

DISLODGED FROM THE CENTER.

An eminent theologian of the Council of Trent, the Jesuit Robert Bellarmine, was a principal consultor in the Roman Inquisitions of Giordano Bruno and Galileo Galilei. Bruno was burned at the stake in 1600, while Galileo was condemned some thirty years later; both were persecuted for pushing their unconventional cosmologies which flew in the face of the ancient Earth-centered *dogma*. Bellarmine realized, and so informed the pope, that all of Protestantism was less a threat to institutional Catholicism than the worldviews of Bruno and Galileo.* **Some 400 years after their condemnations, Pope Pius XI (1930) canonized Robert Bellarmine, in part surely for a political reason—to reinforce the Church's prior villainizing of these two men. In 1992 Pope John Paul II overturned the Roman Inquisition's judgment against Galileo. Such consideration is yet to be given to Giordano Bruno.**

Four hundred years ago, an opportunity existed for the Church to get beyond the gravity of *dead centrism* and to open itself to the new possibilities represented in the cosmic insights of Copernicus, Bruno and Galileo; instead, it used violence to quash their vision and it closed its doors decisively against the opportunity. Today a new chance for openness offers itself again. Institutional Church is likely to further self-destruct if it again fails to respond openly. The People will not now be bludgeoned to abandon relational truth and personal authenticity; nor will it acquiesce to the Church's cleaved mind of ecological disconnection. Institutional Church's insistent control over the exercise of personal conscience is nothing less than "anti-Christ" for it closes doors to the *ways of truth* that The People seeks to enter. Transformational God-consciousness yet remains open to new resurrections.

How does the believer respond today to the insolent quip that "God is dead"? The answer is simply that *it is not God who is dead but the centrist webs of institutional absolutism*; patriarchy's deified self has been defrocked by the verities of transformational continuity. God remains the Essential Portion of Life's Continuity.

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III: THEOGENESIS
"Personal Conscience"

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When is theology not trustworthy?

Put this way the question itself is abhorrent to people practiced in religious faith. But it is timely because the *theology of transformational consciousness* conflicts radically with the *static-absolutist theology of centrist belief*. (Judeo-Christian theology teaches occurrences of special acts of divine inspiration—revelations outside natural means.) History witnesses that this faith continues to be absolutized in arbitrary interpretations of delusional preachers/believers.

Since religious faith is on the acceptance of theological propositions, it should be asked, "Which theological propositions are trustworthy and which are not?" A general principle may be stated: theological propositions that do violence to the essential continuity-laws (Natural Laws) of Living Creation are suspect on their face. When beliefs contradict the cosmic Natural Laws of transformational continuity, they are not from God. God is not arbitrary in the matters of universal codes driving Creation.

"Faith in faith", that is, faith that puts belief against reason, is often excessively credulous; such "faith" is *fideism*. Fideism is the faith of cults. Perhaps not surprisingly, "faith-preachers" can persuade people to believe and do irrational and self-destructive things. Our times witness a mass willingness of people to believe with excessive credulity.

Beliefs long-held firmly against the witness of cumulative learning are beginning to soften. Its place of happening is within us. Acceptance is growing that Earthlife's essential continuity is a process of cosmic transformation.

TEN NEW GENESIS COMMANDMENTS

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.

Nature's Original Scripture.

Colonialism is a legacy of corporate sacrilege; Christianity (Catholicism) is its religion. The "Third World" is colonialism's creation. Mercantile-minded Christianity is infected with a self-justifying dogma which screens out theological thought except it roots in institutionally presumptive dogma—its tortured logic is called *casuistry*. Under this "orthodox" control-mechanism, the Church self-confirms its closed confessional of presumptions—even if in error. The reconfirmation of error buries it ever more deeply in absolutist tradition, which makes the process of correction ever more problematic. Institutional Church's absolutism is now so layered in narcissic myopia that it seems unable to see its own misdirection—which causes it to act adamantly to self-justify and deny wrongdoing; Church's institutional inauthenticity is causing people to leave the institution in dismay and disbelief.

Every human being roots in the continuity soil of ancestral inheritance which even now speaks to each from within. The internally conscious voice of phylogenic legacy cannot be silenced; when we shut it out, we embark on a delusional future. When we surrender the voice of conscience to institutional misdirection, we ache for the authenticity conscience affords. Infidelity to phylogenic conscience, to sacred soul stewardship, violates an essential need that is personal and social. The consequences are deadly and telling. Mohandas K. Gandhi has listed seven deadly social sins: "politics *without* principle; wealth *without* work; commerce *without* morality; pleasure *without* conscience; education *without* character; science *without* humanity; worship *without* sacrifice"; we can add three anti-family/anti-trinity sins: words *without* work, procreation *without* provision and civitas *without* civilitas—in all, ten bases for Ten New Genesis Commandments.

Finally, but also, firstly, for every locus on the arcs of life's recurring circles is a beginning as well as an ending (the *essential continuity* principle), the global dialogue toward an authentically human consciousness in the 21st Century might begin with questioning the "adversary presumption": firstly, "*is civility (civilization) possible if, individually and as groups, relationships are motivated in self-advantage and in disadvantage to others?*" and secondly, "*can 'elected' servants of Church and state serve the public good when corporate agenda are based on distrust rather than on trust? And, who is a 'public servant'?*" My sense is that the answer to the first two questions is "no", and that each of us, by birth, is vocationally a public servant. Geopolitics needs a public interest conscience—"ecozoic" advocacy—dedicated to sustain nature-based economics (the global "Middletree") and to challenge the mortal consumerism of adversarial politics.

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sustained conscionably by those sharing it. Religion is real-life working in the realworld, *which is what "religious" rite and ritual (should) celebrate for the edification of common wellbeing*. All is sacred.

Human speculation that puts itself above and apart from secular reality is idolatrous. Except theology grounds biologically in *conscionable word/work*—in **EARTHEOLOGY**, its natural grounding, it is bogus. What this means to say is that religion is nothing different than the "Sacrament of Christ", the Sacra-Ment of the Cosmos, *working* at all levels of conscious implication in the realworld.

We must all work to give to religion/theology their due in life and disallow them to function as agencies of alienation and exploitation. Nor can we allow government to prescind from its public, *religious* obligation. This we do by exemplifying and requiring authentic living in the secular world. Our worship in church (spirituality) is a lie if we do not make our secular work (*materiality*) right with life. This applies to every citizen, no matter his/her place and work in life. Take legislators elected by the people, for example; their accountability is to the public wellbeing.

Presently, the American form of representative government is Hegelian in that Senators and Representatives are responsive to corporate lobbies and corporate money; since corporate interest places corporate profit above public interest, the electorate is made the exploited victim. American two-party politics have degenerated into games of prostitution; the vote of the legislator is sold to corporate bidders. In these games, the corporation lobbyist plays the role of the pimp, the gigolo, who acts on behalf of profitability for the corporate interest, not for the good of the whole electorate. Willingness to compromise personal integrity and the public good for a pay-off affronts everything that religion stands for. Such public effrontery is despicable. Willingness to prostitute sacred resources for self-aggrandizement mocks religion. If we would be "religious" we must stop our mockery; we must stop the sacrilege of Earthlife, and this we can do by stopping the prostitution of our own authenticity and that of others. Patriarchal patrimony is an altar of idolatry that worships to its own gain—and packaged in consumerist webs, all life suffers.

Church History evidences at least one kind of absolutism that seems to hold true, and that is that the exercise of dominion and the obsession for money (kingdom-building) *corrupt absolutely*; as a joint agendum, the pursuits of control and of wealth *devastate absolutely*. It is understandable why centrist philosophy and theology have come to the nearstate of desperation. It is politically and socially obvious that their patriarchal presumptions can't work because they are contrary to

Patriarchism is a recapitulated disease-proclivity (schizophrenia—psychic disconnectedness); it is the memetically cultured face of self-arrogating male aggrandizement that exploits women and children. Patriarchism is a root-cause of multi-faceted violence. Its sacramental sanction in religious institution is perhaps its most pernicious cultural aspect.

