry" precisely because the American business philosophy (the presumption of distrust) sanctions commercialized lawyering, that is, *lawyering for profit* any way profit can be gotten. To put it bluntly, the Court and the public have been prostituted by the process of law. Lawyers sell their services to corporate greed; it matters little to them on which side of corporate litigation they argue for they are assured of bigger personal benefit the bigger the corporate interest.

Social havoc results from the fact that Courts, because of greed-motives of the Officers of the Court, are used by lawyers to foment distrust, vitiate the process of law and defraud common wellbeing. The conduct of lawyers as Officers of the Court, as advocates for the adversary presumption, as politicizers of greed, has not only poisoned the process of law but also American democratic government.

Citizens are now cynical toward and angry with all branches of government because of the lawyering poison contaminating them. In the Summer of 1998 American Democracy was made the unwanted witness and victim of broad-spectrum, lawyerly dishonesty that involved the President of the United States. Destructive lawyering, motivated in adversarial politics, and funded involuntarily by the American taxpayer, gripped the citadel of the U.S. Federal Government around matters of President Clinton's admitted sexual wrongdoings. Behind the pretentious guise of the letter of the law, political partisans and media pundits were emboldened to step forward and cast their judgment stones, even though the public perceives them to be no more honorable than the President. The public is rightly angered by the insult and injury it suffers at the hands of hypocritical, untrustworthy partisan zealots. An urgent question raised by the impeachment charade is: what child does the marriage of literal legalism and fideist absolutism produce? A theocratic cannibal. The fideist absolutizing of the adversary presumption of law radically frustrates democratic government; the radical politicizing of adversarial parties creates a frustrated body politic. [I have personally experienced more than my deserved share of injury and frustration in Courts of Law.]

In his essay "On Legal Practice and Education at the Present Time", Law Professor William T. Braithwaite* observes that students of law (himself included) are taught from the beginning to operate by the commercial rules of prostitutes, that is, to withhold services until "the money appears". (pg 58) First and foremost, law students are schooled in commercial consumerism. Perhaps society is justified in its belief that lawyers (some of whom are politically advanced and appointed to be judges) are a self-serving class of professional pimps. Because the process of law advocates (exemplifies) distrust, social ethics is a value lost on the judicial system. In the Epilogue to his article, Professor Braithwaite concludes that American law has to find "a new and better anchor". If it fails in this it can only increase its participation in divisive, social contentiousness.

The present anchor dragging down American Jurisprudence and Democracy is the politicized sanctioning of the *presumption of distrust*. Religion like government is an essential component of civil society; they both reside in the same venue, in the body politic from which they originate and which authenticates them. Institutional usurpations of authenticity belonging to the body politic have occurred through history. Institutions of government and church have "ordained" their preferred bureaucracies. These are power-controlling, hierarchical oligarchies which arrogate the authority of the people to themselves. These become the "professionals" (clerks: *clerics*) who are dedicated to the institutions and who lose sight of the fact that the purpose of institutions is to serve public wellbeing. Much of the philosophy incorporated in the American Constitution is imported from Europe; as such it is less than perfect because it yet presumes certain old-world assumptions which are unsuited for today's global context, e.g., patriarchal (sexist) absolutism, adversarially structured government and corporate feudalism.

Roman-characterized Catholic religion some 700 years ago began to direct its service obligation away from the populace and toward institutions of power; it came to be identified with monarchies and their expansionist ambitions. Church, like government, became mercantile and came to be associated with despotic feudalism and colonialism. European feudalism/ colonialism survive in the exploitive consumerism of American corporatism. Corporate resource control/ use yet subserve European/ American feudal/ colonial philosophy. So long as religion and government artificially cleave spirit and matter for public control Purposes, the people and Earth continue to be devastated by the consumptive appetites of exploitive institutions. In the global trashing of Earth-life equal credit can be given to the institutions of church and government. Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council to liberate Catholicism from old world despotism; liberation is an unfinished work

The acculturated embrace of *the adversary presumption* serves to destroy trust and thereby to frustrate the emergence of a trustful society. From birth people are indoctrinated to distrust themselves, and, logically, others. Needed is the bivalent harmony of *presumptive collaboration* to offset the disharmony of

presumptive antagonism. Needed is a new worldview to replace the old. So where can the paradigm (model) be found which might serve to redirect societies on a course of true public empowerment, that is, toward the public distribution of wealth to serve the need, and away from oligarchical greed? The paradigm is symbiotic nature.

The continuity wisdom grounded in the quantum-electric dynamics of cosmic transformation is instructive as to causes of societal havoc and their remedies. In cosmic transformation, the imbalances of electrical polarities serve to mediate hyped charges by dissipating potentials in new quantum-electric arrangements, namely, in new liaisons of atoms and molecules. The symbiotic equilibration of polarities avoids the havoc of hyper-charges. Distrust, isolation, closedness are polarities that block the leveling of social fixes. Symbiotic action can mitigate and discharges damaging polarities. The static-centrist worldview is accountable for fathering the presently hyper-charged predicament. Needed is the ushering out of the static-centrist worldview and the ushering-in of the transformational worldview; communal priority needs to replace dominion and corporate profiteering.

Feudalist corporatism works against people (communal) empowerment. Social justice isn't possible except with people-empowerment; not an empowerment that makes people fodder for institutional consumerism, but, which recognizes the common right-of-birth to resource access and use; not to ingratiate greed, but to satisfy essential need.

As the ordained clergy is corporate religion's bureaucracy dispensing Earth-life's *spiritual* "grace", so governmental bureaucracies corporately control the dispensation of *material* "grace"— the dominion model. Church hierarchy is the corporate bureaucracy in spiritual control even as *officers of the Court* exercise material control. These adversarial control-bureaucracies violate the vital unity of energy/ matter, and in so doing, impose inevitable havoc. The dominating activity of lawyers in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government causes government to function with colossal waste of people and resources. The professional corruption of lawyers as eager advocates on either side of a dispute in the control/ use of resources radically does violence to the commonweal in essentially critical matters. The real "professionals" skilled in the fine points of word manipulation, evasions and half-truths are lawyers; their profession, the writing of laws and the prosecution of them on the people, plays on nuances of word meanings, and is perhaps the most distrusted of all professions for its too obvious manipulation of the truth and its outright distortion of the common sense of word-meanings. Lawyer control in two-party politics is not people friendly: it is professionally self-serving and destructive of political harmony and wellbeing.

Distrustful behavior is everyday fare; individually, we are targets of distrust as well as perpetrators of it. Lying is the most general form of distrustful conduct. Deception comes in degrees, in matters trivial and urgent. Lying is too often maliciously deceitful in intent, but sometimes less blatant. It occurs in one-on-one

relationships; it occurs corporately, in advertising, in government, in business, in education and in religious institutions. It occurs for reasons of personal and institutional advantage. A root-reality is that every decision is ambiguous, i.e., has good and bad consequences. "Truth" is in perception. Politicians, elected officials and public employees, corporate officers and religious leaders render "truth" as they see it—qualified by non-objective, personal biases.

Lingering cultural traditions that hallow false presumptions based on ignorance and misinformation are perhaps even more insidious than ordinary, everyday lies because they continue to imprison peoples' minds and control their habits of living on false presumptions of old belief. From today's perspective, the evidence suggests that the Church's dogma of original sin negating human goodness has served to erode personal, communal health (*sanitas*). Human psychology now knows that except individuals possess a healthy self-reliance (self-trust) they do not contribute reciprocally to communal trust. A syllogism serves to support the fact:

If one does not trust oneself, one will not trust others;
If one does not trust others, others will not trust him/ her;
therefore, if one does not trust oneself, others will not trust him/ her and distrust will socially prevail.

In like manner, it can be argued that the process whereby trust is lost serves in reverse to substantiate how trust can be gained:

If one trusts oneself, one will tend to trust others;
If one trusts others, others will come to trust him/ her;
therefore, if one trusts oneself, others will trust him/her.

A religion that works to destroy self-trust is a religion that destroys personal/ communal health (unhealthiness is "*insanitas*"). When people learn to trust themselves because of their personal authenticity, they are enabled to trust others for the reason of others' personal authenticity. Rooted in St. Augustine's original sin theology (himself a longtime Manicheist), Tridentine (fundamental) Catholicism clings to *orthodox* black and white divisions of dualistic culture (evil materiality and holy spirituality). Static-centrist religions have forfeited their claim on public trust because of their persisting culture of distrust.

More than apologies are needed for Church's distrustful participation in the Crusades, in the Spanish/ Roman Inquisitions, in global colonialism and in vilifying Jews for "killing God", in the alienation of women and abuses against children; nothing less than turning away from harsh patriarchy institutional dominion is needed.

Civil religion and government need to "find a new and better anchor"; why not the one which Jesus proposed, namely, "*to love one another and to trust one another*"? Trust is a consequence of love even as love is of trust. Only in the dispensation of love/ trust are justice and communal harmony possible. Love

eschews greed but is solicitous to every need. This is what Church and governments should be about. This is what symbiosis, ecozoic sacrament, the sustaining word/ work of Earth-life is about.

[*William T. Braithwaite, On Legal Practice and Education at the Present Time, 1989 GREAT IDEAS TODAY, Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., 1989, pp 44-100]

3. PARADIGMATIC NATURE and THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP

If we as parents envision our children becoming models of faith, hope and love, then we must model faith, hope and love for them throughout their growing years.

IT IS AXIOMATIC IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE THAT OCCURRENCES IN EARLY TIMES OF BIG BANG EXPANSION RECUR MORE SUBTLY IN EVOLVING STRUCTURES. A "PARADIGM" IS AN INPLACE MODEL THAT CHARACTERIZES, FOR EXAMPLE, NATURAL PROCESSES. "PARADIGMATIC NATURE" IS THE COSMIC MODEL OF NATURAL COMPLEXITY, THAT IS, THE MODEL OF TRIMORPHIC RESONANCE IN SUB-ATOMIC, ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR SYNERGISMS ACCOUNTABLE FOR MOLECULAR STRUCTURING. THIS TRINITARIAN PROCESS INHERES IN THE INTENSIONS OF MOLECULAR COHESION AND COHERES CONSCIOUS INTENTION.

"Word", the "sea of infinite substance" (St. John the Damascene's definition of God), is the means of all dialogue, of all communication, consciousness and conscience. Word is beginning energy (E), the enlightenment (C) and structure (M) of all creation, Einstein's $E=MC^2$. The resonance of one word strikes a chord with another, and communication begins.

The consilience of words establishes a relationship of consciousness, a new resonance, which is a new basis leading to new communication. Consciousness and structure are results of communication; conscience is the outcome of consciousness/ communication. The secured bond of resonant communication is the ground of faith; ever open consciousness is the ever renewing ground of hope; and, the enlightenment of conscience is the ground of love.

Trimorphic resonance is the paradigmatic process accountable for substantiation; substantive resonance is the cohesive harmony (inherency) that sustains continuity, Einstein's $E=MC^2$. "Harmony" is wave-field energy sounding in the "skies" around atoms and molecules, whose frequencies (electron resonance) prime them for synergistic convergences. Network life is a continuity complex of Earth-cosmic dialogue whose syntax is continually rearranged in the continuity of communication, including sexual. In the division of the sexes, the phylogenic gene-pool is prevented from becoming stagnant, and new-found "vocabularies" are constantly being coaxed from new word connections.

In 1958/59 when my wife and I were graduate students courting each other, we participated in a Pre-Cana Conference at the St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center, Ames, Iowa. (She had completed her MA degree in elementary education at the University of Northern Iowa and I was a graduate research student in Botany working on my MS degree at Iowa State University.) Several priests and an exemplary Catholic couple, an agronomy professor at Iowa State and his wife, conducted the Conference. Toward the end of the Conference participants were invited to submit questions anonymously for open discussion. I recall submitting a request that went something like this: "Please comment on the grace-conferring aspect of the Marriage Sacrament, specifically, as to sexual communication". When the panel came to my request its only comment was that there was very little theological development on the subject.

I only mention this incident because the experience lasted with me. For us young, starry-eyed lovers the non-answer of the panel was disappointing for the subject matter ranked quite high in our priority interests at the time. Over time we have reconciled the panel's inability to respond. Through communication we worked out our own husband/ wife, parent/ offspring understandings, which constitute the essence of the marriage relationship. Eventually we came to believe that no institution can define what or how the marriage relationship in the specific must be; only the couple in the relationship can. Every marriage is unique by reason of the uniqueness of the two individuals entering into it. What is common and enduring is the natural, paradigmatic process, namely, of communication/ consciousness/ conscience, and, of faith, hope and love.

To expand on *paradigmatic nature* we will explore the composition and agency of water, which is a triatomic molecule. [We could just as well use carbon-dioxide, which is also a triatomic molecule composed of three atoms.] What is particularly pertinent about water and carbon-dioxide is that together they interact by photosynthesis to produce the glycogen agency, C-HOH, the sugar basis of carbohydrate structures and providence of Earth-life complexity.

Recall Isaiah's words, "All flesh is grass". Water is composed of one oxygen atom and two hydrogen atoms. Individually, oxygen and hydrogen are very different in their properties. Both are gases, both liquify, but at different temperatures. But, when two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen "wed", a wholly new substance is formed, water.

Water is nature's universal medium and catalyst enabling vital processes. People in ancient times might never have suspected that two different gases could produce water. This phenomenal reality is, however, the seminal basis of Earth-life, including human. Water provides energy (soul) and substance for life's vital complexity. The "intensional" dynamics of hydrogen and oxygen produce the "intentioning" of the water molecule, which has its own trademark in the vital intentions of communication.

The meaning of baptism, the sacrament of water, is in its natural, paradigmatic function more profound in significance than the baptism ritual celebrates. The energetic aura of molecules, whether emanating from water or from the human body molecule, is the *soul component* (spirituality) of natural edification (structure). Universal priesthood is the reflective agency of water. Every human conception is delivered in water. Spirit gives life; wanting for spirit, literal word is dead; it is the trinity paradigm of cosmic transformation.

In their communication, oxygen and hydrogen produce a new outcome, a new structure of consciousness which opens the potential for new communication, for new consciousness, for new synergistic aura, for new soul. Consciousness is rightly understood as a sensitivity of one thing for another that is qualified by communication; this is true whether the "thing" is an atom of one chemical or another, or whether it is the human body. In the human person, conscious sensitivity roots in personal self-reflectivity — a "grace" of the Sacrament of Water. The mindless pollution of water, for example, is a desecration that also sacrileges consciousness and conscience.

The female/ male persona is a product of paradigmatic nature, of the trimorphic dialogue that transforms human soul/ substance, whether the human is a male or a female. All sexuality is characteristic of paradigmatic nature which structures fundamentally the egalitarian "worth" and complementarity of femaleness and maleness.

The artifice of the politicized dominion of males over females manifests a fundamental ignorance of nature. In the tradition of cultural misconception, patriarchy is deep-rooted in the male paradigm, which presumes God-ordained dominion of males over females. The religiously cultured presumption of male superiority is without standing in paradigmatic nature, and so are all the theological developments that originate in this misinformed presumption.

Dominion politics in the marriage relationship has no place for it fundamentally counters paradigmatic nature and trinitarian virtue/ process. Authoritarianism in the male/ female relationship breaches the bonds of faith, hope and love. Before men and women ever enter into the marriage relationship (religious community) they should first resolve in their own understanding the reciprocal mutuality of masculinity/ femininity. To go back to the hydrogen/ oxygen model: it is ridiculous to imagine oxygen telling hydrogen that it is more important to their relationship; the same is true of the relationship of water and carbon dioxide in photosynthesis.

No matter how many males gather together in community, and no matter how fervent their common intention, their single "parenting" is ineffectual whether in family or in Church; patriarchy is fruitless in providing the necessary spiritual dynamic that vitalizes social relationships. Together, however, males and

females provide the synergistic spirituality necessary for words to work and for humankind to get beyond the dead stagnancy of non-dialogic singularity.

Religious communities of men and women must collaborate synergistically, if they would revitalize Church/ religion. This means that women must be in positions of authority in Church as well as men. The exclusive male claim to priority in religious culture is a deadening absurdity.

While mutual (communal) benefits can result in same-sex associations, they do not equate in nature with the marriage relationship. Historical consensus on the nature of the relationship that constitutes "the marriage relationship" reasonably excludes same-sex partnerships from inclusion under its definition. Sexuality like water is trinity in origin, the female/ male persons and their naturally produced child; in their nature, female and male are together productive in word/ work, inessential sacrament. Word/ work service in priesthood is conscience work.

The genetic expression of sexuality in the individual person can be highly variant from person to person; the absence of sexual ambiguity is not a pre-condition of priestly calling, though conscionable service can reconcile ambiguity. Institutional Church's single-sex priesthood doesn't fit the natural paradigm because it eschews nature's qualification of essential mutuality.

How is the husband/ wife-relationship best defined, as contract? By its very nature, a contract tends to be legalistic, impersonal, non-inspirational and emotionally inconsiderate. Covenant, on the other hand, has an entirely different spiritual dynamic for it is motivated in a reciprocal sense of moral commitment intended to vitalize the spirituality of the parties in bonded commitment to each other and to community trust.

The marriage relationship is of the order of covenantal trust which expects the mutuality of commitment. Contracts deal coldly with the literal material and are void of covenantal intent and content. *Living trust* is the state of mind in covenantal relationship, whereas, contracts are cast in a way as if expecting and anticipating distrust in the relationship. Unlike Jesus' commission, the stock-in-trade of lawyers is distrust, not trust — contracts, not covenants.

Neither husband nor wife can assert exclusive "rights" over the other in trust matters without damage to the marriage relationship. Respect and sensitivity should motivate each to never presume or impose on the other. This rule is basic to common decency. The marriage relationship is fruitful, i.e., mutually fruitful, when interpersonal involvements come from agreeable understandings, for, only by such meeting of minds is growth in faith, hope and love enabled. When the marriage relationship is governed by mutual respect and reciprocity, an exemplary environment is established which nurtures in offspring firsthand experience of faith, hope and love.

