

Driven From Within

What is creativity? It is originality driven from within—the model and way of cosmic evolution. Original dispositions of big bang energy set in motion patterns that repeat thereafter in subsequent energy/ matter dispositions. Patterns iterate and spontaneously differentiate; they open to the continued renewal of openness, even as the inner drive is ever in the direction of purposeful sustainability. Iterative patterns preserve the originality of creation driven-from-within. The “within” originality of the cosmos is instructive to humankind with respect to self-authentication in open relationships. Religion’s openness to evolution is characteristic of essential cosmic interiority and openness. The fixation of religion in closed categories is an artifice of human misdirection, of frustrated creation.

About creativity Bishop L. David Brown, ELCA, wrote: “Creativity we are discovering has not so much to do with novelty as it does with expressing our inner passions. Whether the person be a sculptor, novelist, coach, preacher or poet, there is a strong urge seeking invention. So whether the form be of a sculpt, short story, athletic play, sermon or poem, it demands execution.”

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For the human person to be fulfilled she needs to be creative. Denied the freedom to be creative, the mind shuts down—it becomes “mindless”, non-creative. It is in the nature of mind to create, for prior evolution has brought the mind to self-reflective consciousness, to moral imagination that enables the person not just to cope, but to the need to choose and change for the better.

Creativity heals and builds “immunities.” Creativity is about choice, about the pursuit of purpose and the affirmation of personal choices. Purposeful choices lead to health, fulfillment and sustainable living. A life without purpose leads to mental dullness, to mindlessness. Cultural (religious) fixation frustrates. Fixation is counter-intuitive. Oppression, repression, and suppression lead to depression. The general presence of the disease of depression is evidence of fixation, of cultural oppression, repression and suppression.

Dead-end choices and shortsightedness (for example obsession in money and things) is purposeless and leads to waste, intellectual implosion, to the unfulfilled sense of futility and emptiness; the use of money and things for common wellbeing is creative. True creativity seeks to know limits and to live within sustainable limits. Creativity is sensitive to the limits of natural resources and is attentive to sustain them. The exploitive culture of corporate capitalism is mindless because of its total insensitivity and disregard for nature—a disaffection that roots in the cultural alienation of spirituality from secularity.

We are what we are because we are creatures of cosmic spirituality. Cosmic spirituality opens one to mindfulness, to the inner spontaneity of purposefulness. Cultural fixation is the antithesis to creative openness, to evolution. Authentic religion is about openness to nature and human relationships inside natural ecology. Closed mind toward evolution is mindlessness, is religious frustration. If we would be authentic as parents, as teachers, we will exemplify and teach children the need of purposefulness in life. What ultimately exemplifies purposefulness is the deep need of cosmic transformation and continuity—what in Christian culture is “Eucharist”, the diminishment of self in interest of advancing Natural Other.