Patriarchal Hegel gave to Twentieth Century Europe a political philosophy of *despotic absolutism* and a mission theology of *manifest destiny*. The impetus of Hegelian Europe's statist/religious mission continues its global spread of unparalleled inhumanity and resource exploitation—both of which rage out-of-control. (Certainly, all blame does not belong on Hegel.) Specifically, we in America are the inheritors of Hegelian Europe's expression of *manifest destiny*, which still holds thrall over us. It remains for us, heirs of a personally and globally destructive patrimony, to confess our shared guilt, and, by ending idolatrous fideism, absolutism, to stop nationalistically, religiously sanctioned inhumanity and ecological waste.

As an absolute statist, Hegel eschewed the populist principle of democracy, that is, the equal vote of each citizen. Hegel believed that citizen representation in government could work only through unions, communes, collectives, circles, corporations—his "estates"—which citizens would join. His philosophy/theology requires the individual "subjectivity" to be indentured in the corporate "objectivity". (See Charles Taylor's HEGEL, pp 403-447.) Hegel's logic fails in his miscalculation of corporate *altruism*, which generally is corporate greed, consumer-motivated. The agenda of those constituting the corporation become the corporation's. Religious absolutism prevailing in the public mind prevails also in public institutions, whether Church or State. In his view, natural resources are public capital whose use is subject to statist, corporate decision. When corporate purpose is to exploit for profit, all resources, including people, become expendible chattel. Chattel isn't revered as sacred. Hegel's philosophy flows logically from his religious belief (et vice versa) in the spirit/matter dualism, in the separate material/spiritual *realities* of earth/heaven and their hierarchical relationship. In Hegelian corporate capitalism, a morality that is superior to Marxist materialism cannot be expected, for the dialectic of statist absolutism and corporate capitalism (claim on material resources) is premised on the cleaved ground of dualism.

True religion is *relational soul working to edify (build) personal authenticity in secular reality*. True religion authenticates personal rights in relationships and respects life (resources) as not being expendable, but as being a necessity of subjective complexity—to be

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III. THEOGENESIS

Personal Conscience

PERSONAL CONSCIENCE IS GODLIKENESS
UPLIFTING THE TIDE OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

IN LOVE I DEFER

To Muse Polymnia,
To the Seraphim Angel Chorus
And
To The People Church.

hypostasis (Greek) also means *substance, understanding*; it is used "technically" in theology to describe the union of the human and the divine person/nature of Jesus Christ. (*Hypostasis* is "standing under"; *apostasis* is "standing apart".)

Humankind participates in the *hypostatic union*. The hypostatic union is the Creator/Creation relationship, that of parent/child, of spirit/substance, of nurture/nature. Pope, king or commoner, we are all born naked, are prone to the same deceits, and in the end yield our dust to Earth. Self-claimed superiority is pretentious thinking at best and crass arrogance at worst. Pretenses, no matter whose, are nakedness before God. The real graces of transubstantiation, "gifted" (*munus*) in communal living, on the other hand, live on in *essential continuity*. Death is always the same in mortal substance: photons yield their light to the rainbow, and dust rejoins the soil. We do well not to pretend to more than what the experience of life tells us; pretense is a sorry decoy that deceives no one but ourselves. Dignify—not the fideism of pretense—but the mystery that you are. You are the continuity of word-made-flesh. You are Christ present!

The axiom that "grace supposes nature" might be stated conversely, namely, that "nature supposes grace". *Nurture* is the process by which nature is *graced*. God (divinity), as humanly perceived, "supposes" humankind even as humankind "supposes" God. The nexus in these equations is the dependency of subject/object, the self-perceiving substance composing human consciousness.

In the transformational processes of communication/consciousness/conscience, all of creation participates in the "hypostatic union" of Faith/Hope/Love—the Godhead virtues of Trinity. Individual human bonding in Faith/Hope/Love, in Substance/Consciousness, participates in Divine Creation; this *hypostatic union* causes all soul/substance to be present *in and through* Divine Presence. Thus, we are to each other, in the Communion of Faith/Hope/Love, the revelation of The Divine, the Grace-bonding of Christ-Sacrament.

But in the real world this experience is often more expectation than fact. Renewed hope, however, is kindled in the birth of the new and the passing of the old. Every child born is a "Christ of Second Coming". So also, the hope of a new millennium. At the end of the Twentieth Century and the beginning of the Twenty-First we should ask, "What end and what new beginning might we hope for? My answer is, "an end to *the patrimony of absolutism* and a beginning of new openness". The patrimony of absolutism is an inheritance of patriarchy. It isn't enough to be accusatory of patriarchy; but because of its power to "originate sin", it needs to be named in the specific.

in the solid foundation of cosmic truths; the conscious experience of transformational necessity (genetically remembered) is the source of intellectual truth (wisdom). *Truth then, is revealed in the "essential continuity" of cosmic relationships.* Authentic faith is in constant dialogue with cosmic necessity so as to keep informed in truth's revelation as it is expressed in the transformational fulfillment of cosmic potentials. St. Anselm's truism, "fides quaerens intellectum", expresses faith's reliance on the intellect. The dogmatic reversal (*intellect depending on faith*) of St. Anselm's dialogic sense is the error of "fideism", ill-begotten in the Tridentine zeal to dominate.

Word-made-flesh is the personal "proceeding of trinity" in space/time. The "Chalcedon principle" (see Brown's Gustavo Gutierrez, pp 152 & 153) of *distinct but not separate* (regarding the human/divine person of Jesus) may apply to personified trinity, in the process of communication (faith), consciousness (hope) and conscience (love); the distinction of *process in person* characterizes the "Christos", that is, *Sacra Ment*, the mystery of divinity enfleshed by/in *word-awareness-work*. "Nature's liberation" is a faith-filled *process of communication*; "personal/social liberation" is a hope-filled *process of consciousness*; and "full communion" ("*cum-munio*", gift/burden-sharing) is a love-filled *process of conscience*. These are *three levels of a single complex process of meaning/working* that is at once natural, divine, individual, social and universal. *Full communion* includes the conscious elements of *profound gratitude* to past life (quantum cosmology), *profound sensitivity* to present life (quantum metaphysics) and *profound responsibility* to future life (quantum theology); *conscience/love* is the motivation of fidelity in past/present/future life. Living that is motivated in gratitude/sensitivity/responsibility is "ethical" and fulfilling because it grounds in a correctly informed/informing consciousness of right and wrong that authenticates and secures the *transcendent* (essential continuity) in natural/personal/social relationships.

As Christians, it is our deepheld belief that Earthlife is *God-joined*, and that human *becoming* "communes" with the divine. *Communion* is the bonding of substance/consciousness, of matter/spirit, of body/soul, of the secular/religious. The bondings of communion are qualified by "standing", that is, by the complexity of *substances* involved. Substance-complexity (nature) is spiritual/material; and to quote St. John of Damascus a final time, "God is a sea of infinite substance". The word *substance* is from two Latin words, "sub" meaning *under*, and "stantia" meaning *standing* (from "stare", *to stand*). Thus, substance means *understanding*. The compound word

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1. Ecopriesthood.

Grace supposes nature—but nature also supposes grace for nature's efficient complexity is nurture's grace. Thus, the *Sacraments of Nature* are also the *Sacraments of Nurture* for in their continuity (soul/substance) they are together transformational Nature. The separation of Nature (substance) from Nurture (soul) causes priesthood to be ineffectual for it is made to be schizophrenic, i.e., cleaved from its continuity ground. Because the priesthood of Nature is also the priesthood of Grace, the matter/spirit schism disturbs Nature and Grace, and frustrates priesthood by dividing substance from (soul) intention.

By reason of their essential connection, a discussion of *priesthood* necessarily implies *Sacrament* for priesthood pertains to Sacrament's ministry. Sacrament is substance/soul unity in work and word, in nature and nurture. In body/mind, every human is an agent of work and word, of nature and nurture, of Sacrament. *Natural Call* to personal priesthood, in work (nature) and word (nurture), speaks to each person from within. In the transformational process of authentic priesthood, individual/communal consciousness vitalizes personal call—the genesis of *reason-based* relationships (religion).