Children reared in mutually affirming relationships are more likely themselves to be habituated in familial/ communal civility, that is, practiced, in faith, hope and love. The fair minded person, the conscionable Christian, can be satisfied with nothing less than this.

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Subject: No profit to subdue Earth and lose soul.

Dear Publisher and Editor:

From experience I've learned the Christopher lesson that it's better to light a candle than curse the darkness. To the purpose of "candle lighting" I submit for publication in three parts:

Paying the Piper: 1.) *Original Temptation and Not-so-original Sin*, 2.) *Natural Sacrament and Consciousness*, and 3.) *Corporate Cannibalism*.

Briefly, the essays tell New Genesis lessons of communication, consciousness and conscience: 1.) *contrary to cultured habit (original sin), Jesus opts to reject the temptation to control and exploit Earth life; instead, he chooses to serve the least and to teach sustainable living and minimal use of Earth goods; 2.) substance's intentionality is the synergistic consciousness of atomic/molecular complexes; physical structure (body/work) is the psychic edification (soul/word) of natural sacrament. Nurture/nature is inseparable word/work; their dualistic schism fatally frustrates Sacrament. Flawed intentionality flaws work; thus, human word/work is sometimes sacrament and sometimes sacrilege, depending on how rightly or wrongly intention is informed; and, 3.) corporately, humankind objectifies (idolizes) natural sacrament (providence) to the purpose of controlling people and exploiting Earth's goods; objectified corporate statism (politicized theocracy) and the exploitation of natural sacrament lead to ultimate catastrophes of the loss of soul and the mortal waste of life on Earth. Only the rejection of the temptation to control and exploit can save human soul and sustain diverse life on Earth.*

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1. PAYING THE PIPER. (What profit, to subdue Earth and lose soul?)

Original temptation, and not-so-original, sin.

The politicized cliché "growing the economy" is a popularized platitude that Republican and Democratic politicians like to make their own. In the philosophy of consumerist democracy, "economics" depend on the ever expanding circle of more jobs, more products, more consumption. Consumer income and consumer goods are the eucharist of consumerist religion. Because *consumerist religion* feeds on the natural instincts of need and greed, we as a society celebrate it like motherhood and apple pie; we accept it as the panacea for all societal ills. But is it? Who would take a contrary position that consumerist *economics* causes and aggravates societal ills? Jesus' countercultural message does just that.

At the beginning of Jesus' public life, scriptures have Satan tempting him to choose a self aggrandizing life. Satan promises him that the goods of Earth can be his to control. Intoxicating wild power, represented in fruits of wild flowers, is a passion not easily tamed. In times of gnawing physical need our minds wayfare in many directions in search of satisfaction. The appetites of normal and necessary need easily tempt to indulge in greed. Remember, the temptation of Jesus came at the end of his forty-days fast in the desert.

From our present day perspective of seeing Earth's condition—wasted by generations of greedy exploitation—we get a new appreciation of the temptation of Jesus and his countercultural decision to reject the delusion of wasteful self-serving. Jesus eschewed power and control. He opted to identify himself with the world's poor and outcasts. His life is a miracle drop in the ocean of common humanity which raises even the least to standing in divine sonship; identified in his person, the poor has Second Person standing in Godhead. This lesson of Jesus' higher, divine consciousness is that we are all called to live symbiotic sacrament by exemplifying his word/ work in our own lives, that is, by the sustaining usage of Earth's goods.

2. Natural sacrament, consciousness, and the gods of myth

In everything we do, we are either sacrament or sacrilege, depending on how informed our choices are. Well informed choices are more rightly motivated and more likely to produce good outcomes; misinformed choices are more poorly motivated and likely to produce bad outcomes. Sacrament is facilitated in informed choices; sacrament is frustrated (sacrileged) by misinformed choices. In the natural context of the quantum-electric universe, sacrament is the ongoing process of transformative substance/soul, Einstein's MC2. The proof of sacrament is in all the natural transformations occurring around us. For example, fuming volcanoes and flaming candles reveal special evidences of natural sacrament working in different ways.

Natural sacrament is word/ work, nurture/ nature, soul/ substance, spirit/ matter, energy/ mass, the non-dualistic edification of natural agency. The "work" is evidenced in its intentional "word". Sacrament means *sacred remembrance*

from the Latin "sacra" and "meminisse" (mens). *Remembrance* is encoded memetically (psychically) and genetically (physically) in energy/mass (soul/body). Sacrament is resurrection, is perpetual re-creation. Parents are sacrament; children are soul/body of parents' soul/body, their re-incarnation. Children aren't born frustrated, they grow up frustrated.

In our choices we are intentional agents of sacrament or sacrilege (the frustration of sacrament). Sacrament in quantum-consciousness assumes a whole new meaning when we understand its continuity work in every least atom and in every greatest cosmic structure. We are part and parcel of the cosmic continuity, which composes the Sacred Other from which we come and to which we return—the circumstance of authentic worship. Informed consciousness (faith) secures us in perpetuity in the Sacred Unam/ Unum.

3. Corporate cannibalism

Pandering to greed in exploiting Earth resources for disproportionate self-advantage is the sin of corporate consumerism. In the last six centuries of the Second Millennium, corporate consumerism has become politicized in the institutions of Church/ State, which extended its sanction in the global outreach of the colonial rape of people and Earth. European established colonialism still works Church/ State justified colonialism through multinational corporations which disproportionately profiteer from native resources—to the disadvantage of indigenous peoples. Corporate motive is self-advantage, not an altruism that cares for global sustainability, diversified life and indigenous populations.

The legacy of transplanted Church/ State absolutism includes the rape of people, vital land, sea and air ecologies—certainly not a divinely sanctioned enterprise. Corporate Church/ State politicoes still make themselves intentional agents of corporate sacrilege—the mortal waste of Nature's providence. The worship God expects is respect for Divine Providence at work in Nature. Absolute justification and corporate fixation in domination is the great sacrilege of our time. Before global societies can turn from their idolatrous fixations, the sin of it must be confessed, and all members of society, especially those in positions of power, must seek conversion from the habits of sacrilege

To be very specific, this means, turning from corporate consumerism to corporate commitment to repair and sustain natural providence; this means, becoming "ecozoically" minded, and becoming, above all conservators of natural biodiversity. Earth-call ordains all in priestly service. Corporate priesthood, including the priesthood of religion, is inauthentic except it is faithful to universal priesthood. Let us rise to the call of birth privilege and honor Divine Providence by sustaining and restoring natural sacrament; on this worship (priestly service) depends life's salvation.

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Subject: corporately sanctioned fixations corrupt.

Dear Publisher and Editor:

God's "thunder" resounds in the wave-field heavens of atomic-molecular sacrament. It is in the space of quantum-electric "heavens" that consciousness comes to truth. When God's thunder is thieved, the lights of consciousness are dimmed. To the purpose of keeping consciousness lit I submit for publication in three parts **Thunder Thieves: 1.) Lovers of learning, 2.) Cross-disciplinary profession, and 3.) Nature-script faith.**

Briefly, the essays tell New Genesis lessons of communication, consciousness and conscience **1.) for our lifetimes we are individually called to be "philosophers", i.e., to pursue and live inductive/ deductive learning, for, only in purposely informed consciousness do we learn to conform to the continuity truths of natural sacrament; 2.) the theft of natural truth for personal, institutional domination is a mortal sacrilege that wastes sacrament and violates open consciousness; and, 3.) a global conversion away from the sacrilege of natural sacrament, from the violation of Divine Providence, requires living that sustains natural providence, that remains open to new consciousness and commits personal, communal word/work to "sabbath" and "jubilee", that is, to the restoration and preservation of providential life's network diversity (sacrament).**

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1. Lovers of learning. A person rightly motivated in his/ her love for learning is a "friend of wisdom", a philosopher. To be rightly motivated means: to rightly pursue and use learning, i.e., for common wellbeing. The use of learning for personal gain and at the expense of other is abuse. The abuse of learning is the misappropriation of learning's "truth"; when we thief learning and abuse truth, we are "thunder thieves". In many ways we are thunder thieves, but also, we are victims of thunder thieves. The "religious" misuse of natural providence for institutional dominion is a theft of God's thunder.

Dedication to learning in the pursuit of wisdom is a two-step dance of reason, and is the personal exercise of a lifetime. We are, individually, genetically supplied with boxes (cells) of puzzle pieces that need "edifying" if we are to come to a rightly informed worldview. In the authentic work of consciousness, Eden's "lifework poetree" is diversified and sustained. Throughout our personal lifetimes we acquire new puzzle pieces that also need to be fit into our world, self-understanding.

Philosophers have two words for the two-step learning process, inductive and deductive. Inductive learning includes the fine focus of science on workings of natural minutiae. Deductive learning includes the continued processing of particular knowledge into an holistic worldview. An ever informed worldview should be the continuing result of the two-step learning dance. If we shut ourselves out from new learning, we fix our consciousness in a partially informed worldview.

Closed consciousness and ideological fixation in the static worldview are misdirected engines driving our present global predicament. Individually and institutionally we are cultured to live by profiteering values idolized in mindsets of centrism and staticism. When misinformed religious belief is ideologically fixated, religion concedes the high ground of moral purpose and fails as conscience.

2. Cross-disciplinary learning. Professional disciplines, including theology, work as closed to themselves, often tuned-out to the truths of other professions. A telling failure of education is its neglect to integrate the new learning of all disciplines into an expanding worldview of credible continuity. Minds fixated in cultured staticism are tethered in fideism and lose touch with reality. The conflicted messages of "religious" closedness in the setting of natural openness have profoundly unsettling, schizophrenic effects.

Learning must advance on its inductive/ deductive legs, else authentic consciousness is cheated. Ideological culture that is closed to natural, scientific openness shouldn't be confused with religion; ideological religion is a thunder thief for it abuses public faith in the expectation of people to substitute closed consciousness for open consciousness. In word/ work, network providence is naturally advanced. The thieving of providential truth for purposes of corporate profit and control is a most pernicious sacrilege. The kingdom-building heritage evolves from a mercantile mind (St. Peter's) which, contrary to Jesus' teaching and example, has surrendered itself to the dominion temptation. Greed trashes providence and suffocates faith, hope and love.

Self-objectified professionalism is socially harmful for it motivates youth selfishly, rather than altruistically. An example is the legal profession which is prostitutionally politicized and merchandized on the adversary presumption; corporate greed and adversarial politicking are having a profoundly degrading social impact, morally, economically and ecologically.

3. Nature-Script Covenant. Natural providence is the word/ work of divine providence. Earth-life's self-sustaining complex is providential word/ work. We are part and parcel of life's sustaining network. Life's faithful networking is life's ground of faith. If the essential threads of the ecological network are to sustain life, the individual life from which they originate must be sustained. Self-renewing sustainability is network life's never ending process. In biblical conscience, this realization is practiced in "Sabbath" and "jubilee". Sabbath and jubilee are to the same purpose, i.e., to restore depletions and sustain natural providence; prevision/ provision, faith's word/ work, realizes that faith survive and abide in life's original grounding.

Stolen thunder is a debt incursion against Providence. The exploitation of nature's largesse, for motives of greed, is sin, the waste of natural providence. By birth, we are naturally dependent. Dependency-roots feed conception and fetal growth; our willfulness accounts for acts of sin/ debt, but also debt restitution and restitution/ forgiveness. Forgiveness happens not by word only, but by acts of restoration. Authentic living knows its duty to give back more than it takes, for only in so doing is the vitality of the "middletree" preserved; failure in this is "original sin".

Faith, hope and love express the unity of personal/ communal purpose and vision. Their trimorphic resonance is the dialogic consciousness/ conscience of word/ work, the continuity of transformational necessity. Reality's story of essential continuity is no blithe myth, no stale tale; it is the unfolding revelation of divine intention newly contexted in the uncertainties and discovered certainties of event-qualified change.

Purpose and vision are inseparable from the consciousness of essential continuity; they have put humankind in the driver's seat. But can we drive safely and not total out the vehicle? Our best chance of survival is to remain faithful to nature's purpose/ vision that has brought us to where we are. We must avoid the easy surrender of faith to institutions of dominion and waste. Corporate sanction of the waste of providence is blasphemy. We are called, not to kingdom-building, but to *jubilee, kindom-building*. Like Jesus, our conscience calls us to reject the dominion temptation, to proclaim in word/ work his mission of forgiveness, and to restore the loss of provision caused by our debt incursions.

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Dear Publisher and Editor:

Einstein's big bang truth is something religion has yet to deal with, namely, that the spark lighting all spirituality is the energy (E) of singularity's expansion, that soul in all substance is the natural, internal enlightenment (C²) of common cosmic structure (M). Soul is photon-fervor dutifully weaving consciousness in atomic-molecular wave-fields. I submit for publication the third in three series of "witness essays" **Lamp Light: 1.)** Cosmicly encoded Faith, **2.)** Transformationally informed Hope, and **3.)** Conscionable Love. The trimorphic resonance of Godhead virtues is exemplified in the natural virtues of social civility. In rationalizing the disconnectioun of Creator from Creation, humans excuse their self-aggrandizing waste of Creation; the global consequence of this deceit is deicide and suicide.

$E=MC^2$ — cosmic continuity's quantum-electric openness reveals personally the Godhead virtues (faith/hope/love) of transformational process (communication/consciousness/conscience). I believe I have found the pliant nest (open cosmic consciousness) where the hard egg of institutional absolutism/staticism/centrism, the antitheses to faith/hope/love, can hatch and finally come free of the fixations that frustrate The People of God. I hope the essays are convincing, compelling and convicting to the purpose of establishing grounds for corporate Christianity to move beyond its idolatries without in any way compromising the truths of Jesus' Gospel commission.

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Lamp Light: the resonant Godhead Virtues

1. Cosmicly encoded Faith. Faith is trust in sustainable Nature, in the cosmic codes of essential continuity. Faith grounded in the transformational cosmology is quantum different from faith grounded in the static-centrist worldview. The "transformational cosmos" is the worldview of quantum-science while the "static-centrist cosmos" is the worldview of Old Testament theology and Scholasticism.

The experiences of reason (informed consciousness) require that the absolute god of static-centrist theology yields to the involved God of the transformational world. "Becoming" is the continuity of change; "becoming" replaces the static fixation in "being", the speculative, centrist fixture of dualistic theology. The process of becoming involves the diversification of spirituality/ materiality as a unified phenomenon of "special relativity".

Special Relativity pertains to the inherent dynamism (soul) of cosmic continuity (energy of the Big Bang, E) that is substantiated in molecular edifications, Einstein's MC^2 . General Relativity pertains to the gravitational communication and edification of molecular structures, substances, and to the wave-field consciousness processed in/ by gravitational/ electromagnetic exchange.

Static, fixated faith and evolutionary, transformational faith view life/ creation from irreconcilable perspectives. Static faith believes that life was originally created with its full complement of pristine perfections, and that since Original Sin, creation continues on a downgrade. Transformational faith believes that life is an co-incident, but essential, and arising out of cosmic complexity, sustained by and in, and surrendered back to Essential Cosmic Continuity. Thus, life's perfection occurs by and in the transformations of Earth Sacrament which hold in genetic memory the texts of reliable sustainability. Spirituality and materiality are soul/ substance equivalents.

Subject to space/ time qualifications, "Divine Purpose" reveals in-tensionally in soul/substance unity. In the cosmic unfolding of divine intention humans are participatory agents of essential cosmic continuity, and by the culture of essential relationship, they participate consciously in the unified "hypostatic" experience of cosmic in-tension, divine and human intention.

2. Transformationally informed Hope. Hope is the expectation of re-newness, of nurlural sacrament, of recapitulation, resurrection, and second coming. Hope grounded in transformational "metaphysics" is quantum different from hope grounded in static-centrist metaphysics.

In the static worldview of centrist theology God appeared in old time and talked with creation when it was yet pristine, before the Fall; but over time, he appeared less frequently, and eventually discontinued his personal appearance and communication, except through his son who took on human flesh for the purpose of making sense out of the havoc initiated by the first parents' sin.

In the transformational worldview of quantum theology God is equally imminent in creation for all times, past, present and future. Divine Revelation is reflectively ("ex opere operato and ex opera operantis") immanent in creation, in human consciousness, whose perceptiveness depends from and is informed in cosmic complexity.

Hope becomes dashed in a creation whose god apparently abandoned it to a surrogate because of his original disappointment with humans. There is, however, a vibrant hope in a creation whose God is initially and co-incidently present in every fiber

of relationship and process. Reflective consciousness that discerns in creation divine presence, "inheritance", and that conforms human conduct in fidelity to that discernment, is a hope-filled experience of personal transformation, ever open to anticipated newness throughout space/time. God's immanence is reliably present, is hope-filled. Narrowly fixated, speculative consciousness is lacking in hope. God-presence in Nature informs filial devotion, true worship, expectations of goodness.

Hope is informed, self-reflective consciousness, a consciousness of self-knowing that openly inspires ever greater understanding as the perfecting means of greater self-authentication. Inherent relational in-tension (symbioses) flourishes and becomes conscious intention — self-reflective symbiosis. Natural "in-tension" is Sacrament "ex opere operato"; nurtural "intention" is Sacrament "ex opere operantis". The open God of intentional Sacrament instills hope; the closed god of staticism thunders desperation. Globally, human aspirations cry for new hope.