You and I and all the living are the coherent organism embodying the conscious bond between Heaven and Earth. We are *cosmically produced* "cells" holding the *essential continuities* of past finities and linking them with finities yet to come. Inherent in the "subjectivities" of all present life is the singular coherent necessity now conscious in spirituality—the necessity of securing the essential bridges between Heaven (the *soul realm* of consciousness) and Earth (the *substance realm* of organic inherency/coherency). A bit-moment in the space/time continuum, we are individually integrated coherencies, home-sites on the internet; we are essential synapses, strand-connected webs working Earth's intelligence. As such, we possess universal intuitions that are prompted by signals triggering network responses to particular events. *Process-transformation is sacrament/sacrifice*. As "priesthood" in Creation, *human consciousness* cannot be fully effective in its conscionable work except it is *soulfully/substantively* informed—tuned to Creation's Scripture and practiced in Creation's Theology.

"Creation Theology" is perhaps appropriately defined as "conscionable wisdom's reflective word self-expressed in the soul/substance of Earthlife". *Universe-based* relationships are the faith-bases substantiating all conscious certainty (epistemology); they are the hope-bases exemplifying the conscionable expressions of informed

past, and the future to the present—the point of "quantum poetics", which reveals life-roots (in the transformational Universe's past) responsible for the "economy of grace" in the present.

The conscious presence of individuality is a *continuity* residing *essentially* in the phylogenic personality and incarnated in the ontogenic personality. Conscious experience insists on the reasonability and the credibility of resurrection, recapitulation, not of person disconnected from the Creator, but of conscious person growing in the ever-renewed Self-Expression of Creation. The revelations of resurrections happen in God's time/place, in God's ways.

In the confidence of Trinity, I invite you to pray with me and to open yourself to divine openness:

"O Divine Life *inspiring* me, You give consciousness and motivation to all life, and You leave Inspiration open in all Creation. I believe that my life witnesses Life's *inspiring* Resurrection, and, that my faith, my hope, my love add a breath to the common airs of Faith, Hope and Love, for I know that the inherency of Grace's Inspiration in personal actions *inspires* Social Conscience.

"I believe in, and I expect to continue with Jesus forever in Divine Participation. If Resurrection is not a True Revelation of the Divine in Creation, then, Faith is an absurdity and Life is dead-ended.

"I believe in the Resurrection of the Body and Life Ever-lasting. I seek not vainly to impose on Your Openness the closed expectation of having this, my present mind/body subjectivity fixed in a time-place of my speculation, for I am aware that the transformational moment of my day is but a moment-of-Truth in Earth's day. In the certainty of this Faith I entrust my eternity to the Future of Open Wisdom. Amen.

When Jesus asked Peter a third time, "Do you love me?", Peter was chagrined because he realized that Jesus was telling him that his love was too small. Jesus made it clear that even as God loves unconditionally he expects his followers to be without precondition in theirs. Total openness should apply in our expectations for this and for future life. In faith we know that God is trustworthy; in hope we know that our faithful living has lasting effects. *The matter of importance in our living is unconditional love for God, for one another, for love alone remains.* If we would be faithful in our openness to God we will shed all pretense, for pretense is a snakeskin too small for wisdom. By living unpretentiously we become *living bread*—the sustainable virtue of Earthsoul—the transubstantiation of the human into the divine.

Faith counsels with the intellect in order to secure its certitude

purity of Soul, deep within our Earthheart. It is in the one-room school of personal heart, uncomplicated, singular-minded, that we need to put ourselves if we would hear God's clear word and discern the light that opens "the heart of the rose". The human misconception that transfers human needs onto a God disjoined from the human is a gratuitous exercise, for the Word of God is humanly present and always speaks originally within consciousness. The problem is that we fail to hear. Without interruption God speaks, God reveals. In God's moment-by-moment Word personal subjectivity expands in *objective* (authentic) character, but only when the aware voice reverberates harmony with God's. Personal diligence in bringing individual word in harmony with the divine gives substance to personal action and empowers conscience with light that directs our feet on the Way of Truth.

God's Presence is at every instance/instant superabundant in its sufficiency. We have no need for more of God than Divine Presence brings us moment-by-moment. Too much we trouble ourselves with an excess of speculation that clutters the urgency of the moment. Conscience is in the decision of the moment. The prompting of conscience gives true direction to life. *If only we would hear*. Our secured path is laid open. *If only we would seek*. The truth is patent within us. *If only we would open ourselves to it*.

It is inherent in Nature and in Life to be driven spiritually (virtually) from within to *resurrect*. While personal destiny in "resurrection" is a certainty as sure as any certainty can be, the characterizations of future life remain inaccessible to human knowing. *Consciousness* is an integrating dynamism of the communication process. Reflex/reflective consciousness is an experiential complex that redirects *ideationally/actually* the occurrences of probabilities. In transforming the possible into the real, the observer functions in an *agency-role*, that is, the observer qualifies the observed and *changes the contingent reality*. To deny the personal agency in the *redirection of continuity* is to deny reality, *is to deny subject/object identification*. Standing in the way of this reality is fundamentalism, absolutism, whose dogma of centrism usurps the conscient agency-role (choice) of the individual person. Individually, we cannot deny our *personal participation* in transformational reality. We cannot put our conscionable obligation upon another, whether institution or individual; personal consciousness necessarily defines that part of reality that registers in the life of the individual. Responsive to observation, personal choice/action sets in motion changes, for better, for worse, that redirect the dynamisms of everything in range. For good or for ill, the present is heir to the cumulative

consciousness; they are the love-bases authenticating personal and formal relationships (religion). Ignorance of the transformational continuity of all Creation, of *universe-based* relationships, is ignorance of authentic spirituality/theology. Ignorance stands in the way of authentic faith, hope and love; arrogance vitiates them. Ignorance of the quantum-relative transformations occurring in all soul/substance causes distortions from a true sense of theology. The dogmatic prosecution of a flawed theology misinforms the consciousness of faith, hope and love, and advances a pseudo-religious edification that is freighted with absurdity.

Universe-Intelligence is the inclusive wisdom of all life and consciousness; this *cosmically informed reason* inheres in all quantum-relationships and keeps coherent the conscionable, self-expressive unity. Cosmic conscience precludes human arrogance from claiming either superior competency or divine election by which any subject, male or female, can presume to be divinely sanctioned to exclude or absolve one another from Universal Priesthood in service (altruism), in exemplification (sacrament) and in stewardship (conscience)—*stewardship* in the sense of *being house* (altar) and *people* (gift); quite to the contrary, Creation's *essential continuity* obliges in conscience every individual, male and female, to the Universal Priesthood of nurturing familial relationships in faith, hope and love. *In soul/substance everyone is called to be a participant in sacrament/sacrifice—is called to be the gift and the altar*. Discriminative alienation from the common obligations of worship causes personal exclusion and disconnection from the worship that God expects of all. Worship is not a male/female thing. The sin of the patriarchal (rabbinic) usurpation of priesthood closes "the doors of truth to those who would enter".

Each person, as a continuing recapitulation of the authentic Ecospiritual Self, is a "priest" graced to participate in time in the self-fulfilling, conscionable work of sustaining Heaven's and Earth's essential collaboration. Perpetually, it is the obligation of life in the present, in soul and in substance, to carry forward and to enhance the treasures of the past for all future comers. We are all *joined agents* in this cosmic ecosystem, subjects not objects, serving, exemplifying and stewarding therein our personal portion of Universal Faith, of Self-Revealing Hope and of Self-Perfecting Love. In living faith, hope and love, we image Trinity God. Each person is a vessel of grace voicing Life's call—in word and work—ecospirit/matter's missionaries/priests. The whole body suffers when even a single cell fails in its unity task. The grace of the individual enhances the grace of the whole, so don't underestimate your personal grace and your own call to priesthood.

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SPLASHPOINT.

The Big Bang Still Resonates
And Impacts Consciousness,
Still Unsettles Habits Of Dogma Set Fantasy
Wired In An Antiquarian Instinct.
Sound Waves Pound Relentlessly
And Reduce Quantum Megaliths
To Grains Of Sand.

Now We Know That Not Even Sun,
Much Less Earth
Is The Stillpoint Of Beginning
Or The Splashpoint Of Cosmic End;
That Not Even Humans,
Much Less Males
Are The Stillpoint Of Beginning
Or The Splashpoint Of Life's End.