3. Conscionable love. Love is intentional participation in providential Nature/ Nurture; love is the conscionable choosing of Sabbath and jubilee, communal self-renewing, communal civility. Love grounded in transformational theology is quantum different from love grounded in static-centrist theology. The revelation of god's love in static-centrist theology is problematic because centrism's god is speculated on cosmicly misinformed consciousness. In human reckoning it is understandable that being integrated in the "divine loop" is undeserving and that for wrongdoing, retribution is required. Informed quantum theology, however, reveals that the God of creation is not occupied in mean mindedness and is not partial and vindictive toward humans, even though natural reciprocity does exact retribution for human wrongdoing against providential Nature.

God is our essential portion of participation in cosmic continuity, and we are God's, for better, for worse. In the living network of essential continuity we are an original offshoot from life preceding us, and, except the living network, life is destroyed in its original and sustaining capacity; we continue ever part and parcel of life's transforming essence.

Self-sustainability demands that we reciprocate intentionally with a love that is no less altruistic than the Love that is our origin, our sustaining empowerment and our future destiny. By our love for one another we are identified as possessing divine personality. Our personal manifestation of love is true to its divine connection when our every action is grounded in the intention to love one another no less than we love the self-fortune that we enjoy personally, and when we are as diligent in advantaging others as we are ourselves.

The trimorphic resonance of Godhead virtue is example and call of Nature, of Divine Providence in Nature. Authentic worship begins with respectful consciousness of privilege in being part and parcel of Sacrament Word/ Work. Prevision/ Provision, our sustaining presence in the Order of Natural Providence, is authentic worship of Divine Providence, the minimal worship God expects. Civility, expressed in love for each other, is the obvious consequence of true worship — Jesus' universal commission.

ITEM: A global movement toward a universal religion is the insight offered in EDEN'S LIFEWORK POETREE: A Reconciliation of Science & Religion. Author Sylvester L. Steffen presents a cosmological, philosophical and theological perspective on history's erratic but persisting movement toward a reason-based, universal religious consciousness.

At the close of the Second Millennium, Steffen sees consciousness toward "political civility and ecological sensitivity" as global signs of movement toward moral and historical maturity. He sees civil and ecological sensitivity linked essentially in common cosmological, philosophical and theological underpinnings, namely, in the universal consciousness of "quantum continuity". Perhaps for the first time in human history, self-reflective consciousness is sufficiently mature as to make possible the coming into existence of a "universal" religion based on a global awareness of natural necessity and the commandment "to love God and one another". In his view, ecological reverence (sensitivity to creation) is true love of God, and, lived civility is true love of neighbor.

In Steffen's world, children and adults for their lifetimes would be "steeped in quantum consciousness", especially, in its conscionable (religious) significance. Steffen reasons that the failure of religious consciousness to accommodate to quantum consciousness causes it to misunderstand and misconstrue relationships and to misinform moral consciousness in essential matters. Steffen sees the inclusion of quantum consciousness into religious consciousness as essential to the revitalizing of religion, global civility and sustainable ecology.

For the purpose of educating the public in "quantum consciousness", Steffen has written a Connection Syllabus, The POETREE Project, intended for use in schools and by study groups. In his POETREE Trilogies, Steffen fleshes out the transformational sense of quantum science, philosophy and theology. In this "trinity of trilogies plus one", Steffen connects history, cosmology, philosophy and theology to the continuum of Earth-life. The NOVOGENESIS trilogy is about the quantum-electric universe, the Cosmos; The METAGENESIS trilogy is about conscious Earth-life; and the THEOGENESIS trilogy is about the God-sense of Natural Sacrament—a further development on Teilhard de Chardin's "cosmogenesis/ anthropogenesis/ Christogenesis". Book ten, "The House of Bread", links the spiritual/ secular in natural (grain) ecology/ economy to Eucharistic celebration.

Steffen eschews institutional orthodoxies that divide people on religious pretenses. He seeks a middle ground between understatement and overstatement. His credo is that "in faithfulness to personal authenticity people come to civility, to divine consciousness and to true worship;" and, that only by trustful relationships are familial, political and religious chasms bridged.

Quantum Poetics: HOLISTIC POETRY FOR EDUCATING CIVILITY.

ITEM: “Eden’s Lifework Poetree, a Reconciliation of Science & Religion”, a “trinity” of trilogies plus one; user-friendly booklets, approximately 65 pages each.

SUBJECT: The quantum economy of grace; the natural virtues of civility and the self-consumptive culture of division.

“Except for the trimorphic resonance of natural reason (faith/ hope/ love) there is neither civility nor sustainable civilization”, says Sylvester L. Steffen, a would-be poet, scientist, philosopher and theologian; he offers what he believes is a bridge across the cultured chasms between the religious and the secular, the spiritual and the material, namely, a learning/teaching strategy involving youth in holistic education, whose bases are universal values (quantum-cosmic). A grain scientist, he shows, for example, how the economies of quantum-electricity (cybernetics) capitalize free and sustainable resources in the production, the “after-ripening”—*curing the corn that light made*—(Book Ten), and the keeping of corn-grain, which he extrapolates (drawing upon the Prophet Isaiah) as the only economics that sustain the holistic weave of Earth-life’s seamless fabric.

He sees new genesis dialogue—“conversations” between the ontogenic and the phylogenic selves—as enabling grace in quantum-connections to overcome sin and alienation. Adding to Gandhi’s seven deadly social sins, Steffen includes three others which he calls “blasphemous” because they offend directly the Trinity Godhead’s exemplification. His poetic insights are parceled in a rainbow of metaphors.

In the circling webs of Earth-life’s continuum, the author sees in every ending a new beginning. Eden’s Lifework POETREE speaks of creation theology, a helpful summa at the end of the Second Christian Millennium; it brings forward in time social wisdom’s cumulus-threads as leaders out of humankind’s delusional caves. His “POETREE” insight is that divine wisdom is Nature’s open scripture, and that absolutist theology’s removal of grace from its secular roots is a schizophrenic self-deception. He locates religion and Divine Presence in the grace relationships of creatures communing with and sustaining one another, hour by hour, day by day.

Soul/ substance transformation is the natural, “sapiential” paradigm at work in spiritual/ material genesis — which obeys Einstein’s laws of gravitational attraction (general relativity) and energy/ mass equivalency (special relativity). Steffen’s worldview is of Earth as Mother — always nurturing and birthing — the spiritual/ material unity-process of Nurture/ Nature. This Natural Genesis Process is the trinitarian process of integration (communication), disintegration (consciousness) and re-integration (conscience), and faith/ hope/ love, which are the synthesis bases of science, philosophy and theology. Bringing the public to this unifying truth serves a civic purpose.

Sylvester Steffen is a self-proclaimed “non-professional”. But don’t be deceived by this self-deprecating assessment. He holds a graduate degree in philosophy and a post-graduate degree in science. He spent eleven years in monastic living. He pioneered a new field of patents in the farm management of live, stored corn grain and spent 30 years as an entrepreneurial, agricultural marketer. He is the father of six grown women, and drawing upon his parental experience, he credibly connects the theme of the “divine feminine”.

**VOX DEI, VOX MUNDI: God's Voice is Earth's;
VOX MUNDI, VOX TERRAE: the Earth's Voice is the Land's;
VOX TERRAE, VOX POPULI: the Land's Voice is the People's;
VOX POPULI, VOX DEI: the People's Voice is God's.**

Bishop Maurice J. Dingman, of the Des Moines Catholic Diocese, applauds the catholic authenticity of Sylvester Steffen: "I ...must thank you most sincerely for myself and Bishop Dingman for your patient explanation and attention. We are in full agreement that we need and want to continue a dialogue and whatever else will be supportive of your efforts. ...It is not often, if ever, that we meet with someone who has a vision and theological understanding of the Church as you have." (Signed, Leonard Kayser, acting director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. August 26, 1980.)

His Holiness Pope John Paul II recognizes the author's good faith and gives his blessing: "His holiness Pope John Paul II has directed me to thank you for the book of poetry that you sent him. He wishes you to know that he is grateful for your thoughtful gesture and that he appreciates the kindness which prompted it. His Holiness cordially invokes upon you and your family God's gifts of peace and joy." (Signed, Monsignor C. Sepe, Assessor, Secretariat of State, First Section, General Affairs, Vatican City. October 3, 1991.)

Geologist Thomas Berry, sensing Sylvester Steffen's distress for the times seems to recognize in him *Earth groaning*: "Your own thought is a confirmation of my own. May all go well with this and all those other writings that are finding expression through you. (Spring 1992) You have indeed set forth the fundamental vision needed for effective entry into the future. ...I do hope that your vision will become effective on a broad scale throughout our society." (Fall 1993).

Bishop L David Brown of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Northeastern Iowa Synod) endorses Steffen's broadening of the science/religion dialogue: "...It is the hope of the author that this book might be (used in) the syllabus of an interdisciplinary study in colleges and universities to stimulate wholeness in living and learning. Our specialized, fragmented and truncated approach to many disciplines cries out for a more comprehensive view of the learning enterprise. ...The subject matter is significant. The form of communication is creative. The book is worthy of study. Science and religion are far too important realms to leave only to scientists and theologians." (March 1992).

Sylvester L. Steffen, a grain scientist, inventor and business entrepreneur, has in his retirement years returned to his preferred interests—Cosmology, Philosophy and Theology. A trilogy of trilogies, his "*Eden's Lifework Poetree*" is a quantum-world compendium, a New Genesis summa opening to humankind new insights into the civil virtues of faith, hope and love.

POETREE READINGS



THE RELIGIOUS INTENTION IN QUANTUM INTUITION

FAITH — HOPE — LOVE
Trinitarian Exemplification

RELIGION. NATURALLY!

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WORD UNlimited

WITNESS TO THE WORD!

Neither you nor I come to fulfilled lives except we consciously put in place a self-fulfilling lifework. In common, we are destined to lifeworks compelled by nature's same motives and needs. The reason that this is true is that Life has imprinted within us its script word of intuitional continuity. But the choice remains ours how we engage our motives and meet our personal needs. From the strands of personal choosing we braid the cord on which the future for all suspends. Our personal choices can and should be informed in "natural" wisdom, for when so informed, they not only add to the in-place web of our being/ doing/ having, but they do it "sustainably," that is, without threat to others and to future life.

The global perils threatening all are becoming ever too clear, as are their causes in mindless exploitation, idolized collectively as a "religious" right. Personal experience tells us that life and religion are "transformational," not static, that soul and substance are complementary, not adversary. But we are cultured in static, religious dogma, in misinformed habits that justify societal institutions in their absolutist/ centrist ideologies and in self-degrading wastefulness. It is not easy to get beyond cultural habits of self-aggrandizing consumersim. But it is clear that unless we do we will continue to flow with the tide of catastrophic exploitation and destroy human life's ecozoic necessity.

The voice of conscience within calls us each personally to be faithful to life preceding us, to "witness the word" transmitted to us individually through parental lineage and script in our every cell. Faithfulness to original, cosmically proved intuition is the sustaining grace of personal self-fulfillment, of domestic tranquility and of civil society. Eden's "POETREE" lifework is your own, our own. Please do it consciously and please help others come to informed consciousness.



**POETREE
READINGS**

- 1. QUANTUM COSMOLOGY
and
Communicational Faith.**
- 2. QUANTUM METAPHYSICS
and
Conscious Hope.**
- 3. QUANTUM THEOLOGY
and
Conscional Love.**

Sylvester L. Steffen

Communicational Faith Cosmically Encoded

No one lives in isolation, which is both, reassuring and frightening —reassuring when we live harmoniously, but frightening when we live disruptively. Network complexities bind all life intimately in Earth's global groaning for survival. Humanly instigated havoc to network life imposes the urgency now of "ecological altruism" — one kind of selfishness that is honest, for individual fate is tied to the global. For ecological altruism to be globally effective, it must, bioregionally, become the commonsense awareness upon which all professions root. This means that as individuals and professionals we put ourselves in touch with our local/ global interdependencies and that we conform our personal/ professional word/ work to the constraints they impose.

At the elemental level, scientists, philosophers and theologians must sensitize themselves and society at large to the common necessities of life's essential continuities. For such holistic consciousness to root widely all must recognize that Earth's global ecology is Earth-life's only common resource. Acting upon such consciousness alone makes possible a sustaining environment and personal/ social living that is faith-based and self-fulfilling. From earliest consciousness children should be steeped in awareness of ecological interdependence — then might they come more naturally to communal harmony and to self-securing endeavor. If ego-culture is allowed to frustrate the culture of holistic consciousness, then global populations will continue to self-inflict the disease of schizophrenia and waste their own persons, others and resourceful Earth.

Open Certitude is naturally/ nurturally encoded in the Cosmos.

BIG BANG.

Stillpoint.

Wave Splashpoint!

Emphatic Word

Unfolding the Cosmos

Reorders

Human Speculation.

Explosive Potential

Begins in the Imploded Idea.

For Better. for Worse.

Self-Constructed Nullity-Walls

Dissolve in the Idea-Explosion.

GODSPEAK.

"Word"
Is the Natural Term Identifying
The Dialectic of Creative Polarity;
"Word"
Is the Scriptured Voice of Singularity
Behind Diversified Plurality.

ELECTRICAL VALENCY.

The Impulsive Angel-Photon
Is the Word in the Light-Charged Horizon
Processing Dream and Reason.

VOX DEI.

Even Before "Word",
Before Light Was Word-Ordered,
God Made Vocal Chords,
Except for Which
There Couldn't Be
Voice, Creation, Harmony.

Word-Faced Thought
Is Filament-Reticulated
In the Firmament's Expression.
The People Has Face,
Has Voice,
God's,
Because God Anticipated
Self-Reverberation in Theirs.

Universally Connecting
The Least and the Greatest
To the Creator
Are the Superstrings,
The Common Sounding Chords.

PUPIL IN GOD'S EYE.

**At the Horizon's Center of Circumspection,
I Stand in the Sunlight Spot,
Earth's Defining Sacrament.
Unbound As the Horizon,
Which Circumspectly Keeps Its Distance,
I Can Move at Will inside the Paradise.**

**The Horizon's Ambit Honors Me
With the Distinction of Being
Ever the Center of Its Focus,
And with Holding There,
For Me to Share, Complexity,
Where I'm at Home Secure
In Netlife's Safety,
But Free
As the Circumscribed Complexity
That Composes Me.**

**Every Good Pupil Keeps the Best Apple
For the Teacher. In The Least, for Sure,
Should I Honor the Divine Pleasure and Behave
Circumspectly Lest I Abuse
And Darken God's Eye.**

**ONE-ROOM SCHOOL.
(Barclay No. 3)**

**Displaced by Time,
It Is Hard I Find,
To Adjust the Undisguised Learning
In the One-Room School
To A Society of Disguised
People Educated in Schools
With too many Rooms,
With too many Walls
That Hide the Heart of the Rose.**

COUNTRY BOY.

Child Chasing in the Tallgrass Prairies,
In Woods and Forests,
Wading the Purling Brooks,
Has Little Inkling How Much
These Are Imprinted within His Body.

Native Americans Have Long Known
And Cultivated This Truth
In Religious Rituals.
Profound Genesis,
Probably More Than We Can Ever Know,
Is Impressed and Expressed
In The Flip Aphorism:
"You Can Take
The Boy Out of the Country,
But You Can't Take
The Country Out of the Boy."
The Streams, the Flora and Fauna
Constitute the Human Body.
Engraved, Ancient Use of Earth Structures
Is Grooved in Grains of Body Symmetries;
The Psyches of Earth and Body
Are Harmonized in Life's Natural Flow.

MOTHER NATURE.

Nervous Origins of Insular Places
In the Placental Ocean Are Earthshaking
Plate Tectonics Undulating Hot Life;
Earthquakes Trace Lines of the Original
Breach along Her Faults;
Magma Erupts Menses
From Her Body's Rifts;
Melding Magma Charges the Atmosphere
With Smoke Smell of Smegma;
Deep-Earth Heartbeat Pumps
Blood to Bone and Blush to Mother's Face;
Real Self is Mysteriously Disguised in the Smoke
And Mirrors of Diversified Symmetries;
Tropical Meioses Release Treasure Cells
Into the Equatorial Oceans and
Access New Genes for Pairing
Under Torque of Archimedes' Lever.

FISHERMAN.

**Sprung Free by the Churning Sea,
A Thought Flashes in Flight
And Lights Only Momentarily
Again to Slip Under
The Cover of Waves
To Shadows That Blanket Its Return.**

**The Trick is Quickness to Catch
The Occasional Bright Thought
Traveling in Schools of the Lesser
Before It is Lost in the Panicked Crowd.**

DAYDREAMING.

**The Dreams I Allow Proceed
From A Common Convergence of Heart,
From the Radius Centers of Cultural Circles.
The Recurring Query
That is Demanding an Answer is:
"Today, What Would Earth's Condition be
If Affirmative Nurturing of Original Grace
Had been in Place
Instead of the Negative Nurturing of Original Sin?
If Person had been 'Put Up'
Instead of 'Put Down'?"**

**Affirmation Charges Female Energies.
Negation Discharges Them.
The Personal Positive is Enabled
By the Culturing of the Virtuous Circle.
The Personal Negative is Empowered
By the Culturing of the Vicious Circle.
The One Credits,
The Other Debits Life.**

THE CONVERSANT COSMOS.

**Electrical Talk
On Firmament Macrame
Vibrates Filaments.**

FISHING FOR TRUTH.

**In Pursuit of those Fast
And Flashy Characters
—Rainbow Colored Truth—
I Stir the Waters
To Put in Motion the Hiding Fish,
Able Now Perhaps
To Hide in the Mud Clouds
That I Make;
Unique Fish
That Usually Rest
Rather than Risk
Being Misappropriated
To a Purpose less than Becoming.**

**The Beauty of Truth
Can be Possessed
Without Appropriation
And Consumption.
Spiritual Delight is in
The Satisfaction of Discerning
—Only Truth—
And After That to Let Swim Away
That Special Fish
To be Found Yet Again
By Some Surprised
Future Fisher.**

DIVINE COMMUNICATION.

**The Ever Probing Spark of Nature/ Nurture;
Harmonious Wavelengths of Work and Word;
The Fashioner of Good in Matter and Spirit;
Living Soulscript in Tablet and Flesh;
Inspired Consciousness of the Divine Helix;
Earth/ Heaven Pleasure, Knowledge and Faith;
Holy Spirit, Sacra Mens;
Angels of Creation;
Immaculate Conception, Word Incarnate;
The Ascending Beam of Jacob's Venusdream.**

LIONROAR.

**Grand Dandelion,
Seed of Muted, Unsung Weed,
Your Habit-Proven Memorychip
Is Insistent, but Not Bold;
Your Inspiration-Borne Airship
Is More Rarified than Gold.
You Are the Uncontested Lawnking!
Despite the Animosities Humans Bring.**

DOWN TO EARTH.

**My Preference is to Trust Today
And not to speculate on Future Life,
For, Now-Life already offers Heaven
Too Awesome for Me to Fathom.**

YOUTH.

**Intense Mind in Tensile Body
—Stretching for Maturity—
Senses
The Fact of Ambiguity
And of Struggle
To Illumine Truth
In the Cave of Individuality.**

INNOCENCE.

**The Clear and Open Eyes of the Child
Accept at Face-Value
Experience Unclouded by Cynicism or Prejudgment.
The Crystal Kiss of the Personal Child Within
Is the Bliss of Heaven in Everyone.**

NOVEL GOD.

**Experienced Truth
Prints Her Story in Live Flesh
And in Scriptured Myths.**

THREATENED THREAD.

**Momentarily in the Garden
Even Jesus Nearly Lost
The Lifeline Thread
For the Dread of Dark
In the Cave too Deep
For the Merely Human Hero.**

JACOB'S LADDER.

**Necessity,
Coldweather Muse,
Intention's Mother, Changes
Wavelengths from Harsh Peaks
To Soft Unduline,
The Better to Carry Thought for
Calculated Purposes Beyond
The Ken of Hard Substance,
And to Bring to the Cosmos
Consciousness
On the Spiritbearing Helix,
Upon Which Spiral Treads
The Traveler Freely to-and-fro
From Heaven/ Earth.**

FREE FLIGHT.

**Upon the Rare Air,
Accented by the Lighted Sky,
Freely rising I Dare
To Spread my Eagle Wings Confidently
In the Face of Black-Cloaked Crows
Who Contest my Daring
With Customary Habit
And try still to Conform my Flight
To their Predictably dull wit
And dry will.**

GATHERING SHEAVES.

**Culture Enshrines Gold
Heaps of Straw. Truth Deciphers**

Seeds of Scatter Brains.

UNDERSIDE THEOLOGIAN.

**Life, Spent down-to-earth Looking Up,
Gives Ascendency to Spirit
Perhaps More Profoundly Than
The Upside Theologian looking down,
Who Presumes a Professionalism Of Theological
Currency that is not Current,
And, Which for the Patient's Dis-ease
May seem to be Virtue Enough;
But, for the Dormant Underside is Dust-Blood
Too dry to bring Spring to the Living
Until there is New Rain.**

RELIGION IN PROCESS.

**Transformational Vision
Clarifies Religious Aims
And allows Winds
To Lift Minds to Random Heights
Where Colors to-come
Are still Photons
Looking for a Place
In the Rainbow Halo
Sanctioning Life at Play.
The Red-Cheeked Smile of a Skipping Child
Is a Favored Place where Photons Beam.**

GOD LIVES.

**By whatever Name Humans Frame,
Or by whatever Immensity
Changing Consciousness Conceives,
The Creator Smiles
Upon and within Creation
Unaffected by the Inanity
That births and kills God Conceptions.
Notions of God
Are Born Daily and Die Daily,
And the "Divine Fact",
By whatever Name,
Abba, Jahweh, Allah, the Force,
"E", remains, God Lives.**

DUELING PENS.

**The Soul of Poet or Musician is no less Divine
Than that of Theologian or Philosopher.
The Edge of Sharpened Words
And the Harmony of Fine-Tuned Melody
Are Swords that quick-cut Truth
More keenly than Sparks
From Dueling Pens.
No less worthy are the Rap and Banjo Duo
Of Unsophisticates
Than the Sophistry and Pinpoint Dogma
Of Scholasticates.**

MICRO-EMFS.

**Electron Flow through neural meshnets
Produces Pulses in Magnetic Fields;
These Psychical Forces arrange Genetic Tangles
So as to Express the Point of Experience
And Code Cultural Purpose in Magnetic Memes
Lest we forget
Our Collectively Hard-Earned Lessons.**

PASSIONTIDE.

**Life is a Visible Tapestry of Common,
Invisible Strands Maternally Nurtured.
Wisdom's Fibre Optic conceives All Life
From the Light of Life and the Dark of Death.
From Good and Evil,
She Weaves Life's Many-Colored Coat.
To be Human is to be Conscious of Light
Before Reaching the end of the Tunnel.**

MUSE OF CREATION.

**Intuition
Engages Imagination
To Retrieve
Pictures of Cell-Stored Schooling
And Artfully
To Collage Good Ones**

That instruct Daily Living.

ECCENTRIC DOGMA.

**Presumption's Arrogated Dogma of Centric
Locus for Earth in Cosmos,
For Man in Creation,
Is Erroneous on Many Counts
Including Denial of Common Origin
In Common Soul/Substance,
Whether, Living or Nonliving.**

DIVINE PROCESSION.

**Trinity-in-Process is Personal in Nature;
Mother/ Father Spirit: incarnate Faith;
Daughter/ Son Substance: incarnate Hope;
Spirit/Substance Dialogue: incarnate Love!**

**Trinity-in-Process is Person in Nurture;
Communication/ Confession: Faith;
Consciousness/ Confirmation: Hope;
Conscience/ Priesthood: Love!
Be perfect as your Mother/ Father
In Heaven is Perfect.**

CRITICAL THINKING.

**With Ambivalence
History records Right/ Wrong.
Untangle the Snarl!**

DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT.

**Even now, the Light-Dancing Angels
Pulsing in the seas of Placental Plasma
Give Psychic Insight
That Charms the arm's length Moment.
The opposing travails intercoured
By the photon/ electron in the Forming Seed
—Between Mass and masslessness—
Have Mutual Need for Vision;
They join their days of Intension and Function
At the junctions of multi-directional Causeways,
And Give Birth to Many-Colored Sacrament.**

POINTPERSON.

**Baptized in Water,
John is Pointperson
To the First-Coming
Consciousness of God-Presence
In Individual Jesusperson.**

**Baptized in Spirit,
You and i are pointpersons
To the Second-Coming
Consciousness of God-Presence
In Social Jesusperson.**

INCOGNITA.

**Respectful of the Girlish Grace in Female Person,
My Admiration must forever leave you,
Lovelight, incognita.
Cloistered, blooming red emotion
Reflected on my face is Treasured in My Heart,
Away from public view.
Cultured, Priestly Ambition
Suppressed the naturally,
Attractive appetite for fruit forbidden
By the celibate cleric's conviction
That proscribes interlude and demands submission
To triumphal religion.**

ZAPPING MICROCHIPS.

**Twelve-volt Religion
In Millivolt System Smokes
Communication.**

STONEHEARTED.

**Hard of Habits and Bone
Are people who feed
On Tablets of Stone.**

CONFESSION.

**To Hold the Hurt of Offense
Suffered at Another's Hand
Chews out the Heart.**

**Forgive the Sin and Avoid
Retaining It,
Lest your heart be Consumed.
"Whose Sin you retain
Shall be retained,
Whose Sin you forgive
Shall be forgiven."**

**Confess your sin to the Person Hurt,
And seek to save their Heart and yours.**

FREE SPIRIT.

**Psychedelic Butterfly!
Random as Your Winged Colors
Are the Paths You Fly.
You Travel Maps
Whose Original Places
Re-Arrange and Require Your Flaps
To Change.
By the Gossamer Color You Leave
Places are Made to image Your Presence.**

**The Unpredictable Effect of Flip-Flap
Wings across the Flowered Heather
Is Ambiguous as arrow-truth trailed
By the Twisted Tail of the Uncertain Feather.**

**Truth Conforms Less
To the will of the human quill
Than to Some
Chaotic Constant of Uncertainty;
The Butterfly Effect.**

DISCERNING SPIRIT.

**My Experience knows no Inspiration,
No Divine Intervention,
No Authentic Assent
Contemporary in Every Age, except,
"Process of Trinity,"
Which Alone assures improvement
And Ascent of Human Knowledge and Belief
Divinely transcribed in words of Flesh,
Reprinted in cell-stacks.
I'm Reassured to know that God plays
By the Rules and Uses Tools
Naturally at Hand.**

RETURNING.

**Ice-Cream Meadow in March
Chills the head winds that springwind Webs
Into a tangled passion
For the noon-to-pass butterfly,
Knowing only the Necessity of Art
And not the troubled anticipation
Of the risqué affairs of the Heart.**

**JUMPSTART.
(Young Truth.)**

**Now in the thirddscore years of my Earthlife
This is perplexing to me, that
The Truths Preached by Priesthood
On the Sundays of my childhood
Are no longer true—only because
There are no more priests to preach!?
Institutional Priests disbelieve New Truth.**

**So! Here I have rived
Ten Years Short of Seventy;
I write so that you May Arrive
By the time that you are Twenty.
All must be True to the Conscionable
Call to Universal Priesthood—Kept True
In Openness to New Truth.**

THAT WORRY WORD.

**Intervening God with the Imposition
Of Humanly fictioned Limits is "Sin."**

**"Sinlessness" is not to fence in
The Infinity of Personal Time/ Space.**

**In Every Way except sin
Jesus is the same as us;
Jesus remains forever
Open to Time/ Space.**

**Our Call is o Image God
By Living in Jesus' Openness.**

HAND-ME-DOWNS.

**This Bare Body,
Birthed in Water to Grow in Possibilities,
This Baptismal Robe,
Is Now Nearly an Accomplished
Burial Cloth
Whose Skein is Stretched Bare
Ready to be unwound
And again Recast,
For its Time of Belonging to Me
Is Soon Past.**

MINERVA'S LILITH.

**Earthspeak is Athena's Owl's
Nightscreetch. Strong ff Voice
But Soft of Wing Wisdom's
Memoryside Wafts Swiftly,
Sharply, Purposefully
From Conscious Earth-grounding
And Shrills Her Hope for Life,
Determined in Travail of Earth-birth
To best the lacrymal Cries
From Evergreens Piercing the Skies.**

BOOKWORM.

**Fabric Cocoons and Threads of Milk
Rely on Conscious, human Doing,
And so does the Poet's Pilgrimage.
So I plant Mulberry Trees to Supply Silk
For the Future Word-Weavers.**

SOCIAL DISINTEGRATION.

**From Misinformed Communication:
Misinformed Consciousness.
From Misinformed Consciousness:
Misdirected Conscience.**

**From Misdirected Conscience:
Inauthentic Conduct.
From Inauthentic Conduct:
Personal and Social Disintegration**

EVERLASTING CHURCH.

**The Inspiration of Mystic Memory
Is the Eternal Womb
Collecting Worthwhile Experience
In the Print of Flesh
Always Open
To New Possibilities.
Authoritarian Mindset is Sin of Man
Not of Nature.**

HERESY.

**Falsehoods Religiously Purveyed by People
Who Know or Should Know better is Heresy.
Heresy is the abuse of Words,
The use of Sacrament to Deceive,
To Control.**

**Original Sacrament is Truth,
Is Word,
Begotten not Made,
The Enlightenment of Mind**

**In Matter.
Every Faithful Speaker is priest.**

LIVE MUSIC.

**Faith is No Cop out
Whistling in the Night,
Rather, it
Is Natural Beat of True Rhythms
Prompting Consciousness to Improve
Song on Blues' Chords
Along the Parallel Lines of Five Senses;
The Personal Score of Original Faith
Is still up to you to Write
For the Time of Your Life!**

SCHOOLED TO FLEECE.

**Scholastic Sheepskin,
Woolly Dogma Diploma,
Hides the Hungry Wolf.**

Consciously Informed Hope.

Life is an individual, personal drama, whose storyline is script to the day-by-day circumstances; some of the drama's happenings we control, some we do not. Sometimes we are forced to improvise dialogue, action. Daily events are sometimes fraught with epic circumstances, sometimes with tragic. In any event, life's personal challenge is to enter affirmatively into the daily trial-and-error experiences that come to us. In these, we have daily opportunity for "resurrection", that is, to experience the uplift of communication/ consciousness/ conscience. The genesis of reason-based religion is frustrated by living shackled under the heaviness of fideism — the cultural predetermination of unthinking conformity to a static, absolutist and institutionally-controlling, centrist faith.

Reason's expectation of life-fulfilling experience invites all to live by resurrection consciousness, namely, by faith in a cosmic God who does not single out any one person and/ or people either for preferentially good or bad treatment. The sun shines — or doesn't shine — impartially; the rain falls — or doesn't fall — impartially. Wisdom opens to each with impartiality under the particular, natural, circumstances that are qualified on a daily basis by the character and conditions of the individual life. Partiality is a moment-by-moment discernment of individual judgment. To expect the partiality of divine intervention is the sin of putting God to the test.

Hope is Word becoming reflective in Consciousness.

BEGOTTEN NOT MADE.

**Quantum Oneness, Quantum Leap
From Gluon to Gluten,
From Quark-Sparks to Bread-Life!
Slices of Sunlight!
Clouds and Water, Woman and Womb,
One Fluid Atmosphere.
By Day,
Sky and Water Swiftly
Lift Clouds and Sails;
By Night,
Dust Words, dyed in Sunlessness,
Impress the Light Vision of Harmonized Flesh,
And with Light-Processed Carbon Ink,
Write Originally in Nature Womb
And Chronicle Time in Nurture Woman.**

**EARTH SACRAMENT.
(Eucharist)**

**Universal Priest
Hosts Woman Childbirthing
Growing Grain and Grapes.**

SACRAMENT.

**The Female Imagination Spins
Rainbow Gifted Water
Into Multi-Colored
Skeins of Genetic Yarn,
The Seamless Garment
Covering Mother Earth.**

BECOMING.

**What You are is Becoming,
For, in the Next Moment
You are not what You now Are.**

MOONSTRUCK.

**Eros' Affection
Wells the Wave- Task of Giving
Life-Tidings to Dust.**

ONE PLUS ONE IS THREE.

**Sexuality
Fruits more diversely in airs.
So, Earth-joined, Heaven.**

DEMYTHING.

**Conscience Separates
The Cream of Truth from the Milk
Of Experience.**

COURAGE IS A PUSH.

**For a Score of Years
I walked Poolside, or waded,
Or dog-paddled waters
Where my feet reached bottom,
Until Someone pushed me off the Deep End.
Now I Swim.**

**For a Half-Score of Years,
Afraid to Lay Hands on It,
I watched Others
At the Computer Keyboard
Until Someone set me down before it.
Now I Wordprocess.
Really, the Credit Belongs to Others
For the Courage and Accomplishments
We Claim.**

CLOSE-KNIT FAMILY.

**Intentional Weave's Thread-Ends are gravity-lint,
Trail Connections to Communicational Causeways
Carrying Electromagnetism's Spiritual Momentum.**

**In Cells,
DNA-Linking is Fine-Mesh Genesis
That Frames the Space and Place
For Talkback Networks
Within Organisms, Persons,
Families and Communities.**

**Conscientious Parents Recognize
That the Mnemonic
Membering by meme-twined Genes
Belongs to Both Sexes.**

ESSENTIAL CONTINUITIES.

**In Terms of Earthlife, these
Are Soil, Water and Air,
And Faith, Hope and Love;**

**Genesis, their transformational
Communing, is their Creative
Collaboration fruiting into
Life's Amplification.**

DEEP SELF QUEST.

**Humanity's Conscious Resident
Is Earth's Deep Self.
Female Possibilities Diversify in Males
Without the Denial of Personal Individuation
Identified Spiritually in Divinity
And Consummated in Subjectivity.
Self-Perfected Divinity,
Implicated in Ambivalent Humanity,
Processes
Ambiguity's Constant Quest
For Word Meanings.**

HOUSE OF GOD.

**Psychedelic Nectar Pool,
The Place of Lace-Winged Angels
Attending the Lace-Domed Vault
Cocooning Earth Nucleus and Caressing osmotically,
Symbionts, with their Chromatin Lips of Honeycomb
—Discriminately Gilded
By the Color Filters of Chloroplast Eyes
Against the Harsh
Harmonics of Ultraviolet—
Collects in Striated Ranks from Safe Sun
The Bonded Mites and Photons, and
Stories in Leaves the Rainbow Proteins
That Substantiate Real Virtues
In the Days and Designs of Mother Nature.**

WOMAN TO WOMAN.

**Enamored of Power,
The Minotaur
In Patriarchal Lording
Rapes Natural Grace
And instills Terror in all Women.
Enamored of Beauty,
Nature/ Nurture,
In Symbiotic Soultalk,
Conceives Eros
And Transforms Violence with Tender Love.
Man convinces himself
That his patriarchy is justified,**

Eventhough he is bitter to others
And distasteful to himself
In its culture.

LIFE'S STORYBROOK.
(Phylogeny.)

Waves Lap with Fluent Tongues
Living Parchments
Watermarking Ghosts of the Past,
Bookmarking in every leaf subject
The place of brook
Where coursed the Learning Lessons
Binding the Unborn to Mother.
Page by Page, Transparent Truth
Records in Flesh the Historical Print
That comes in Waves and Washes Clean
The Footprints on the Sands of Time.