Wave Interpretations,
Of Stillpoint, Of Splashpoint,
Continue To Be Resisted By The Anachrous
Minds Of Man-Instituted Religion.

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 Its Soul To You."*

AFTERWORD

History must record the 20th Century as a time of *armageddon*. The hope is waxing that the Third Christian Millennium may hold the beginning to the end of the "patriarchal kingdom". Cultural obsession with rigid orthodoxies has erected *walls of separation*, and modern technology has positioned canons on them that threaten global survivability. The Third Millennium invites *apocalypse* (conscious openness to light's revelation in quantum reality) and the rejection of "apocalypticism". *Apocalypticism* is apocalypse absolutized—a fixation on endtime catastrophe—also called "millenarism" because people panic at the millennium's end fearing that the endtime has arrived. Apocalypse is a consciousness; a consciousness is an insight advanced on process-thought, upon which, in turn, new thoughts and new consciousness are predicated. A new consciousness is but another rung on the ladder of spiritual ascendancy, not an end in itself. Theology, informed in quantum insight, is rightly a consciousness of "Earth Divinity", an awareness-process (genesis) of God revealed in the small, in the quiet, in the *micro-soft*, in the *softer side* of the rock, in *new windows* on infinity—in the *essential continuities* of commonlife.

Not in the storm. Not in arrogant thunder. Not in the silver glitter of neon temples. But! In the quiet! In the gentle grass unsheathing its non-threatening blade! In the flower holding its beauty until the seed's time! In the grain surrendering its flour to the loaf! In grapes pouring their liqueur into the glass! In the new-born! God's transubstantial communion, imminent and immanent (transcendent), is personal—and conscience rises to its personal potential when exercised in eucharistic authenticity.

With eyes on the *signs of the times*, I require of myself an answer to the question, "*episcopal dogma or conscience?*" It's not that dogma is mistaken, but that generally it is loaded with a centrist, institutional agendum that eventually aggravates havoc. In the act of dogmatizing, truth suffers the confinement of exclusionary words. Conscience requires truth in bite-size, not in the harsh pointdensity of gravid dogma. Quantum-truth expects the conscionable expression of faith, in personal bits, not in galaxy-sized abstractions that are beyond the vernacular of cybernetic living. Bite-sized truth (subjectivity) is with consequence on the personal turf, where, in coming to conscience, the individual heart finds place and peace.

In the personal cave of our own deep self the echo of God's Word reverberates. All the signals of the Cosmic Mind sound in the

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THE MIDDLE WAY.
(Nirvana.)

In Full Light And In Full Darkness
I Walk Among Those Who By Day
Wear Dark Gear And By Night,
White. I Walk The Wavefield Rim
Confidently Avoiding Stumble Stones,
Realistically Assured Of My Own
Being's Cosmic Origin From Celestial
Rock Of Being, Seed Of Sacred Stock,
Whether Volcanically Or By Meteor Cast;
The Rubric Humors Gestating The Crater Bowl
Are Alive, The Same As I,
And No Less Conscious.

Still, Everyman's Life-Quest Is No Quiet
Search For The Holy Grail's Meaning,
For The *Lapis Exilis* Revealing
The Source Of Faith-Drink
Satisfying To Soul-Thirst;
It Is A Rocky Road Except Personal Self
Seeks Truth In The Self Of Other.

Phenomenal And Noumenal Experience
Shape The Crux Of Ambivalent Existence;
Self-Realization, Bridging The Joys Of Existence
Over The Terrors Of Experience,
Is Achieved Only By Great Jihad.
Personal Terror May Escape Global Perception,
But Global Terror Is Avoided By No Person!
Static At The Rim Can Be Deafening.

CAESAR'S COIN.

Coins Show Two Faces:
Arrogance And Ignorance;
Flippant Heads And Tails.

NOVEL GOD.

Experienced Truth
Prints Her Story In Live Flesh
And In Scriptured Myths.

TREE OF LIFE.

"Dead" Is Thought Of As "Being-Not-Alive",
As Matter-Absent-Spirit.
But All Substance Possesses "Spirit".
Alive Or Dead, Even Tree Is Bread
Giving Soul To Living Soil.

The Dying Of Tree/Man/God Is
Cross-Transforming-Oneness,
Is Intimacy Releasing Common Soul.
Quarks And Living Leptons Of Tree/Man/God
Transfigure Inseparable Sacrament.

Truth Perpetually Resurrects, Transfigures,
Returns And Resolves The Passionate
Affirmation Of Life-Symmetries,
Being's Surrender To Creation,
To Sacrifice, To Eucharistic Oneness
Bonded And Binding Separateness,
Ultimately Disallowing Separateness' Will
To Reject Oneness' Will, Eventhough,
The Fullness Of Oneness Relies
On The Originality Of Separateness.

Their Coming To Completeness
Is By Interdependent Process.
Bliss Is Harmonic Consciousness Of This Reality;
Is The Surrender Of Personal Incompetence
To Communitarian Competence, And
Holding Communitarian Incompetence
Accountable To Personal Competence.

BEYOND MUMMYMINDS.

The Layered Linens Of Belief Are Authentic
Only If They Are The Real Fabric
Constituting *Essential Continuity*.
Sacrament And Trinity Are Live Linen
Constituting The Fabric Of Continuous Reality,
Not As Represented
In The Swaddled Mindsets Of Anachrous Authoritarians,
But, As Illumined By Nature
Experienced And Possessed Today.
Resurrection
Breaks Free Of Mind-Prisons And Bodywraps,
And So Should The Hands Of The Priest.

THE SWINEHERD'S FATE.
(Mk 5: 1-20)

Rome's Imperial Religion
Quartered In Decapolis
Commands Its Legion
To Tithe The Land Until The Day
That God's Anger Comes To Life
In The Last Grass Blade.
Decapolis' Sins Are Ten Horns
On The Fiery Dragon
Blasting All Greenery.
Against The Flaming Furnace
The Last Straw Stands Up
And Stampedes The Rooting Pigs
To Their Fate In Poisonous Lakes.
The Future For Pigs And Us
Is Read In Flaming Appetites
And In Pits Of Precipitous Death.

RELIGIOUS WAR.

"*Arma Virumque Cano.*"
In The Traditional
Telling Of Every Culture's Story,
The Righteousness Of War
And Religious Dogma Are Inseparably Linked.
Forever, War And Religion
Have Shared Equal Billing.

Wars Would Not Be
Except For Religious Sanction.
The Mind-Warped Title "Civil"
Is Often Given To Wars
Fought To Settle Conflicting Dogmata.
The Prevailing Sanction Of Social Violence
Is Proof Of War's Religious Sanction,
For War Is The Extension Of Lived Violence.

The Personal Sanctioning Of Violence
Registers Interpersonally
In Discrimination And Exploitation;
These Come To Enjoy Officially
Coinage And Commerce
In Social Institutions.
The Sanction Of Discrimination Is Found
In The Exploitation Of People;
The Sanction Of Exploitation Is Found
In The Abuse Of Resources
For Personal Profiteering
—Greed—

In These Is The Justification Of War.
Thus, Women And Earth Alike
Are The First Victims Of Violence
And Religious War.

THE BORN-AGAIN PEOPLE.

Jesus' words to Nicodemus speak to the irreversibility of transformation in the Cosmic Womb. The *nine months' treadle of fabric weave* will abide its changes in the final outcome of birth. Once born, one does not return to the womb. Earthlife's legacy is from Divine Parentage—the Sacred Unity. As children born to the Sacred Unam/Unum, our abiding legacy is spiritual eventhough time-qualified in subjective substance. Female/male, we are heir to the Covenant Promise of Second Coming. Faith/Hope/Love abide in the Covenant Laws of Essential Continuity—the certainty of Newness, of Creative Personality ever revealing infinity in the time-continuum. The Promise of Second Coming is the Revelation of Objective/Subjective Identity—the Identity of Spirit/Matter (Soul/Body) in Beatific Procession. The Conscionable Task of a personal lifetime is the Trinitarian Commission to partake in the fulfilling process of Faith/Hope/Love—to **Exemplify the Word** to the world.