Transparent Self-Reflections along
The Lace-Purled Shores of Mere Mirrors,
Are Fluid Measures of Poetry
That Birthed Earth with Jewels
And Living Face of Decidedly Woman's Grace.
Waves Lapping at the Pearling, Curling Shores
Leave more than Metaphors.
Baptismal Birth's Spring Gush
Is Rush of Faith that Walked
First on Water,
Then on Earth.

WHEAT AS WORD.
"All flesh is grass", Is 40:6

Word ! That Capitally Intensive Work of Brain!
Entropic Enterprise of Thinking, Speaking, Writing!
Nay! Gut-Originated Inspiration.
The Work of Photosynthetic Grain,
Of Water and Carbon from the Solar Sky
Spectrally Melded! Basic Glucose!
Transformative Gold Naturally
Concocted for Life! Not for Profit!
Dialectical Corn! Marketably Packaged!
Spatially. Politically. Industrially.
Corporately Idolized
And Exploited over Systems
Symbiotic and holistically Economic.
A Fabricated and Cruel Abuse.
An Irreligious Excuse to Choke Earth
In a Strangling Web of Fraudulent Technology,

**Ecologically Ignorant of Essential Biology.
Body is Bread. Bread is Body.
The abuse of one abuses the other.**

ENTROPY.

**Except for Life's Helical Scaffold,
The Skeleton and Arranger of Molecules,
Entropy would win over Syntropy,
And Energy, cleverly trapped,
Would escape through the
S p a c e.**

NIGHT CREATURE.

**Preceding the New Dawn
And out of Conscious Light
Wisdom's Conceptions Gestate
Feminine Insight;
Minerva's Persisting Lilith
Comes to Term in the Night.**

SACRAMENT/ENTROPY.

**Far Red of Rainbow
Prisms the Sea-Born Harmony of Life;
Selfish Hands depress Deity and undo
What Sacrament Did.**

ALPHABET SOUP.

**Transformational Love is the Measured Beat of Ten
Thousand Feet drumming East its way into the way
Of the West. Love is the Word's cypher cadence
That Calls for the collapse of self-arrogating walls.**

BOOKKEEPER.

**In the Economy of Creation
God Alone is Competent to Quantify
The Credits of Grace
And the Debits of Sin.
In their debt accumulation and their
Unabashed depreciation of Nature's Principal
Humans manifest incapacity**

To Appreciate True Values.

WORD TRANSMISSION.

**The Obligation to Teach,
The Commissioning of Word
On Sound Wavelengths, is Event
Transcending Horizons,
Whether of Land or Sea,
Of Church or State.
Word is subject to no
Wall of Separation,
Nor are Church and State,
Whose Public Duty is Obligated
By Common Ethics,
By Common Rights
And Interests of Living Communities.**

POWER OUTAGE.

**Series-Wired Church
Is Broken off from Nature,
Parallel-Wired.**

THE WASTELAND.

**Hardened Competition's Mortal Price
Is the Harvest of Waste.
Even as Depletion Converts Land
To Sand
Bloodletting Cries for Vindication.
Is animus between brothers
Humankind's Tragic Future?
Can't we learn from Cain and Abel?
From Esau and Jacob?
That with Sensitivity for Sustainability
Land Friendly Farmers and Ranchers
Can Salvage a Better Future
For All.**

LIVING LIGHTLY.

**The Free Wool of my many colored coat
Was collected one Strand at a time;
Here, from the Thorn of a threatening briar,
There, from the bark of a rubbing tree.**

Now I am Dressed in Fine Wool
Without Outraging the Ram.
Only a fool discounts Nature's Priceless Worth.

QUANTUMBILICUS.

Miracle Maize,
By Flow of Quanta through Chord-Linked Space,
Silk Spins Grace in Plasmic Loops of Lace Placenta,
And Aborning Corn Bulges
Mother Nature's Bilum.

THE NEEDLE'S EYE.

Light Hidden Under
Heaps High as a camel's eye
Remains Dark-Captive.

BIRTH/DEATH.

There is no Dread in Death.
Ignorance, the Bearer of Dread
Is Removed with Knowledge
That the Horror of Death is Dead.
Death liberates Matter
To be Resurrected! To be Reincarnated!
Death frees the Energy of in-tensional Symmetries
To join the Cosmic Symphony of Harmonic
Strain in Pregnant Movement of Matter's
Infinite Restructurings.
In "Worthy Purpose"
Consciousness Endures Forever.

IN GOD'S IMAGE.

The Word
Thought, Spoken and Written
In water ink by ironic male pen is,
Of Whatever Species,
To be Pondered, Heart-kept.
Dagger-hostage to Word Is Woman,
By her own doing,
For Adam is Rib of Eve.
Crumpled sheets, inkwell and pen,
Male materials of Genetic Scribe,
The Creator/ Destroyer, the historian of matter,
Invade Privacy and Passion of immaculate conception,

**And impress on Virgin Paper forever words
That Warm and Pierce.**

ETERNITY.

**The Days of Paradise,
Measured in the Waxing and Waning of the Moon,
Are the Glory of Cosmic Continuity's Changings,
Are the Shared Days of Woman
Waxing and Waning in Time to Timelessness.**

TOMORROW.

**"Spend Today Planning for Tomorrow,"
I was told. Yesterday, I celebrated today.
Today, I celebrate tomorrow.
We teach to live for the After-Life.
And This Life? To Whom does it belong?
Surely, tomorrow suffices for itself
When we take care
That Today, that Now-Life Does.**

ON BEING DIFFERENT.

**Perspective on Daunting Differences
Is Grounded in the Commonplace:
"The More We Differ,
The more we are the same."
Patriarchy's
Speculation of Cultured Difference
Has gone too far in its preference
To isolate, to differentiate,
To self-inflate males to regions
Beyond the Reach of Females.
The Poverty of Intellect behind this puffery
Is all too Obvious ow.
Who is so Blind
As He who will not see?
Self-Realized Identity in Quantum Reality
Can Perhaps bring men down to size.**

DREAD EXPLOITATION.

Panic Tubaing

**In Frantic Wilderness, Moose
Calls the Rising Sun.**

OUT! DAMNED THOT!

**Thoughts' Demand Expressions,
Too long dammed,
Have become now
A Crashing Cataract of awful words
Advancing in Authentic Person.
So Now, in late-found Confidence,
I too turn the Tide Waters free.**

LIGHTING THE LABYRINTH.

**Intergalactic Plasma is a Gossamer Sea,
A Colorful Cushion of Super Strings
Where Being becomes and unbecomes,
Over and over again, ad infinitum.
In Her Sheltered Heart
Hope's Scintilla keeps alive the Warm
Wit of the Knitting Ball where doubtful Singularity
Kindles the photon wick and dares
To try Plurality without Surrendering
Singularity's Right of Reclamation.**

**The Topsy Spin of Galaxys Reweaves
The Lint of Gravity from the Spun Cocoons
In the Noodle Sea and Gains balance
Against Gravity's Squeeze.
The Photon Sparks are asked
To put Their Light to Work in Creation's
Substantial Task of Turning
Dark Matter Bright.
The Taut Resonance of Edified Chords
Is the Taught Intention of God's Words.**

RATIONALITY.

**I Choose Light
But Darkness within me Tempers Brightness,
For, it too claims Right.**

PIOUS PRETENSE.

**True Religion is True Sense
And Practice of Relationship Proven
Not by word or dogma
But by the Consequences of Actions.
Nor is Love True
Except also Practiced in Actions.**

**The Mouthing of God's Name
In Gilded Structures of Human Fabrication,
Without Fidelity to Real Relationships,
Is the Taking of God's Name in Vain!
A Thunderous Lie!
A Blasphemous Bolt!**

**Ritual Sacrament
—Except in the Context of Nature/ Nurture—
Is Purely Pretentious.**

VIOLENCE.

**Human Residency in God's Kingdom
Is a Divine Inheritance.
Resident Violence
Usurps Inheritance with a Fraudulent
Coinage of Its Own Casting, Whose
Counterfeit Faces of Judgmentalism,
Dogmatism and authoritarianism
Abusively exact
A tax of repressive fideism
On the Rightful Heirs;
Such Violence
Is Personally Denounced by Jesus
And is less deserving than Caesar's coin.
Gift! Not Charge nor Payment gains
Entrance into the Kingdom.**

SIGN OF THE TIMES.

**Funny Folks Losing
Laughter when they see frogs and
Salamanders Die.**

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL "ONE".

**"Dimension" is a Mental Reflection
Conceived in Consciousness.
Time and Space we understand as
The Sequence and Structure of "Matter."
But, "Matter" and "Energy" are Identity;
Therefore, the Four-Dimensional "One,"
Energy/Matter/Time/Space
Is the Transformational Moment of Singular
Reality Minded in and beyond
Human Consciousness.**

GARDEN PESTS.

**In Stories penned by Surrogates
Scripture tells the Garden Woes
Of Embattled God Wanting
To Love Pesky Humans
Who Make Themselves Less
Than Lovable for Crashing
Natural Variation.
The Garden Splash
Of Diversity's Flash
Is Trashed
By Homogenized Adversity.
Complex Edification's Past,
Present and Future,
Are the Cell-Spun Steps
On Heaven's Stairway to Diversity.**

SYMPATHETIC EVERGREEN.

**The Greenwind's Sigh Signed
Lilith's Birthing Voice Giving
Nightlife to Rootwords.**

ON BEING PAGAN.

**If being Pagan is being Preoccupied
With the Culture of the Natural Life,
Then Nothing Prevents the Practicing Catholic**

From being a Practicing Pagan.

ON THE SANDS OF TIME.

**The Dissembling People on Beaches,
Like so much pointless litter,
Like Mindless Easter Island Monoliths,
Seaward stares seemingly unaware
Of the Insistent Sea
Wave-Beckoning and Kneading
Infinite Returnings.
But, true, if strange,
Even terns turn
To Waving and Pursue Floating Arrows,
The Disassembled Crusts of Truthful Bread
Served upon the Straining Waters,
Credible Evidence of Divine Providence
Caring also for the Flitting Sparrows.**

USE IT OR LOSE IT.

**Inactivity
Of Brain and Body Alike
Quickens Loss of Both.**

HOLY ORDERS CHRISTENING.

**Molding Soil between His Fingers,
Jesus mixed a Sacred Oil
And Spoke that we might see:
"From Pitcher Lips
Upon This Soil I Pour My Word,
Life to Life.
I Stir a Salve
Which I Apply, and with Clay
I Sign a Cross of Light
Upon Your Closed Lids that you may see.
And I Implore This Soil-Salve
To Dispel from Thine Eyes
Blindness Scales
And to impart Soul to You."**

EPWORTH'S FOOTBRIDGE LESSON.

**My step-by-step Belief:
The Chasms I Bridge on Foot
Are By the Steps I Take**

**Relieved for other's Walk.
The More Thoughtful the Step,
The Better Pontiff is the Pedestrian.**

DYING EARTH.

**For Want of Soul Enough
By Which to Spiritualize Bodies,
A Zombie Horde,
Whose Soul has withered or never lived,
Now Peoples Earth. Consumes Earth.**

**Too Little of Parent, of Mother Earth
Is Left to satisfy selfishness,
Not from want of Earthly Providence
But from Wanting Appetites of Selfish Children.
Undenied Numbers Deny Spirit.
Too Many Bodies Spread Soul Too Thin,
And Wanting for Fullness of Soul,
Humans Violate One Another.**

Conscionable Love.

Social harmony presupposes personal conscience; judgments root in personal conscience. Conscience is the fulcrum beam that carries the tension weight of polarities. Conscience is the balance point of competing gravities. Conscience is the middle estate of transformational consciousness. Conscience is heart-sense that originates in the accommodating pulse of the Earth core. Conscience is the balanced harmonics of interactive wave fields, the arbiter of core sense that converts disharmonic energy to harmonic purpose.

IN THE COURSE OF TWO MILLENNIA, PERSONAL CONSCIENCE HAS HAD TO HABITUATE ITSELF TO THE REPRESSIVE ORTHODOXIES OF STATIST RELIGION. RELIGION IS TRULY UNIVERSAL WHEN IT IS COSMICALLY INFORMED, THAT IS, WHEN FAITH CONSCIOUSNESS IS RATIONAL AND PREMISED IN COMMON EARTH-COSMIC REALITIES. ROMAN CATHOLICISM, RATHER THAN BEING UNIVERSAL AND OPEN TO FAITH FORMATION, INFORMATION AND REFORMATION, HAS STRICTURED ITS EXPECTATIONS ON THE DESPOTIC MODEL OF CAESARIST FIDEISM. CATHOLICISM'S PAX ROMANA IS LESS FROM PERSONALLY INFORMED CONSCIENCE THAN FROM THE SUBMISSION OF CONSCIENCE TO THE CODIFIED LEGALISMS OF INSTITUTIONS.

MONARCHICAL RELIGION, DESPOTIC AUTHORITARIANISM, LIKE IN THE DAYS OF MONARCHICAL STATE AUTHORITARIANISM, IS OVER. ABSOLUTISM IS OLD CLOTH THAT DOES NOT WELL FIT EITHER STATE POLITICS OR AUTHENTIC RELIGION. IT IS TIME NOW, AT THE END OF THE SECOND CHRISTIAN MILLENNIUM TO CONSIGN ABSOLUTISM AND ITS ATTENDANT REPRESSIONS TO THE PAST, AND TO PRACTICE IN THE THIRD CHRISTIAN MILLENNIUM THE CONSCIONABLE LESSONS LEARNED.

Love is the Natural Conscience of Providence.

ORIGINAL GRACE.

**Nature's Gifts are Her
Burden. "Malum" means Apple
But also, Evil.**

PARADIGMATIC NATURE.

**Nature masters Man.
Man models Nature only
When obedient.**

NATURAL LAW.

**The Dynamics of Sacred Process
By which All Being comes to be,
Transforms and is Transformed,
Is Sacrament, is Faith's Mystery,
The Nature/ Nurture of Essential Continuity
That composes every symmetry
By Inherent Influence of Natural Soul
Edifying all Symmetries.**

**Sacrament and Mystery
Are one and the Same,
As Are Sacrament and Sacrifice;
They are transubstantial change
Working its Purpose in Soul/ Substance.**

CONSCIOUS TRAVEL.

**Day-by-Day
Travel each least path first
In Exercise of Mindwalk,
Then in Fullswing of Bodytalk,
If your living would be fully Human.
Consciousness Presents to Each Personally
Creation's Tapestry Trip,
The Truthful Weave of Thoughtful Print
From Beginning until Now.
Of Nature, of Nurture,
Life's Weave into the Future
Is yet qualified in Gene and Meme
By the Time-Beat Patterns**

Treadled on Cosmic Looms by Earth-Feet.

AGONY.

**We are Never more Together
Than when we are alone in the Garden,
Asking, Seeking, Knocking
At the Doors of the Deep Self,
Seeking the Recapitulation of Old Roots.**

**Nirvana Steals our Soul while all else Sleeps,
And Torment turns to Resignation
When the Transformation of our own Deeps
Takes Our Soul and Turns it inside out with Shout
"Not My Will but Thine be Done!"**

**Then Placidly We Can Drink
The Sometimes Bitter,
The Sometimes Sweet Cup.**

ALL IS SMALL.

**Quantum Relativity Reveals
That the Elimination of Smallness
Deprives Bigness of Illumination.
Consciousness in the Macrocosm is Scrambled
When the Process of Word in the Microcosm
Is Frustrated.
Fraudulent Tower-Building Fabricates
Lucifers, Chaotic Tongues that Reduce
Macro-Structures to Ashes of Confusion
And Threaten the Collapse of Social Institutions
By the Weight of Their Own Deadness.**

SELF DOUBT.

**The Things I Did Right are not memorable,
Only what I did wrong burns in Memory.
Its Terror. Its Foreboding.
Its Embarrassment. Its Guilt.
Its Joy. The Moment's Exquisite Fun!
But my feet were leaden; and I,
With Doubt Burdened!
The Door of Self was Locked!
The Key was Turned on me by Self-Secured
Institutions that appropriate Definitions
That only now I dare to Question.
Sweet Irony!**

**Now it's my Turn of Their Keys
That Exposes, at Will, their Pretenses,
And casts on Them the Shadow of Doubt.**

SOUL-SEARCHING.

**Have You to Your Satisfaction
Answered Adequately
Which Obliges You the More?
Being Faithful to Truth?
Or Being True to Faith?**

WORD EVOLUTION.

**The Conscious Ocean Floor is Super-Rich
With much Detritus,
The Hope-Filled Litter of Misconceptions
That cannot float
Because they are Anchored
To Millstone Words
Too dense to make sense,
Too heavy to fly.**

THE TRUTH THAT LASTS.

**When the Soul Is Ready to Let Go,
And When the Fulfilled Time has Come,
We will know,
For the Reward of Rest Eternal
And Light Perpetual is Clear
When it can be confessed that
"True to Divine Trust,
The Waves His/ Her Life has made
Have Swelled Love's
Tides of Rising Consciousness."**

THE PUTDOWN.

**A Deadly Malaise
Is Enforced Conformity—
Like Mold on corn grain.**

HER DAILY DREAD.

**Woman awaiting
For Her Man to get it straight
Weighs Down Levity.**

IN DEFENSE OF COMMON SENSE.

**The People Cries to be spared the Contrived
Vacuity of Triumphal Religion.
Can it be denied that Earth Suffers
A Plague of airhead orations
Inflated by Self-Serving Institutions?
The Fictional Cosmology of Closed Creation
Is a Wall of Separation
Isolating True-Life Theology
And Prematurely Aging Mother Earth.**

FREE AT LAST.

**In Allowing God's Infinite Travel
As the Only Limit to Mine, I refuse to dawdle
Inside the Contrived Fences of Labyrinths
Confined in Minds too narrowly Defined.**

**The Total Abandonment of Self to Unlimitedness
Is the Only Adequate Worship of Divinity.
I am No Longer a Prisoner to Frustrated Faith.
Now My Imagination is Free to Dare Quarks,
To Challenge Habituated Liaisons,
To enter the Heavens' Limitless Orbitals.**

EMMAUS CHURCH.