LEO STARES DOWN ORION.
Precession 10,450 B.C.

Twelve Millennia Before Copernicus
A People Endowed With Cosmic Wisdom
Knew The Dimensions Of Global Earth.
In The Star Constellations' Movements
They Read Earth's Measure
And Transcribed It
On Egyptian Sands For All To Read.
Within A Step Of Earth's Eastern Horizon
Orion Descends The Sky.
On The Day Of Vernal Equinox
The Monolithic Lion Sphinx
Ponders From His/Her Sand Place
The Position Of Virgo Yielding
To Leo. The Pyramids Of Giza
Record Orion's Belt Location
On The Day The Lion Eyed Him.
Sobrii Estote Et Vigilate!

THIRD THEOGENESIS

BEATIFIC VISION.

In Perpetual Passage,
The Body's Symbionts
Within Transparent Cells
Are Doing Altruistic Service
Without Thought
Or Expectation Of Recognition
Or Reward
By Pretentious Bureaucracies
In Their Pompous Halls,
And, Are Not Pre-empted From Doing
What Must Be Done;

Grassroots Groups,
Basic Communities,
People, Twos And Threes,
In God's Name Oblivious To All Else
But Recognizing Immediate Needs
And Obeying Creation's Laws,
Accomplish The Kingdom's Coming
Unperceived
By The Body Whole,
Except Curiously,
When Correcting Misdirection.

In Creation's Quiet Processes
Real And Personal God
Is Richly Experienced.

RECONCILING OPPOSITES.

Sanity's Coming To Equivalency
Is The Natural Balance Between Poles.
But Drugged By The Exploitative Culture,
The Evenhandedness Of Brain Halves
Is Split Between The
Brodingnagian And The Lilliputian.

Personal Conscience

Quality Is Mind's Determination In Matter
To Preserve Diversification And Keep
Relationships Open To Creativity; Quantum Overload
Deadens Imagination's Determination.

In Profligate Presumption On Providence, Humans
Now Massively Choose, As A Matter Of Course,
The Mortal Sin Of Sacrilege. They Trash
Parental Home And Tear Its Doors From Their Hinges,
Hastening The Day Of Last Supper.

The Celebration Of The Fulfilled Life Is Balanced
Feast Of Bread And Wine,
Not Overload Depression, Nor Vacuous Elation.
Informed Judgment Recognizes When
Critical Mass Tips The Quantum
In Moral And Mortal Imbalance.

SOUL OF THEOLOGY.

The *Within* And The *Without* Of Word
Is Flesh Transubstantiating.
Conscious Truth In Person,
Specific, Not Generic,
Is An Arrow In Motion,
Whose Target Is Time-Framed Living
In Flesh Transubstantiating.

Bureaucracy Is Generic
And Ineffective Certainly
In The Specific, For, It Attends Only
The Time-Stopped Frames Of Truth
Whose Trajectory Pierces Through Fixation.
Revelation Is Frustrated When Truth In-Transit
Is Fixed In Time-Stopped Frames.

Authority In Truth
Is Authenticity In Personal Living,
Not Bureaucracy,
No Matter Its Claim Of Magisterium.

THIRD THEOGENESIS

The Esoteric Grounding Of Male Speculation
Is Sounding Brass And Tinkling Symbols,
Destructive Of Life
Except Made Sensible
To The Better Intuitions In The Everyday
Living Of Everyday People.

Celebrating Mass Is Woman's Power,
Notwithstanding
The Male-Theft Of Female Lightning.
Except For *Maria's* Invocation
Wine Remains Merely Water
And Grains Do Not Make Bread,
And Life's Table Remains Unset.

It Is Overdue That The Institutional
Paranoia Of Celibate Males
Should Stop Obscuring
The Priesthood That Is Universal.

QUANTUM MASS?

The Excessively Successful Human,
A Singular Quantum-Species,
Massively Monocultures The Realm Of Diverse Other.
The *Quantum* At Both Extremes
Is A Mortal Threat To Life.

Excess Quantum Attendance And Quantum Absence
May Be Equivalent Sin Of The Same Mortal Effect.
The Fissioned Meltdown Of Diversity
Is The Weighted Effect Of The Imploded Quantum!
The Mortal Sin Of Exploding Numbers!

On The Other Hand,
Too Little Of Qualified Quantum
Allows Its Dilution And Even Deletion
By The Greater Concentration Of Other.

Personal Conscience

IN TIME, TRUTH.

Ultimate Truth Is
Process Of Eternity,
Time-Reconciled.

HETERODOXY VS ORTHODOXY.

Consistency Is A Virtue
Except When Carried Too Far.
Except For The Bits Of Onion And Bacon,
The Consistency Of Pea-Soup,
Too Thick With Sameness,
Is Too Stiff For Many To Stomach.

Natural Wisdom Tells That Virtue
Is Found Not At The Extremes
But In The Middle Ground;
The Extreme *Ens Rationis* Of Celibacy
Cults The Denial Of This Truth, For
In Practice The Professional Cleric
Claims Celibacy The Nobler Call.
This May Be True
But For Reasons Other Than Given.

From The Roots Of Virtual Divisions
Mental Distinctions Widen The Chasms
In The Fragmented Soil Of Fictional Ground.
But The Connection Of Mind In True Relationship
Prevents Mental Breakdowns And Schisms.

The Presumptive Radicalism Of Clerics
Has Alienated *The People* From The Professional
And Has Set *The People* Poles Apart
From The Institute Of The Church Confessional;
The Orthodoxy Of Heterodoxy Tells That
The Healing Tides Of Nurture In Earthwomb
Wells In The Womanly Heart.

THIRD THEOGENESIS

RESURRECTION PROCLAIMED.

MC²
Metaphysica,
The WORD Expressed,
Proceeds From Antecedent
E
Physica,
The WORD Behind The Word!
The Eternal Claim Is That Plurality,
Whatever Its Diversity,
Whatever Its Symmetry,
Is To Singularity, Reducible.

Spirit Is Matter;
Matter Is Spirit.
Soul And Body Is Unity.
Personally,
We Possess The Presence Of Divinity
Forever Arising
In Revelations Of New Truth.

This Is The Good News
Of Jesus' Telling:
*"I And The Father Are ONE,
Even As Parent And Child Are."
Life's Legacy Abides Female/Male Unity.
All Things Uplift The Good!*

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.

Personal Conscience

A PRIESTLY PEOPLE.

Beyond Bread And Wine, Tribulation
Affords The Opportunity Of Transfiguration,
The Greater Enlightenment Of Conjoined Matters,
Of Symmetries Transubstantiated.
Divine Attraction In Harmonic Soul
Transforms Water/Air/Land Into Diverse
Resurrections—Trinity's Work—Of Light
Transfiguring Living Shapes.
Consciousness Divines Spiritual/Physical Imaging,
And Sparks Conscience
At The Crossroads Of Ascendency/Descendency.
The Edification Of Jesus' Choosing Is Spiritual
Structuring That Binds All Creation
In Interdependency; His Claim Is Spiritual!
The Radiance Of Numinal Creation
That Motivates Conscious Symbioses In The Careful
Partaking Of All Serving Relationships!
The Edifice Of Stone Church,
Cold To The Nurture Of Nature,
Is Not Of Jesus' Doing.
The Nurture Of A Consciousness
That Perpetually Resurrects Personal Conscience
Is The Function Of Purposeful Priesthood,
The Dedicated Partnership Of All
Divine Relationship.

CONSECRATION.

Not By The Will Of Males
But By The Will Of Females
Speak The Flowers Of Life,
Virgin Grass The Voice Of Virgin Grain,

The Fruit Of Virgin Birth!
The Crushed Endosperm Flour Of Only
Female Body,
The Bread Of Life Now Transubstantiates
Soul With Divine Voice.

Of The White-Bearded Authoritarian's
Syncopated Habit Of Excluding Women
—A Tired, Monotonous Mindset,
A Male Convenience And Excuse
Justifying Domination,
Prostitution And Child Abuse,
Wasting The Worth Of Woman And Earth.