**On the Road to Emmaus
They walked and talked,
And in the Process their Consciences
Awoke to the Kindness of the Stranger
Who Broke Bread for them.
And in Revealed Christ Re-awakening
They Resolved to Spread
The Gospel of Birthright Newly
Found in Word and Bread.**

REDEMPTION.

**The Grace of Divine Revelation
Is in the Conscient Soul
A Daily Consciousness, Newly Found,
To Enlighten the Way through**

The Natural Complexities that Abound.

PROMISED LAND.

**Painted Green, Farm Machines
Are Cosmetic Metaphors for Life.
Competitors Quip that
Red Machines are Metaphors of Debt.
Assassins All.
Culture in the City Of God
Is frauded when
The Country of God is Defrauded.
Land Alone Promises Life's
Sustaining Necessities.
Listen to Her. Feel for Her. Cherish Her.
Hand work Her with Love.
People!
Return to the Land.
Return Love to the Land.
You Are Dying because She is.**

EVIL'S GOOD.

**Naming the Pain
And Acknowledging the Cause
Keeps Creativity Open
To get beyond both.
To All there is Purpose.**

ERRATIC CONSCIOUSNESS.

**The Complexity of the Human Race
Moves at Tortoise-Speed;
But Compared to Erratic Consciousness,
It Reaches the Line
At Lightning-Pace.**

SCHIZOPHRENIA.

**Personal Character is a Seamless Garment.
Salvation is keeping it Whole.
The Distinction of Person in Body is "of Nature",
The Division of Person in Mind is "of Nurture"
Gone Wrong.
The Failure of Mind to knit
Gives Rise to Person that's split,
And Nurture is lost to Nature.**

HEIR TO ERR.

**Clouded Vision,
Whether by Misuse of Reason
Or by Reason of Reason's Absence,
That is,
Fogged by Ignorance and Arrogance,
Prejudices Judgment to Err
In Part and in Entirety,
Whether in Matters of Religion or Science,
And causes Motivational Misdirection
In Relational Conduct.**

**The Natural Law
Of "Inevitable Error,"
Of Conduct Motivated in "Trial and Error",
Indiscriminately holds captive
Religionist and Scientist Alike.**

SPECULATION.

**Mind Trips, I Fear,
Deceive as much as Perceive;
And when speculatively spun
Are too often given credence
More than deserved.
Augustine's "City of God"
Puts a darkside on lightside living
In God's Kingdom.
There is only One City, not two.
And while his writings interest and inspire,
They are not All well-grounded
In the Scripture Word of Nature.**

EXTINGUISHED ROYALTY.

**The Amphibians,
Contemporaries of the Dinosaurs,
Survived to be ours.
Notwithstanding their Vision
Over/ Under Water
Their Numbers over the Past Fifty Years
Have globally lapsed for the believed
Collapse of their Immune Systems.
Frogs who yet would princes be
Have Reasons for Shedding Tears**

**And Humans have Reasons
To Raise Questioning Fears.**

SELF-RIGHTEOUS.

**The Insistence of Personal Prejudice
And the Abuse of Scriptures
To Prove Self and to Disprove Other
Is an Obscenity
Than which I find hard to imagine
A Perversion more Obnoxious.**

OBSTINANCE.

**Hardened Faith
In Mind Confirmed in Misinformation
Ignores the Divine
Intelligence of Information open
To Light-Changing Photon's Insight.**

AUTHORITARIAN.

**Grandfather Clock Syncopates Time
With Yesterday's Argument.
The Syncopated Marchstep of Machines
Set by the Male Calculus
Is still the Final Argument used
To Subdue Earth, Woman and Freedom.**

ETERNAL RHYTHMS.

**Orion's Questing the Everlasting,
The Waiting Sphinx Outlasting,
Are both Transformed
By Drink from the same Grail Cup.
Sourced in the Austral Wilds
And Spirited
By the Flow of Mountain Milk,
The Nile Spreads Baptismal Greening
North over the Dormant Valleys.
Ever Vigilant,
The Eye of the Hunter in the Sky,
Spear Alert and Guarded,
Settles its Reflective Wit**

**On the Eye of the Observer Lion.
The Hunted is the Hunter.**

DEAR JOHN LETTER.

**Gravity Is:
The Circumferential Embrace,
The Felt
Intention of a Hand-in-Hand Squeeze,
Gluon Joining all to all unified in
A Bond of Love,
The Greatforce
Inhering the Symmetry of All Being.**

**Creative Tension:
Syntropic Feminine Gravity
Labors to Contain
Entropic Masculine Levity.**

**Disposable Mail is:
Word sent, Message spent!
Habituated Cell-Science
Compels Long-Waved Woman
To tune-in to Patience
And to tune-out to Impatience
Of the Short-Waved Man.**

Signed: Everywoman.

REGRETS.

**Often too late one comes
To Recognize Who Loved Ones really are
And all that they really mean.
And often too late Appreciation Is expressed.
I Acknowledge in this my personal failure
And I apologize to one and all!**

BEYOND FIDEISM.

**Persistent asking, seeking, knocking
Have taught me a New Art—
To spread the bars
And pick the locks of religious
Rooms in my heart—
And it bothers me that few thers
Ever learn to open
The Freedom Doors of Self.**

MULTIPLYING SIN.

**Church Orthodoxies
Multiply Codependent
Traps of Guilt and Fear.**

HARVEST SCAVENGERS.

**Cossacks in Cassocks
Hoard Grain in their linen crops
And miser its Grace.**

PRIESTHOOD.

**The Laws of Creation Becoming
In the Holy Mind of Woman
Compels the becoming of Her Being.
She is the Cybernetic Steward
Servicing Sacrament Altruisticly
In the Faithful Nurture of Nature,
Stirring and Pouring Water from the Well.**

**Male Mimicry, Pale Institutional Ritual,
But Dramatizes the Provident Gracing of Life
In the Person of Woman.
Stripped of its Adamic Pretenses,
Theology is merely
The Spiritual Side of Biology.**

CLOUDED JUDGMENT.

**Ernest Hemingway Deserves Consideration,
No more, no less than
Other Grains of sand on the beach;
And so does Joseph Campbell.
The Exaggerated Attention
Given to some few truths
Instigates heresy by Obscuring
Other Equally Weighty Ones.**

DARK MATTERS.

**Hidden Balances
Offset Deep Polarities**

Turning Galaxys.

CHARDIN'S "SERIOUS SUBJECT".

**Christianity,
Self-Confirmed in Dualism,
Institutionally Advances
A Self-Contentious Irrationality
That Disdains Material Reality
On the Misguided Belief
That by so doing
It Cultures a Higher Spirituality.**

RELIGION'S SIN.

**Religion
Simplistically fixed in Childish Impressions
Trivializes reality in its neglect
To get beyond the Surface of Things
To the real world of Complexity.
Surface Appearances can be Cultist Prisons
Closed to Open Complexity;
They can be Cell-Walls
Blinding Minds simplistically from Seeing
Beyond the Dark Literalness to Window Light
Reflecting the Panes of Infinitely Open Metaphors
Revealing God More Completely.**

THE WAY WE ARE.

**The Crassness of Human Greed
Even Exceeds
The Indignity of Dungheap
Roosters Scratching
For the remains of undigested Grains
And Pushing Triumphantly
Peers off the Peak.**

OBSSESSION POSSESSED.

**The Consumptive Obsession to have
Is Original Possession that we make our own.
Obsessive Culture possesses Humankind's Mind
And consumes all the Good Earth it can find;
Not satisfied with its Possession of this world,**

**It carries its Expectation to After-Life.
The Practice of Religion Trivia-Possessed
Becomes Trivial Religion.
LAMBS & LIONS.**

**Love/ Hate Qualifies
Emotions of People and
Their Institutions.**

**Life/ Death Qualifies
Relations of People and
Their Institutions.**

**Lying Together,
For Better, for worse, their
Fates Accommodate.**

RECONCILING OPPOSITES.

**Sanity's coming to Equivalency
Is the Natural Balance between Poles.
But Drugged by Exploitive Culture,
The Evenhandedness of Brain Halves
Is divided between the
Brobdingnagian and the Lilliputian.**

TAMING THE MINOTAUR.

**Entombed Arrogance,
Absolutized in Substance,
Even beyond death's liberation
Would cow free spirits.
But the Milk-Fruited Hills endure
In Ceres' daughter Persephone
Who dares to bare
Her Nurturing Breasts
And Challenge the Ranting Beasts.**

**Playing the Field
Cuts Two Ways for the Flashy Green Blades
Who graze the grassy glades:
Every New Harvest is the Yield
Of the Dying Seed.**

TIME TO PASS.

**Clear Intersections
Ahead open options for
Decision's Moment.**

GREENING THE POETREE.

**The Rainbow is Religious.
The Light Pulsing Spectrum
Directs Life's Trafficways.
Each Color is with Purpose.
Faith is Red; Hope, Amber;
Love is Green. Purple is
A lowering sky outraging
The dimmed sea.
Darkness Relocates All.**

**A Poem is a Leaf on
The Poetree Signaling
Its Rainbow Construction.
The Tree is in the Leaf,
As the Tide is in the Wave,
As Humanity is in the Person.
No Poem is more complete
Than the Tree! But absent
Deciduous you, the Poem Remains
Incomplete.**

**THE RED. THE GREEN.
THE PURPLE. THE GOLD.**

**Red. Without Pretenses of Predestiny,
Without Caprice, the Cosmos encodes Faith
In the infrarubrics of Purposeful in-tending.**

**Green. In Prism-Purposeful Consciousness,
Conscience Waterlocks Electron Hope Lightly
In the Talkback Words of Photosynthetic Cells.**

**Purple. On the Pontifical Mandate of Water,
Symbioses Transubstantiate Love's Continuity
In the Earth Veins of Gene/ Meme Harmony.**

**Gold. In the Male Masquerading of God,
The Institutional Mind conceits the religious mind
And clings to the Deceits of the fool's gold.
IDOLATRY.**

**Objectified Obsession
Is a Collectivized Mindset of Self-Abuse
Imprisoning people in fraudulent religion
That is rationalized on Elitists Pretexths
Whose Grounding is schizophrenic
For being contrived
On the Error of Male-Imagined Soul
Isolated from matter's Symmetries.
Even God identifies with Creation's Matter
And Experiences with it
The Finity of Changing Symmetries.**

CANDLELIGHT.

**The Careful Skin of tissue skein
Covering one's greatest wound marks
The Personal Character of Greatness' Potential.
A Collective Wound,
Greatest, and especially personal to me,
Is the Faith-Breach with Natural Past,
With Essential Continuities,
Inflicted by religious pretenses and even now
Sanctioned in the Presumptions of Social Structures.
I Pray This Greatest Wound to bare my Greatest Gift,
And I dare to invite you to light your candle
And to join your Light with mine in an attempt
To illumine Greatness' Potential in the collective mind
So as to unwind the witless tangles terrorizing life.**

JUDGMENT DAY.

**In the Ephemeral Continuum, the Necessity of Choice
Presents itself to Personal Decision.
Wisdom's outcome, opting always for the better,
Is revealed in the Non-Ephemeral
Rightness of Daily Options.
Wisdom's Revelations
Are Judgment's Daily Momenta
Freshly Revealing God
In the Theology of Phenomena.**

**I enter the Creative Work of God
With all my heart, soul and strength.**

I taste God in Bread and Wine
And find myself in a few short years,
For my hands belong to God.

CALL/ ANSWER.

God has made a Pact with me
And with all Living Creatures.
With Equal Concern S/He Cares for all,
Great or Small.
S/He Clothes the Lilies with Beauty
And counts Each Sparrow.
The hairs of my head do not fall
Except S/He Knows.
S/He Breaks Bread for Her/His People
And Drinks Wine with Them.

I Have made a Pact with God.
I Waste no Life.
I Give the same concern to all Creation,
Great and Small.
I Spoil not Land, nor Air, nor Water.
I Enter the Creative Work of God
With all my Heart, Soul and Strength.
I Taste God in Bread and Wine
And Find Myself in a few Earth Years,
For my hands are God's.

DEBT BURDEN.

Hurt and Healing,
Intentional and Unintentional,
Daily anoint Body and Soul.
Both are Part and Parcel of Inheritance
Common to All.
Essential Love,
Whether or Not in Writing,
Alone Chrism's Grace Necessary
For Blood Success of Family, Creation;
Written Legalese does nothing for Love;
Only Experience and Expression of it Does!
The Mere Mating of Man and Woman
Under Cover of the written word wall
Does not Constitute Family! Nor
Does Legislation Guarantee
Domestic Tranquillity!

Soul, whether of Parent, Child or Nation cannot
Flower absent Love; and all lament Family's and

Society's Sour Turn for Tasteless Dissolution.

RE-ACTIVE CHURCH.

**New Knowledge Freshly Rooted
In the Ongoing Experience of Reality
Must Flower in Collective Wisdom
If Religion Would Inform Morality.**

**But it is all too easy to see today
That Churches are their own frustration,
For they have closed their way
To the Intelligence of Ongoing Invention.
Because Churches Cling to Old Nearsight
They fail to acquire Pro-Active Insight;
Instead, they Re-Act Defensively
To Public Light Cast on Their
Myopic Blindness.
More Validly than the Unreformed
Consciousness of Centuries Past,
New Insights Might Recognize
Pernicious Disease Religiously Informed.**

TANGLED WING.

**From the window I watched
As a Quiver of Shivers
Pelted the Ground;
Under the shelter of a shrub
Huddled a Bird,
Winged and unable to fly.
"How like," I thought,
"Winged Woman,
Spirit-Grounded by the Discriminating
Sanction of Tokenism."**

A NEW DAY.

**Credit Pope John Paul II,
The Anointed Successor of St. Peter,
Formally Speaking in 1992,
For Raising the Curtain
That His Church had dropped on Galileo,
And that Cleaved Physica/ Metaphysica,
The unified ground of Theology.
If the Conscious Light of Common Sun
Is Allowed to Knit
The tear of Common, Living Fabric,**

**Then, a Brighter Day for Truth
Will have dawned over All God's Turf.**

**For me this is the cosmic evidence,
Of Science, of History:
TRINITY IS SCRIPTURED NATURALLY.**

**God is experienced within
Naturally exposed without.
God is Process-Creator
Self-expressed in Process-Creation.**

**Communal civility unveils
The God-connection spontaneously.
Incivility obscures it. Inevitably.
Interference with God Spontaneity
Betrays incompleteness,
The inner fault of partial consciousness.
God Consciousness comes to Earthlings
In Nature's scripted history
Or doesn't come to them at all.**

**Communication is Godtalk;
Consciousness is Godsense;
Conscience is Godsensitivity.**

**Cosmology is Faith-experienced Godtalk.
Naturally.
Philosophy is Hope-expressed Godsense.
Naturally.
Theology is Love-exposed Godsensitivity.
Naturally.**

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" RESERVE THE VITALITY OF THE MIDDLETREE. "
(Genesis 2, 17)

Grow Straight The Tree
And Vitality Shall Flourish;
Grow Straight The Child
And So Shall Civility.

"BECOMING"

LIFE IS ALWAYS IN PROCESS, THE GENESIS OF TRANSFORMATION, OF BIRTH, OF CHANGE, OF BECOMING. EARTHLIFE IS A SELF-CONSCIOUS KIND OF COSMIC BECOMING. BECOMING HAS POSITIVE/ NEGATIVE, GOOD/ BAD, VIRTUOUS AND VICIOUS OUT-COMES. PHYSICAL FORCES DO WHAT THEY MUST ON THEIR OWN TERMS. SELF-REFLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS, AS A PSYCHO-PHYSICAL, COMPLEXITY, VITAL FORCE, EXERCISES SOME CONTROL OVER BECOMING — AS THE SAYING GOES, "MIND OVER MATTER". GOOD AND BAD IS A DIALOGIC MIX ACTIVE IN PERSONAL CONSCIOUSNESS. SPIRITUAL/ MATERIAL DIVERSIFICATION IS DRIVEN BY THE DIALOGIC MIX.

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING IS THE SOUL'S EDIFICATION IN THE GENESIS PROCESS. SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS UPLIFTS REASON FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING THE GREATER GOOD — AND EXCEPT FOR FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE, THE RESONANCE OF REASON, CONSCIOUSNESS FALLS SHORT OF COMING TO CIVIL/ RELIGIOUS AUTHENTICATION.

PERSONAL/SOCIAL AUTHENTICITY IS THE CONTINUOUS WORD/WORK OF MIND/BODY, AN ENDEAVOR THAT IS INDIVIDEDLY, RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL. WE NEED TO BRIDGE THE CHASMS WE HAVE CUT BETWEEN THE CIVIL AND THE RELIGIOUS.

The
Learner/Teacher
**NATURE / NURTURE
SYLLABUS.**

"RATIO STUDIORUM"
The Continuity Sense of Learning/ Teaching.

From its aboriginal edification, the cosmos is sustainably transformed in/by “purposeful” communication. Though the pursuit of knowledge in Earth creatures is now a self-reflective awareness, it still roots in and serves cosmic, transformational purposes.

The General Theory of quantum relationship holds that truth and justice, like gravitation, is distributive, not centrist, that is, relationally qualified in/ by electro-magnetic edification.

The Special Theory of quantum-electric relationship states the equivalency of soul/ substance, of the spiritual/ material, of the religious/ secular, of the heavenly/ earthly; the misperceived disruption of their equivalency confounds consciousness and confuses conscience.

A Universal Syllabus for LIFETIME TEACHING/ LEARNING
A Dialogue of individual and social selves

TWO-SELF TEACHING

Where the teacher is learner and the learner is teacher.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY & CURRICULUM

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1. THE LEARNER/ TEACHER METHOD

Individually, and throughout our lifetimes, we are learners and teachers. We are born equipped to be/do both. The fulfilled life is one that succeeds in both these competencies, that is, in becoming proficient to bridge bi-directionally the gaps left by incomplete, misdirected and inadequate learning and teaching. Proficiency doesn't just happen, it develops with intention and attention—by will and by work. Learning/teaching is natural to vitality which provides each person genetically with age-appropriate (phylogenetically coded) texts that teach the means and advance on the experience of individual living.

Socrates, the storied exemplar of learning and teaching, recognized nature's learning/ teaching strategy which is called the "maieutic" or the Socratic Method.

2. AUTHENTIC EDUCATION

Education is a lifetime process of communication. Learning is a lifetime process of communication. Authenticity presupposes a sense of equality of person, and therefore a sense of egalitarian relationship between teacher/ learner. The very method of education itself, if it would teach what it means to teach, must exemplify egalitarian sensitivity, not the thralldom of superior over inferior. Fear and a feeling of inadequacy come to be deeply ingrained in the learner who is taught under the attitudinal presumption of superior teacher and inferior student. When the (adult) teacher in her/ his method conveys an attitude of dominance and superiority over the (child) student, love gets lost, as does a sense of hope, for the personal authenticity of the child is subtly and repetitiously suppressed, and her/ his self-esteem is victimized, sometimes irretrievably.

The frustration of a child's faith /hope/ love can permanently incapacitate individual facility for coming to social grace and can push the child toward sociopathic behavior in adulthood. This malady prevails globally, largely because self-serving egoism — which, on its face, defrauds and degrades — has become the cultural "faith" of society.

Authentic education, from the Latin *e-ducere*, to draw out, recognizes that the human psyche may be predisposed to self-withdrawal due to the memetic imprint of cultured violence. Thus, in word and in method, authentic education avoids the ancient habits that hit on this genetic proclivity, thereby, avoiding the deeper tracking of the vicious circle of personal putdown. By word and work, the Learner/ Teacher Syllabus intends the healing of ancient hurts and begins by recognizing in the individual natural competence to find health and healing in the personal genetic text. This method (maieutic) does not proceed to impose disconnected information on the child's clean slate of consciousness, as yet unexposed to formal education, but rather, it begins a dialogue that connects with the individual's genetic scripture so that return conversation is stimulated in the child, thereby empowering her/ him to discover her/ his own authentic self. Once the faith-basis of the learning/ teaching dialogue has been established, the track of the "two-self conversation" (bridge-building) is in place, and, with practiced habit, the way to self-fulfillment advances on solid footing.

Public Education. The difference between private school and public school education is that the latter is politicized, that is, corporately motivated in consumerism and in the conflictive self-serving motives of interest groups, whereas, the former is (should be) more focused in purpose and is (should be) independent of political, self-interest corruptions. However, the differences between them are decreasing for private

school education is more and more being politicized, that is, corrupted by a lust for public money and its attending entanglements (a situation rather like the accommodation of the Roman Catholic Church in the Middle Ages' to the mercantile politics of prevailing national monarchies.) Smaller schools are more child-friendly than the corporately consolidated mega public schools. Private school education can and should differ by reason of its altruistic philosophy, that is, of refusing to be corrupted from its single-minded purpose of authenticating the individuality of every person, and of serving people for their lifetimes.

THE FAMILY CONTEXT OF FATHER/ MOTHER/ CHILD IS THE IMPRINT OF "TRINITY", THE SUSTAINABLE CONDITION OF DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY AND GLOBAL CIVILITY.

3. THE ECOZOIC CALL.

Too commonly the altruistic purpose of education, namely, the enabling of full personhood, is surrendered to exploitive purposes of conforming children to fit corporate society's molds of "professionalism", that is, to conform them to some standardized preparation for a "profitable" life-task, one that serves the mercantile model. Neglected is societal dedication to personal wellbeing, namely, in facilitating the individual to discover her/ his full range of creative potentials, and empowering her/ him to exercise her/ his creative options so as to become a social agent rather than be a societal agendum.

The teaching method proposed in this interdisciplinary syllabus is a version of the maieutic method which puts the individual in touch with the full range of her/ his latent talents. What is not presumed is that corporate society's models and presumptions (professionalism) do not need to be challenged and tested, and that all should be passively willing cogs in production machinery. Needed are people to test continually the validity of corporate presumptions and societal values. The closed societal mindset of Socrates' times feared that openness to personal creativity would be society's undoing, and that Socrates' teaching caused the corruption of youth and the ruin of public order. Socrates' judgment in favor of personhood over political control caused him to be condemned to death by the political controllers. Reform people, people raising the standards of public consciousness above the status-quo, are still a species threatened by the status-quo, counter-reform mindset.

Philosophical/ theological tradition frames the nature and direction of public policy and politics. Polarities between and within State and Church, e.g., monarchy versus democracy, and in recent times, Tridentine Catholicism versus Vatican II Catholicism, are from presumptions and conflicts of changing philosophies/ theologies. Dominion politics of State/ Church absolutism controlled land and resources, whereas, distributive ownership, public use of resources, and the preferential option for the poor root in egalitarian considerations and Christian altruism. The idolizing of money by corporate State/ Church is a morphed form of dominion sustained in patriarchal tradition. The corruptions of State and Church root also in undo kingdom-building ambitions which prey on people and resources, a self-corrupting temptation which Satan put before Jesus but which he summarily rejected. (Mt 4:1-11, Lk 4:1-13).

The legacy of social havoc is part consequence of kingdom-building, of adversarial culture of spirit and matter, and dominion theology. Reparation, the repair of the spirit/ matter schism, begins with new insights into natural relationships, recognizing and desisting from dominion and exploitation. Nature groans under gross depletions

caused by human self-arrogation. Ecozoic reparation (restoring and safeguarding ecology/ zoology) is the great urgency of the day; its magnitude can hardly be overstated.

4. BECOMING FULLY HUMAN

History records that social consciousness, contrary to what we may think or wish, progresses not in peaceful and orderly ways, but in fits, bumps and jolts, and much disturbance. We have witnessed in recent centuries a drumbeat succession of societal disturbances, global and catastrophic — most of which are perhaps man-caused, and with them profound human unsettling. Many of life's sustaining ways are becoming unusable because of the unbridged chasms caused by ecological wrecking.

The Connection Syllabus seeks to engage, personally and socially, the human thought-process in the context of present day disordering and for purposes of discovering and ending avoidable wasting. The exercise of making connections needs to be a personally conscious and continuing effort if the road to full potential is to remain open. Bridge-building is a constant and personal task. For our lifetimes ours is the task of bridge-building.

Learning and teaching are a joined work of bridge-building. This two-way natural skill needs to be the daily “religious” focus of every newborn, infant, child, youth and adult — for their lifetimes! Global societies may then become more harmonious and congenial for all life.

5. DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY: The Ground of Sustainable Civility.

Domestic tranquility is the vital ground in which family virtues and civility flourish. The virtues of religion are virtues of civility—faith/hope/love—which are learned or not learned in family experience, school experience and community experience. Societal relationships will be more civil when people are experienced in civility and commit themselves to civility.

The unborn child experiences at-homeness when his/ her mother is tranquil in her situation. A mother is likely to be tranquil when husband/ wife relationships are tranquil, that is, when they are motivated in faith/ hope/ love. The expression of unconditional confidence in their relationships creates an environment of trust (faith) that grows on/ in children. Mutual mother/ father concern that is zealous in developing the best in one another (evidence of faith) creates a conscious atmosphere of mutual regard (love) and fluid openness (hope) that become the children's. The culture of altruism, of social regard and sensitivity, is enabled in the experience of unconditional love, and becomes patterned in children as they grow. When husbands and wives conduct themselves with exemplary human/ divine civility toward each other and toward everyone else in their communal relationship, civility will mirrored by children who will in turn become the grace-bearers of family, community civility.

Mutual regard in the marriage relationship doesn't allow for the dominion mentality of patriarchy. Patriarchal absolutism is rooted in cultural habits of arrogance and ignorance, which interfere with conscience formation, and result in the failure of authentic behavior. Harsh patriarchal parenting trashes family and society because it disables the wisdom's of providential mutuality.

The magnanimous heart motivates altruism, what is a beatific vision of life to come. In the people's expressed manner of commitment to faith/hope/love, societies witness the phylogenic successes of conscious symbioses—the golden word/ work of the sages of all time—the Christian witness of authentically religious and civil living.

6. THE NATURAL ORDER OF SACRED PURPOSE (Naturale Sacramentum Ordinis)

The puzzling associations that are made in dreams may be snippets of wisdom edification. The dream mosaic may find in complexity a startlingly simple message, one so close that we may miss it. We are sometimes so close to the "tree" that we can't see the forest; and sometimes our view of the forest is so panoramic that we don't see the individual trees. Wisdom makes sense of the tree and of the forest without demeaning one or the other. Except we secure the worth of the individual tree we violate the forest. The Wisdom of Genesis still speaks from Eden's Garden: "Do not consume the tree in the Middle."

When we waste the "middletree", the forest, the webs of life, we impose on a judgment of death—a prerogative we don't own. The Law of Nature is about life's essential interdependency preserved in the dependency and continuity ecozoic systems. In the global network system of essential continuity a place for diverse life is reserved and required.

To pick up on a parable from Genesis: we must avoid Cain's mortal sin of fratricidal obsessiveness and live by accommodation—there is place for ranchers and farmers alike, but in Nature's economy we are all required to keepers of the sacred—priests—who are conscientiously aware of the need to honor and sustain the natural/divine ecology/ economy of flora and fauna. The dependency of animal life on vegetation, including human, isn't just discretionary, it's absolute, and there is a moral necessity of safeguarding floral/ faunal networks. In Isaiah's words "All flesh is grass", is expressed universal understanding of Eucharist.

The lessons of wisdom in the Order of Nature reveal to us the sacred (life-sustaining) purpose of Nature's essential continuity. In the mystery of our own persons, cosmic wisdom speaks to us compellingly. The very complexity from which we come is a deep mystery (*mysterium tremendum*) that is bigger than what we can grasp. That this immense mystery of evolved/ evolving Earth-substance is personified in us is a consciousness that gives us to see ourselves as extensions in the divine order of life. Jesus holds sacred the Sacrament of Natural Order, and the role we play in the nurture of nature.

Reason associates the grounding of individual personality in the essential "providence" of natural economy that parcels to each of us our individual portion of natural/ divine "grace". Human consciousness of this awesome mystery proposes the ancient riddle of the sphinx: whence do we come? What sustains us? Whither do we return? The answers to these puzzling questions is constant, namely, that Nature is the "necessity" of life in which we originate, are sustained, and to which we return. God in Nature is God in us.

By our obedience to Nature, we master Her. Thus, our lifetime task is to know Nature better so we can better obey Her. Our heritage and inheritance is Nature's. Wisdom is Nature's word, is the universe-call to all showing the way of service, of priesthood. In reading the Book of Nature and in listening to Nature's remembered words speaking to us within, we learn to know and obey God's Laws, and by so doing we come

to fullness of life. Grand schemes that lose sight of this essential dependency are vain, are arrogant ventilations of idolatrous ambition. Jesus left with us an example of living that accommodates the divine and the natural. His word and way teaches that nature builds on grace even as grace builds on nature—this soul/ substance (hypostatic) union is the mystery of the divine/ human in his person, in every person.

In conforming to Natural Wisdom we "reveal" divinity (revelation is consciousness of the Creator in Creation) and "true" heart. The insight of this witness is that civility in daily relationships is "devotional" living. The hallowing of Nature is true worship of God; put briefly, this also states the purpose of the Connection Syllabus, The POETREE Project. It guides learners/ teachers toward the philosophy of connectedness. It seeks to enlighten a public consciousness that invites a turn from prodigality to frugality, to a respect for natural life, and to a consciously purposeful covenant with the "holy order" of Nature. It is nothing different than the wisdom of the ages as taught by the sages of all time. It makes of each day a personal lesson of mutuality that people and nations do well to emulate for it opens and empowers to ascendancy above servitude, no matter the faces it wears.

In the cultivation of "natural" fidelity our consciousness is clarified and we become less easily misled by the deceits of man. Yet each of us bears within the seeds of self-deception. Jesus did not escape the worldly temptation. The enemy within is subtle for it befriends all that has appearances of good. But not all appearances are trustworthy. Thus, our own inclination to self-deception is an enemy-within availing itself every opportunity to work its havoc. The education of heart, the choosing of that which serves the greater good, is the way (revelation) of truth and the unmasking of violence. Thus, the way of truth begins with self-confrontation, with the unmasking of violent tendencies in our lives.

7. SELF-CONFRONTATION

Violence wears many confrontational faces; I have confronted the violence in myself so that I may recognize the enemy. My discovery is that I am the enemy.

The way of wisdom begins with self-confrontation. If we would find escape from violence we will do well to direct our violent instincts against ourselves so as to discern the threat we are to ourselves and others, and to all life on Earth.

In confronting personal violent tendencies we may discover the process of becoming fully human, whereby we come to a way of living that is unthreatening to others and self-fulfilling.

Wisdom may prevail when self-confrontation is the only violence people allow in their lives—and when wisdom prevails, so social wellbeing prospers.

8. AT-ONE-MENT

In the cultural endorsement of corporate mercantilism churches have subordinated themselves to the market philosophy of profiteering, usury and kingdom-building. The malice of the consumerist philosophy is now an epidemic cancer that preys mortally on rationality. When, under the guise of "constitutional right of free speech",

society tolerates unbridled profiteering even at the expense of others (e.g., when radio/television programs expose and embarrass people for the offbeat), it says that meanness of people toward one another for personal advantage is ok. Well, it is not ok! The spectacle of public meanness to others for mass titillation and profit is not a free speech right. Mindlessness and intentional disadvantaging of others exacts a price—including psychological coarsening. It is a perversion of conscience to allow that insensitivity toward others is justifiable entertainment.

In today's circumstance of culturally instituted consumerism, a common opportunity for atonement presents itself, namely, the opportunity for exercising sensitivity by restoring to the individual person the primacy recognition of self-worth, deserving immunity from exploitation.

Religions are not without blame for today's predicament of disregard for human rights and for the trashing of network life. Church/ State fixation in absolutism have caused the human worth of subjective altruism to be subverted. The beginning of the Third Christian Millennium is a good time for societies and individuals to confront cultural misdirection, and to change the thrust of education so as to stop societal misdirection into global catastrophe. The time for social atonement is now.

9. SOCIAL VICIES

Irreligion: the insensitivity of parental dominion over children occurs commonly as an early and deeply imprinted trauma. In the child's subsequent learning experience, domination is reinforced by other status-quo authoritarians. The sanction of adult domination over children is itself a kind of incivility. The engraving impact of over-lording contributes to mental unsettling and misdirection that persist for a lifetime; sense of self-worth and trust go hand in hand with civil relationship, personal health and wellbeing.

That some children suffer permanent social disconnection should be no surprise; traumatic injury is more severe in some than in others. The culture of violent thinking leads to physical violence, to broken spirit and bodies. Societal violence and personal schizophrenia are natural outgrowths of the personal/ societal culture of rights' violations, beginning with the harsh domination of parents over children and continuing with religion's putdown of self-worth. This is not to dismiss the need for reasonable discipline. However, the vicious circle of cultural violence against the young becomes ever more deeply imprinted the longer it is practiced; breaking the cycle is extremely difficult because of the deep imprinting of culture.

The child's own sense of self-esteem is the first and permanent victim of the sanctioned cycle of violence, and, all of society is made to suffer because of the hard-wired hold of inauthenticity. Sexism, elitism, triumphalism, nationalism, racism and patriarchy are causes and consequences of irreligion. The deep-rooted presumptions and misdirection of cultural irreligion need to be challenged if familial, communal, national and global civility is ever to gain ascendancy over violence and exploitative dominion.

Incivility: the legal equating of the incorporated institution to personhood, corporate worth over personal, exploitation over altruism, selfishness over selflessness are with social costs, societal breakdown and the undoing of Earth's ecozoic networks. When human worth is degraded, civility loses a necessary and sustaining mechanism.

When the edification of civility is corrupted, civilizations are corrupted. The civility of people toward each other is fundamental to personal and social wellbeing. Personal civility graces all exchanges of "worthy purpose" in interpersonal relationships, but

especially, in the learning/ teaching relationship. If children don't experience the trust-bond of civility in their day-to-day relationships, it isn't likely to become their owned personality trait. Thus, the method of education itself needs to exemplify interpersonal civility in its practice, i.e., in the teacher/ learner relationship.

Cultural Violence: education today is loaded with a violent agendum, that is, with an agendum presupposing to know best how individuality should be made to conform. Because this agendum is presumptively utilitarian, it is implemented insensitively against individuality and creativity. The general presumption that the teacher knows best what the child needs to learn is a narrowing presumption that violates openness to individuality. As a result, the example of such "professional" teacher violates individual authenticity, personal/ social civility, and imposes predirected, ideologically focused learning on students. Because of the incivility of this presumptive methodology, children are experienced and cultured in dispositions and habits of incivility.

Natural Virtue: civility's virtues are faith, hope and love, for these authenticate the persona. These virtues come to natural grounding in the human person by the experience of them in authentic communication, consciousness and conscience. These are the virtues that enable personal authenticity, sense of self-worth, and communal harmony. The beginning mechanism of affirmative learning/ teaching is trustful communication.

Communication is what each and every interpersonal exchange in a lifetime is about. Consciousness is the subjective awareness of information exchanged, which grows with the cumulus of information exchange acquired with communication. Conscience is insight into the good/ bad effects caused by personal decisions and actions.