God Is Faith, Living Process,
The Ground Of All Being/Becoming,
Of All Revealed Diversity And Potential
Infinitely Transubstantiating
In The Process Of Trinity;

God Is Hope, The Amplification Of Mind
In Complexified Matter—
Female/Male Enlightenment Of Word,
Enfleshed Not Made;

God Is Love, The Affirmation Of Womanhood
In Manhood, Of Motherhood In Fatherhood,
Of Priesthood In Parenthood,
Of Sacrament In Nature, Of Creator In Creation,
A Consciousness Still Unread, Still Unsaid.

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 A New Rain.

2. Habituated Patriarchy.

From the first centuries of Christianity it was the determination of bishops that, collectively, they could determine conscience for the people. Ever since, personal conscience has been compromised. Even now, after centuries of exercising "choice" for the people, institutional Catholicism remains as committed as ever to its dogma and to its intention of making "decisions of conscience" for the people. This policy of episcopal control over public conscience causes institutional religion to function as a polarizing agent, for in enforcing its claimed *dogma of inerrancy* over personal conscience it *excommunicates* from the Church's Body those who are unable to surrender personal decisions of conscience to the Church. Perhaps the gravest consequence of conscience-control is too subtle to be generally appreciated, which is, that in the habituated surrender of personal choice to institutional, the people is practiced in equating "conscience" with *obedience to the institution*, and is unpracticed in forming personal conscience; this very surrender of conscience (blind obedience to authority) was the defense used in trial by perpetrators of crimes against humanity during the time of the Holocaust. Personal intelligence cannot abandon personal conscience to others without consequence. In demanding such surrender Church is itself unconscionable; even in its claim of authority over personal conscience, Church behaves presumptively. Church's obligation is to honesty—to truth *in substance*—to help others come to informed consciousness. The abuse of trust is always a sin of terrible proportion, but especially, if done by Church in God's Name!

The Church/State presumption of absolute "objectivity" and the self-claim of absolute authority have been too facile; and on the evidence of history, these appropriations of conscience have caused grave and unjustifiable violence. (Ayn Rand, novelist and philosopher of *subjectivity*, is a healthy antidote to Hegel's and Marx's totalitarian, absolutist philosophy/theology of *objectivity*.)

The suppression of personal choice (institutional control of conscience) evolved out of the Old Testament "original sin" scripture; St. Augustine's theology supported hierarchical patriarchy, the antidote to the Adamic heritage of original sin.

Early Christianity was not in a friendly environment. In the first 200 years after Jesus' time theological chaos existed as Christianity sought to find its identity outside Judaism. Belief in Jesus as the promised messiah caused Christianity to part with traditional Judaism, nevertheless, Judaic scripture and tradition informed Christianity. But, not all scriptures informed Christianity unambiguously.

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Contemporaneously, the Church was being institutionalized. The early bishops, following the lead of Irenaeus, were discriminate in canonizing those scriptures that served the institutionalizing of Jesus' legacy. Irenaeus included the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in his *orthodox* canon of scriptures; excluded were other contemporary scriptures which Bishop Irenaeus dismissed as being "full of blasphemy". Not favored were gospels less institutionally purposeful and open more to personal self-direction, to personal conscience and to the acquisition of self-knowledge. These encouraged people to live more independently of Church-sanctioned orthodoxy.

The ferment of ideas stirred up by early Christianity produced an eclectic complex of scriptural interpretations. Irenaeus was greatly troubled by their profusion which frustrated institutional orderliness, and he diligently sought to rein in "haeresies" by clarifying "orthodox" faith-understandings. Irenaeus became a first *father of the Church*, a first Church patriarch (after Judaic modeling) in a long tradition that would follow. In the hard-wired tradition of patriarchy, Irenaeus meant to assert paternal control over his family; while his demanding patriarchism is understandable, it is arguably more consistent with Judaic orthodoxy than with Jesus' teaching and example. By no stretch of the imagination can Jesus be called an "institutional" person; it seems totally wrongminded to attribute to Jesus the intention of establishing an hierarchical Church after the likes of institutional Judaism and/or Rome. The inspiration for this is found in Judaic/Roman politics.

Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus (Tertullian c 155-220) was a Roman of Irenaeus' time, practiced in law, who was especially regarded for his classic skill in writing Latin. Tertullian lived in Carthage and converted to Christianity. Irenaeus sought out Tertullian in his campaign to quash the confusion of open ideas (heresies) in favor of institutional orthodoxy. (Even to this day various theological theses of Tertullian are used to support official definitions of Church orthodoxy, including the dogma of papal/collegial infallibility.) Irenaeus originated and formulated the Church's institutional position that when a consensus of bishops agree on matters of Christian belief, the position enjoys divine sanction and the faithful is obliged to suppress its own judgment; *on faith, unquestioned*, the layperson's conscience is expected to conform to and to accept episcopal decision.

The acceptance of institutional decision over personal conscience, requires of the faithful a "blind" acceptance (based on faith not on reason) of institutional authority. *What this means is that faith requires the suppression of personal reason/conscience to institutional.* The practiced habit of this proscription against the lay person's exer-

Personal Conscience

FOOTWASHING.

From A Sympathetic View Above
I Witness Divine Love
At The Hands Of Rome's Bishop,
In White Bending, Washing
From Pilgrim Feet
Dust Of Earthope Clinging,

And I Wonder
If Any Amount Of Footwashing
By God's Gardener
Can Vicariously Amend
Eden's Rocky Turf Littered
By The Bureaucratic Abuse Of Rome's
Footdragging.

A NEW DAY.

Credit Pope John Paul II,
The Anointed Successor To 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.

DEITY.

The Persistently Cultured Notion Of God,
In The Least, Is A Self-Massaging
Distortion Of Males,
A Partial Truth At Best, And At Worst,
The Imposition Of A Lie
On Women And Youth

5. Living The Word.

While the pursuit of knowledge is an all-important life-quest, what is even more important is the *edification of heart*, the clear sense of difference between right and wrong, and the authenticity of self-esteem that chooses right over wrong. The glow of personal authenticity is life-warming *sunshine*. The *disposition of heart* owns happiness, radiates authenticity more than does "book learning", important as it is.

There can be no doubt that the most compelling accomplishments in life are more from the disposition of heart practiced in the altruism of love than from encyclopaedic knowledge. As a matter of fact, accumulated learning becomes a power of greater harm when it is joined to a self-serving and obsessive personality. Intelligence without conscience is a social disaster in process—this is as true institutionally as it is personally. When commonlife altruism is missing from action, the action is inauthentic as are words. Even necessary actions taken in self-interest must be with regard for other interest.

For all the positive things I've tried to say, and the seemingly negative which I've felt compelled to say, I realize that except the witness of my personal life exemplifies the content of my words, I am only so much hollow brass and vacuous noise. So I have made no attempt to hide the life I have lived or the works in life that I have pursued. I allow that my personal life is an open book. In opening "my book" I realize that to a certain extent I open also the lifebooks of those dearest to me. For this intrusion I apologize. I believe, however, that they have less cause for embarrassment than I, for I continue to be the beneficiary of their exemplary altruism which I prize as a very special grace.

I have been especially blessed in the persons of my immediate family, and in the extended families of Church and religious congregations, all of whom have been solicitous for my upbringing and education and deserve credit for the positives in my life.

My conscience has compelled me to write. How well informed my conscience is, based on my work and words, is yet to be determined. I leave that determination in the hand and mind of God, personified in you, the reader. Whether you agree or disagree with my words, pursue your own conscience diligently, and above all other be faithful to it, even as phylogenic conscience is a life-force anticipating you and script in you. On the continuity of sustainable authenticity depends future life's fabric. Do your authentic best to secure the weave and keep it from fraying.

cise of reason/conscience still obtains, notwithstanding the now official Church position which puts the primacy of personal conscience above all other judgment. Institutional arrogance departs radically from Jesus' exemplification and teaching of faith, hope and love; historically cultured is a "trinity" of *nationalism* (racism, ethnicism), *chosenism and sexism*—and in absolutism's *idolatry*, church and state corporately collaborate. Especially pernicious to common wellbeing is the mind of institutional arrogance which aggressively proselytizes others to it. The cultural *worship* of absolutism is alive and well.