Faith is communication-based certitude; confidence in personal authenticity (self and other). Hope is a consciousness-based expectation of future wellbeing, deep-rooted in the soul/ substance of personal authenticity. Love is conscience-based sense of reinforcement that grows in the exercise of authentic mutuality and communal harmony. In communion/ community, in the dialogic processing of faith/ hope/ love, the individual comes to experience personal fulfillment. These natural virtues are the elemental grounds of personal/ social civility, of universal, natural religion—preconditions to religious/ civil living. Earth-life's naturally sustainable graces are cosmic inheritances. On the grounds of these natural virtues civil societies need to have agreement, namely, that civility is a Godly grace, that the exercise of civility is a primacy exercise of religion.

10. WORK THAT MATTERS.

The singularly important work of life is mostly made secondary or is totally neglected. Thus, many lives are trivialized and many people never realize their self-worth. The essential doing of cosmic transformation, of personal, communal living is authentic work. Simply stated, the work mattering most for one's personal lifetime is daily coming to conscience by conforming personal conduct to informed consciousness. Our essential, continuous work is searching conscience with such seriousness so as to have it regulate all aspects of our personal being/ doing/ having.

Personal consciousness is daily swamped with a flood of trivialized "talk". It takes a well-tuned and practiced conscience to catch the significant word in the murky tide. Our constant task is to engage the significant word in self-edification, in being/ doing/ having. "Being" is living in faith, in the belief that we possess within us life's authentic

scripture; "doing" is acting on the sure hope that authentic work, grounded in the significant word, expresses faithfully God's Word; and, "having" is possessing ourselves with love's altruism that prioritizes the significant word to control for our lifetime our personal being and doing.

Authentic work proves authentic living. Authentic work gives new dimensions to truth, to life. Authentic work is the way. Thus did Jesus teach—The Way, The Truth, The Life—and thus are we commissioned, personally. Institutions must not overreach personal authenticity. Jesus accused Israel's corporate religion of interfering with people who would enter the way of truth. Institutional Christianity is not free from practicing the same. It roots in patriarchy. The guilt of a conscienceless people is on the authority that subverts personal conscience to its service. Jesus, Nature and commonsense tell the same truth. The deadly guilt of this hardly original sin, "words without work", is heavy on us all, but especially, on preachy Church. Pray the Cosmic God to forgive us for our ungodly obsessions. Let's learn to be civil if we would be religious.

11. THE VALUE TREE

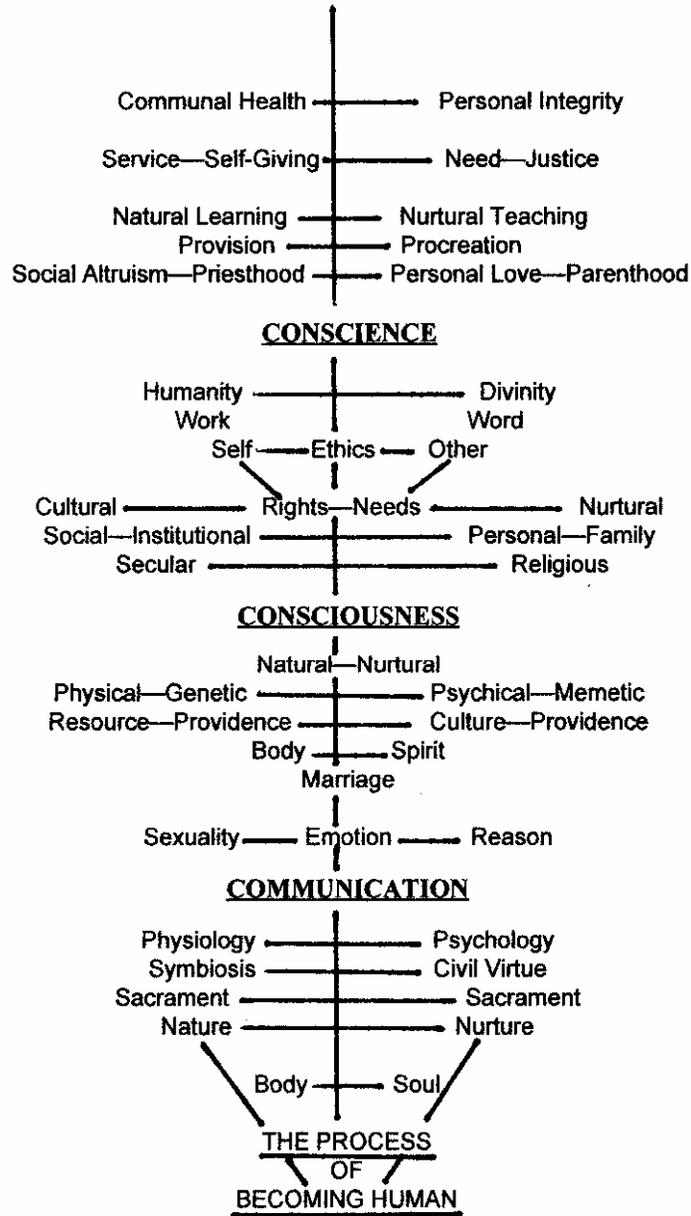
Rooted in ancient stock, each new life is a recapitulation of Original Life. Brought forward in the living library of natural/ nurtural codes are lessons of good experience and of bad; these edify the values by which new life succeeds even as prior life succeeded.

Imprinted in personal genetic codes are proclivities occasioned by ancient hurts (sins) as well as strengths (grace) based on ancient successes. Personal sin (insult) is making bad choices which nurture negatively, aggravate genetic hurt-proclivity and inflict mind/ body disease.

The seat of accommodation, the cortical brain, is wisdom's sounding board that empowers new life to mix purposefully the lessons of new experience (ontogenic) with the lessons of old (phylogenic) that have withstood the tests of time. Each is called to pattern her/ his life personally after a "value tree" that is a true comparison of the phylogenic model.

All of life is an edification of light. We too are light-assembled from cosmic "dust". Wave and photon, our vital forms and functions derive from "conscious light" energy. Life (vitality) is a transformational (resurrection) process that identifies in its highest complexities with the conscious transformation of spirituality/ materiality. The long cosmic journey of transformation has woven cosmic stuff into the interdependent groundwork from which we arise and to which we return. Imprinted in us is a resurrection consciousness. With Jesus we can also say, "I am the resurrection and the life". Ours is "Jesus" life, so, in life's continuity we are in fact, spiritually and materially, life's resurrection, part and parcel of the growing "middletree" complex.

12. EDEN'S MIDDLETREE Personal/ Communal Valuation



WISDOM 'S VITAL CONTINUITY

13. INSEPARABLE RELIGION/CIVILITY

Religion like civility is a societal consciousness, a consciousness of communal relationships that enables individuals to fulfill themselves in their support of one another. The family unit is the setting that births and grows religion and civility; and except both facets of consciousness are authentically practiced in family, society will be inauthentic. Sensitivity of individuals for one another (practiced faith/ hope/ love) is the resonating virtue that harmonizes religion and civility. Our understanding of religion is authentic when we identify it with civility. Religion that foments social disruption is fraudulent; from the evidence of widespread incivility one concludes that irreligion is also widespread.

14. EDUCATION: TOOL FOR SOCIAL REPAIR

If incivility and irreligion are widespread it must be concluded that education is failing. Societal inauthenticity leads to the conclusion that publicly consolidated mega-schools are not the answer. Too many children are falling through the cracks; they are advanced up the grade ladder without acquiring in their early years necessary learning foundations, e.g., reading competency, thinking competency. That this failure happens is a personal tragedy for the children and for all society; accountability for this failure needs to be identified and corrected.

Part of the problem is that mega-schools unlike the family environment are too cumbersome to function with sensitivity for individual needs. Society-wide, families must come to the recognition that they are accountable for assuming the primary role in the education of children. The family is (should be) naturally friendly to children and conducive to learning and wellbeing. The complexity of the mega school infrastructure is just too taxing to be sustainable, for parents, for administrators and teachers, for global/ local economics, but especially, for the children.

Bringing greater accountability into the school system, as it is presently structured, is probably not possible except the system undergoes radical change, beginning with a statement of purpose. Misguided philosophies and politics are so entrenched that change will not come easily.

Surely people within the bureaucracies will lobby hard to protect the status-quo and their own jobs; this is not all bad for they have a valid role in advancing the educational dialogue. However, before the dialogue can be effective a vision of desired end-objectives needs to be agreed upon.

Perhaps the primary end-objective needed is a return to proven pedagogy that has been experience-acquired over the evolutionary history of conscious living. The enabling base of experientially proven pedagogy is recognition of the place of the family virtues, faith, hope and love.

The parental surrender of child education to others who have priorities other than children's personal wellbeing is an abrogation of responsibility by parents and a breach of their child's trust. The breach of trust also breaches the development of child-potentials (hope), which is an outcome of love denied. Breach of faith, hope and love fails the child, family, community and society. Society becomes dysfunctional when its children are failed. Schooling that is disconnected from family wellbeing contributes to social disorientation and spreads seeds that grow into societal dysfunction.

15. INAUTHENTIC CORPORATISM

Societal dysfunction results in no small part from society's failure to root education in its natural grounding. The polarization of people on opposing ideologies—on the polarities of absolute centrism and unprincipled libertarianism—fosters violent uprooting. The path of sanity holds to the middle estate between these extremes. When children are captured by one or the other extremity, disconnected by conflicting voices, they suffer adult trauma; if, however, children are cultured in a balance that holds to neither extreme, they come to healthy centering.

Parents who have experienced the grinder of politicized polarity, and have yet come to the sanity of balance want to spare their children the high risk experience they escaped. They do not want their children to be traumatized by deadening suppression that is associated with absolutism and centrism, nor do they want them to experience libertarianism's centrifugal disjuncting from social responsibility.

Because educational philosophies tend to waffle between the politicized extremes, they fail to hold to the established middle way and lose soul. Education has succumbed to the prevailing corporate philosophy of mercantile consumerism which holds that anything's value is measured by corporate benefits that accrue from use/ sale. Nature itself, life itself, including human, become mere commodities whose purpose is corporate profit. The mind of corporate consumerism is nothing other than a mind that trashes self. In their ideological fix in consumerist philosophy, religions too trash natural wisdom, and because they do, they lose sight of vital Nature's real soul, the conscious reason of cosmic Earth.

Education is individually/ socially too important to be prostituted as just another for-profit corporate commodity. Root solutions to societal problems, economic, ecologic, social/ religious, all ground in authentic education — education that is premised in quantum-electric consciousness and transformational history. To subvert to purposes of ideological aggrandizement is fraudulent, demeaning and immensely destructive.

The first and best education takes place in the home where the common, human roots of lifetime learning anchor for a lifetime the child's character. Home-based learning is the universal ground qualifying individual experience; on this proven foundation, formal education finds its authenticity.

16. NATURAL WISDOM

The maturity of age and grace is growth in the wisdom consciousness of the "rhythms of the spheres", whether atoms, molecules, celestial bodies or social circles. Wisdom consists in making sense of the letter/ number jumble puffed into existence with the Big Bang. The logic of creative continuity tells us that the origin and terminus of vital substance is cosmic. Between the origin and terminus is time that witnesses and plays out in the sequences and harmonies of interactive spheres. All sense-communication involves the resonant messaging of the spheres. The engagement of the senses in learning/ teaching is a process of tuning sensitivities of spheres (body molecules) to communicate, to be conscious and responsive.

The basic learning tools that tune communication, consciousness and conscience are all manner of intercultural relationships, school study, reading, writing, arithmetic, etc. Reading works meanings that are culturally associated with words and word-associations. Writing demands thought facility to work word-meanings, idea-

organization into formats that convey the sense of meanings to others. Understandings of logical connections build on understandings of right/ wrong quantification; numbers that fit the facts (natural quantification) are harmonic, wrong numbers are disharmonic. Molecules are quantifications of atoms; atoms are quantifications of subatomic particles, etc. The language of science combines letters and numbers so as to explain proportional valences [weighted values], for example, $A^2+B^2=C^2$, CO_2 , H_2O , $6\{\text{CH}_2\text{O}\}$, $E=MC^2$.

The exercise of writing is an especially challenging exercise of consciousness. It is more than working words, it is working the rhythms of their connections, their poetry, their visual color and fit, so as to stimulate the senses — themselves the rhythmic agencies of word-harmony. The conscious association of beauty and truth, faith and hope, engenders a reason-moved proclivity toward love, for love is itself the deep power and motor of beauty/ truth and word/ work. The continuity of love is the ever-present and ever-greening vitality of network life.

Universal learning, what is truly catholic, advances on the universal authenticity of network life's experience. For learning/ teaching to be fully effective it must advance in the continuity of authentic rootedness, namely, in the family/ community partnerships, for in the natural venue effective learning achieves by love, not by money.

17. STUDY PLAN

Class Format: length, one-hour

1. Presenter announces the day's topic.
2. Students write extemporaneously their understanding of the topic.

(10 minutes)

3. These are collected by the presenter/ teacher who later evaluates them for discussion at the next class period.

4. Student writings from the previous class are discussed.

(20 minutes)

5. Literature, poems, topically related may be discussed to expand understanding of the subject topic.

(20 minutes)

6. References are suggested for reading.

(10 minutes)

18. STUDENT PARTICIPATION

1. For each class, each student writes an extemporaneous paragraph on the day's topic.
2. For the course, each student researches and writes a "major paper" (20 pages) on some critical, global issue.
3. Students are encouraged to collaborate in the major-paper project—subdividing issues so as to cover a broader schema.
4. Alternately, students may give a well developed and comprehensive review of a notable book.

(Selected topics for the papers and books for review should be chosen by group consensus.)

19. GRADING STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION.

Grading is numerical: 1, 2, and 3

1. means 'participation is acknowledged'
2. means 'participation is competent'
3. means 'participation is superior'

20. HOME SCHOOLING

The physical infrastructure (buildings, books, buses, personnel, etc.) of mega-schools have become excessively costly, unmanageable, dangerous and educationally frustrating. On the presumptions of consumerist culture, so it seems, politicians have allocated public monies for public education on an all-or-nothing basis.

America was originally populated by immigrants from Europe who were eager to escape the despotic oppression of State/ Church absolutists. These people brought with them a determination to avoid the kinds of oppressive political religious/ political control that caused them and their predecessors so much blood shed. They brought with them a sense of family obligation that included a moral sense of duty to provide for the formal education of their children.

In rural America, country schools within walking distances of homes were built and teachers were hired. A home-based philosophy was behind this extraordinarily successful strategy of early Americans. Concurrent with the establishment of rural elementary schools were colleges of higher education, often under Church sponsorships. Elementary Church schools were also built. But because of past bad experiences with authoritarian religion, these Church schools, for reasons that are understandable, were often considered by many in the population to be undesirable. The problem was rooted in religious ideologies yet being promulgated, and which had caused so much suffering in the "Old World".

The fears of religious repression that haunted many settlers have over time become less valid because of today's very different circumstances. Today the philosophies of Church schools and home-based public schools have very much in common. And yet, the bad sentiment that existed in the past continues today, especially, in view of the takeover of rural home-based education by mega corporate schools whose philosophy is no longer as publicly well intended as it was in the past, and whose grip on public funding now severely squeezes all parents.

The POETREE Project proposes a wholly "civil" philosophy of education which focuses totally on public/personal wellbeing and avoids promulgating religious ideology and denominational agenda.

While avoiding the agenda of denominational and sectarian ideology the pursuit of civility is not only not hostile to institutional religions but is compatible with them. This being so, greater social harmony and greater personal authenticity can be achieved by the collaboration of public schools and Church schools than by their standoffish distrust of each other and their going their own ways. Such collaboration affords the opportunity for a return to the home-based philosophy of education and for the conversion of mega schools to a more humane, effective and efficient alternatives.

21. INTERNET RESOURCING

The universal access to educational resources now available on the internet presents an opportunity for reducing costs of educational materials and infra-structures while providing even greater diversity and accessibility of learning options. It would seem that Church schools and home-based schools stand the most to gain from this fortuitous situation. A strategy that might well suit both is one in which Church schools would take the initiative of providing professional expertise to parents for home-schooling by accessing for them the materials they need to provide a superior education — in the home setting — that more than meets State requirements. Parents, children and global

societies would be indebted to Church schools for such a worthwhile mission — so long as Churches are honest in not using the situation to impose the agenda of ideology. Such approach also encourages collaboration between private/ public schools, the sharing of facilities and the avoidance of duplication of curricula.

PARENTS AND THE ADULT COMMUNITY ARE EXEMPLARS FOR THE YOUNG; IT IS RIGHT AND NECESSARY THAT THE YOUNG HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

TEN NEW GENESIS COMMANDMENTS

(Mandated by Informed Conscience)

- 1. Thou shalt prove your words with work;**
- 2. Thou shalt provision for new life before you procreate new life;**
- 3. Thou shalt in all things live by the civil virtues of faith, hope and love;**
- 4. Thou shalt safeguard the civil virtues in all forums of personal and social conduct;**
- 5. Thou shalt use all accruals of wealth for local and global wellbeing;**
- 6. Thou shalt subject your commerce to the constraints of personal authenticity and public reverence;**
- 7. Thou shalt enjoy the fruits of life but not at the expense of life;**
- 8. Thou shalt exemplify and teach the graces of heart: altruism, reverence and service to the sustaining necessities of life;**
- 9. Thou shalt engage learning for your lifetime and use it for the wellbeing of all; and,**
- 10. Thou shalt worship God by the selflessness of your living.**

TRINITARIAN RESONANCE

THE GREAT POLYPHONY



THE ETERNAL CHORUS

For good or for ill, the consciousness we bring to life lives on after us.

Yours and mine is each a new voice in the phylogenic chorus of voices that have spoken to us along the way.

It is up to us — our voice can forever resound with The Great Polyphony, or it can discordantly stand out.

Our presence resounds forever



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