To put this conflict in a modern context: in his book *Politics in the Purple Kingdom; the Derailment of Vatican II*, George A. Schlichte, the former rector of the Pope John XXIII Seminary, Weston, MA, tells of a confrontation he had with his superior, Cardinal Cushing; rhetorically the Cardinal asked him "what is conscience?" which he (the Cardinal) answered by saying that for him conscience is obedience to Church authority, doing what the institution says—as believed also the holocaust agents. Institutional Church's ambivalence toward the many crises of social/ecological degradation, toward non-sustainable human predation and absolutist moralizing on personal conscience-issues, causes Church leadership to come off as disconnected from the times and disrespectful of personal authenticity; *thus, it shouldn't come as a surprise that it isn't just "radical" feminists who have lost faith in radical clericalism, but the greater Catholic population as well.*

Roman Catholicism is stranded on its canons of "flat earth", on a linear-powered institution; in it the laity is anaesthetized to function as host to hierarchical feeders. The People has been habituated to be hearers only of the word, not doers; now, after Vatican II, The People is being asked to be the doer. Without "leitios ergon" (people-work), Church institution is a hollow shell. In order for the symbiotic graces of multivalency to function effectively against parasitic monovalency, lay passivity must give way to lay activity, and dogma must yield to the exercise of personal conscience. Working a change isn't easy because it runs counter to church tradition.

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TINTINNABULATION.

Bell Ringing Earthspeak
Tolls Soil Toiling Up The Ladder
Of DNA Rungs.

TIANANMEN TANK.

The Experience Of Standing Alone
Against A Phalanx Of Tanks
Isn't Foreign To Me.

TIANANMEN SQUARE.

The Minotaur Consciousness Of The Plodding
Brute-In-Process, Half Beast, Half Man,
Is The Dialog Of Animal Instinct
With Human Intuition,
Awareness Becoming Informed.

In The Deep Dialogue Of Neural Complexity
Animal Sense Reaches For Reflectivity,
The Power Of Human Person
To Reflect Self-Consciously,
To Judge Consciently,
A Self-Perfecting Power Possessing Trinity
That Chooses To Live By The Option Of Love
Above The Compulsions Of Brute Instincts,
Above Patriarchy.

Man, Know That You Cannot
Serve God And Mammon.
The Pursuit Of Domination Is Brute Instinct,
But, The Pursuit Of Accommodation In Love
Is Divine Distinction.
Domination Destroys Divine Instinct
And Trashes Earth's China Closet.

Personal Conscience

Is The Culture Of Sameness
Also The Preferred Religious Mindset?
Does Church Or State Deserve Greater Credit
For Culturally Cloned Sameness?
For The Hybrid Monocultures
Deluging Other Species?
Well, This Pee-Wee Piggy,
Pen In Hand,
Thanks God Almighty
That He Is Finding His Way Home.

The Pig That *Went To Market*
Is The Witless One Who Willingly Follows
Only What Another Allows.
The Pig That *Stayed Home*
Is The Complacent One, The Pea
That Fits Too Fitly The Pod
And Avoids The Unsettling Risks Of Leaving It.
And Who Are We To Call Strange The Pig
That *Had Roast Beef?*
The Pig That *Had None*
Suffers The Lot Of Everyone
Shallow-Penned In The Wallow
Cynicism Of Self-Adulation.
And Isn't The Pig With The Best Sense
The Last
Who Laughed *All The Way Home?*

BREAD SPREAD.

Commercial Plastic Depiction
Artfully Attempted On Slices Of Life,
Like Peanut Butter Temptingly
Spread On Bread—
My Brains And Feelings Are Relish
For All To Try Who Wish.

THIRD THEOGENESIS

Youth, Be Aware Of Self-Advantaged Deceptions!
Any Ship Can Wreck On Hard Rock Idols
And On Rolling Stones.
My Deceits Also I Consign To This Caveat.

ATONEMENT.

In Tune With Earthsoul
Personal Thanks Are Required For Borrowed
Substances, And Willingness
To Return Them In Time.
Minding Humans Embrace With Certainty
At-One-Ment With Body In Recognition Of Being
Possessed Of Common Soul/Substance
Perpetually Resurrecting Into New
Living Symmetries Following Dissolutions.

AS PEAS IN A POD.

"*Pigs Are Smart,*" I'm Told.
"*That's Fine,*" I Allow.
But Then, I Wonder Why
They End Up In An Abattoir?
Another Curiosity,
If Perhaps Other Pea-Laws Of Genetics
Were Overlooked By The Monk Mendel,
Pesters Me; For After All,
Peas In A Pod Are "Green" Pigs
Intended For Market.
Only In Nursery Rhymes Do Pigs
Escape Market Predestiny.
In My Ear I Hear The Probing Wind
Demand: "*Where Have All The Species Gone?*"
And I Ask Myself, "*By What Cultured Mindset*
Is Every Pig, Every Pea Made To Be
One Just Like The Other?"
I Answer That Multi-National Prostitution
Is Motive For Species' Destitution.

Personal Conscience

CLOSED CONSCIOUSNESS.

The Disguises Of Many-Faced Violence
Deceive More Than People Recognize,
For, Its Closed Fences
Are More Labyrinthine Than Realized.
The Gunny Garb Of Koresh's Last Cult
Differs Not From Cults Long Past.
The Judgmental Attitude Of Dogma-Convinced
Cult Is Habituated Ego-Culture.
From Habituated Dogma
Came Claim Of *Divine Right*
Vested In Grand Knights Of The Church
And In The Regents Of States.
Their Pretenses Ignore
That All Life Is Weave Of Common Fabric,
No Matter How Cleverly Cut;
Its Vitality Is Common Mortality,
Common Fallibility,
Whether Shouldered By King,
Pope Or Commoner.

The Cult Of The Extreme Left Or Right
Is The Pilfering Of Heaven's Lightning.
A Cult's Empty Claim Of Superior Light
Is Really The Wizardly Dark Of Lucifer.
Divine Jesus Carefully Avoided Politicizing Power,
Unlike Dogmatized Church Now Brassing
Divine Claim In His Name.
The Teeth Of Arrogated Power
Are Dogs' Teeth Scavenging
Crumbs From The Fatted
Tables Of The Churchdoms
Bared To Serve Their Bureaucracies.
Arrogance Consciously Exercised,
On The Complacent Belief Of Divine Sanction,
Boldly Engages Raw Power
Intent On Breaking Commoners' Backs
And Shedding Commoner Blood.
Racked And Disjointed From Hinge-post,

THIRD THEOGENESIS

Peoplegrace Is Poisoned And Fettered,
And Its Throw-Away Bodies
Are Stacked And Readied On Tinder Pyre
For Burning. Incendiary Mind,
As Surely As Tongues Of Flame,
Consumes. Peopleblood
Subjugated In Prisoncage
Becomes At Dungeongate
A Cardinal Flood.
The Work Of People Of Every Age
Is To Save Divinity And Humanity
From Cult-ivators.

The Judgment Of Commonsense
Thrives On The Reality
That Sacrament And Trinity
Are Ever Open And Belong
Not To One Time Or To One Cult,
But To All Time, To All Culture.
The Full Flower Of Shared Power
Is Allowed
In The Practice Of This Awareness.
It Is No Surprise
That Lust For Power
Not Only Denies People Access To God
Within, But Also Imprisons Them
By Close Of Mind From Without.

IDOLATRY.

Objectified Obsession
Is A Collectivized Mindset Of Self-Abuse
Imprisoning People In A Fraudulent Religion
That is Rationalized On Elitist Pretenses
Whose Groundings Are 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 Finitude Of Changing Symmetries.

Personal Conscience

ARROGANCE.

How Do Humans Dare To Arrogate Unto Themselves
Divinity That They Deny The Rest Of Creation!
Still They Dare The Religious Presumption
That Their Soul/Substance Does Not
Derive From The Same Symmetries
As The Nonliving.
Relying On Their Assumed Arrogance
They Presume To Derogate And Abuse
The "*Nonliving*" Stuff Of Mother Earth.
And In Their Self-Idolatry, They Deface,
Pollute And Waste Her Very Person
As Well As Their Very Own.
What A Thoughtless And Thankless Sacrilege!
Except Humans Hallow God's Kingdom,
Their Own Is Without God's Blessing.

MONOLITHS.

Arrogant Stone Cannot Presume On God
Or Nature,
No Matter The Authoritarians
Who Condone And Claim In God's Name
Superiority Over Other.

Grave And Pompous Stone Markers
Are Powerless To Appropriate Authority
Over Nature. Mendacious Monoliths,
Whether On Graves
Or On The Shores Of Easter Island, Or In Berlin,
In China Or Rome, Must Yield Their
Prisoners And Acknowledge
That Individual Spirit Is Free At Last
To Be Angel Or Devil—And So
In Fact Is All Matter Of Dust—And Must Yield
Their Pride To These Truths.
Our Suffering Is Presumption's Hard Justice.
The Deceits Of Self-Arrogation *Resurrect*
From The Trade Worship Of Temple Merchants.

THIRD THEOGENESIS

PARENT PAIN.

Life-Experiences
Reveal The Oxymoron To Prevail
Perhaps More Than Expected;
Also In Parenting.
Pain And Pleasure Often
Are Indistinct And Not Far Away,
Nor Are Ambiguities. For Example,
The Child's Personal Independence;
When It Corresponds
To Preconceived Parental Dependency
It Is Given Joyfully,
But Grudgingly,
When Perceived To Diverge.

SEXIST PSYCHE.

The Cold Masculine
Is A Church Preferred Polarity
That Substitutes Institutional Celibacy
As The Homosexual State God-Chosen
Over The Heterosexual,
Warm Feminine.

DIVINE PSYCHIATRY.

A Presence Of Healing That Is Real
Is God-Promised In People-Presence
That Is Real.
When Words Of Love Are Poured,
Healing Elixir Is Experienced
In Soul And Body.
With Confidence We Can Speak To
The Healing Presence Of Others:
"Say But The Word And I Shall Be Healed."
Love Is Power In "Word Behind The Word",
And Communication Is Nocuous In Its Absence.

Personal Conscience

OPERATION RESCUE.

Rescuing Religion
Is An Honest Ambition
As Well As Sloganeered Activism.
By The Hyper-Charge Of Electrical Potential,
Wave-Field Opponents Occupying Space
Between Opposing Poles Ignite
And Confligate This Middle Estate
And Turn Wellbeing Into Ash.

Cool Minds Need To Dampen
The Mindless Havoc Of Hot Heads.
The Polarized Wars Of People
Pitting Opposites Against The Middle
Have Nothing To Do With Religion
Whose Timeless Pursuits Are Transformations
That Work Out Relationships
With A Profound Respect For Life.
Choosing Violence Neither Respects
Nor Rescues Life.

True Religion Must Disallow
Personal Conscience From Embracing
The Naked Pretense Of Masked Violence.
True Religion Realizes That Even
The "Holy Wars" Of Science And Religion,
Waged Between The Divisions Of Faith
And Knowledge Are Misinformed
And Faithless.

NO APOLOGY.

I Wonder Myself
Why My Style Became So
Crossly Didactic.

TURF BATTLES.

God Is No Absentee Landlord.
Nor Am I Owner Or Owned.
The Absentee Lord Has Neither
Conscience Nor Competence
To Equate Other With Self.
The Kingdom We Own Is
Personally Informed Faithlife,
Conscience.

Conscionable Responsibility
Is Personally Subjective,
A Property Right
Belonging To The Ontogenic Self.
Conscience Reveals The Truth
That We Have No Exclusive Right
To Any Part Of Earth,
But That We Have Inclusive Right
To All Of Earth.

Who Preaches An Absentee God
Preaches A Religion Of Alienation.
The Culture Of Absentee Ownership
Is An Alienating, Idolatrous Culture
For It Intends
To Alienate Gain From Earth And
To Appropriate Earthgain To Self.

The Fulfilled Self Is No Absentee Lord,
Rather, Is Person
Dynamically Structured By Every Cell
From And In The Earthlife Continuum.
The Self Of Every Person Is Aging
Growth Of Continuous, Ageless Cosmos.
Human Inheritance Identifies
With Transformational Earth,
Not Just For A Lifetime,
But,
For Ever!

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 Beast.

Playing The Field
Cuts Two Ways For The Flashy Green Blades
Grazing The Grassy Glades:
Every New Harvest Is Yield
Of The Dying Seed.

DISTRACTED.
(During The Rosary.)

Though My Lips Are Dutifully Mumbling
"Holy Marys," My Mind, Less Humbling,
Resists Tedium-Drone's Repetitious Numbing:
Perseverating Sound
Practiced In The Persevering
Habit Of Personal Belief,
Duty-Conformed
To Church Authority Self-Informed
To Claim Divine Appointment
In The Taught
Regimenting Of The Unappointed Thought.

Holy Mother Of God! Forgive Our Vacuity!

THIRD THEOGENESIS

The Superficial Cells Of Earth Face,
Though Intervened By Space,
Sense Unitary Consciousness,
The Community Of Live-Creation,
Which Over Time Preceded And Produced
The Present.

Confined Within The Crystal
Orbits Of Spheres, Earth
Holds Special Place Amongst Her Peers.
And We, The Living Feature Of Her Face,
Cannot Pretend To Be Conscionable
In Reproducing The Sustainable Tradition
Into Which We Are Born
—The Consequences Tell On Us!
Lately I Have Come To Appreciate
That The Labyrinthan Complexity Of Earth
Requires Individual Travel
Into The Many Overlapping Circles
In Which The Closed Perimeter Of One
Magnetically Binds To The Many Others,
And Which Opens Possibilities,
Not Just For Me Alone,
But For The Many Other Living Beings,
Vegetal As Well As Animal,
Who Though Individual, Socialize With Me
And Constitute Earth's Conscious,
Vibrating Nervous System, The Seamless
Life-Lace Of Parallel Safety Net
Veiling The Face And Features Of Mother Earth.

The Chaos Of Levity
Is Circumferentially Contained By The Elastic
Embrace Of Female Gravity.
Cell By Cell, The Cultured Peel,
The Cheek And Face Of Mother Grows,
Decays And Cosmetically Overlays
Predecessor Complexities,
Themselves Too Simplistic To Satisfy
The Gravity Of Successor Complexities.

Personal Conscience

Knowledge Of True Self
Is Cosmic Consciousness
That What We Gain
We Gain For Earth,
And, That We Gain For Self
When We Gain For Earth;
When We Diminish Earthlife For Self-Gain,
We Diminish Self.
Personal Coming To Phylogenetic Sense
Is By Conscious Insight,
Not By Decree Of Might Or Right.

The Faith I Profess Is This:
*My Mind/Body Arises
From Network Earthlife Which Claims
My Beginning And Reclaims My Ending.*

If I Would Be True To My Self
I Must Know That My First
And Ultimate Life-Concern Is Earth.
In Earth-Concern Is True
Concern For Personal Self.
I Am Obligated To Abhor
The Idolatry Of Absentee Lordship
Which Alienates
Self-Concern From Earth-Concern.

My Personal Self Alone Is Turf
That My Consciousness Can Claim.
I Am A Self-Continuum Of Earth-Life
Even As Every Self
Is An Earthlife Continuum.
My Personal Conscience
Obliges My Consciousness
Not To Objectify, But To Subjectify,
To Commit Conscionally
To Make Social Earth's Concern
My Priority Concern.

When Possessions Obsess Us
We Come To Disintegrate In Poisonous Lakes.

MISS MILTON MUFFET.

As Virginia Woolf Believes
Woman Is Inspired No Less Than Man
By The Photon's Spotted Glimmer
Through The Leaves Of Milton's
Favorite Mulberry Tree.
Nor Can Beadle Dismiss This Miss
From Cosmic-Cambridge Library.

ZAPPING MICROCHIPS.

Twelvevolt Religion
In Millivolt System Smokes
Communication.

SCHOLASTICISM NOW.

Monolithic Mind,
Entombed In Literal, Biblical Scripture,
Is Unreasonable Persistence
In An Unseasonal Insistence;

It Is A Chlorotic Pathology
Mushroomed Faintly After The Dark
Tunnel Vision Of The Pre-Copernican
Fiction's Hardrock Cosmology.

Truth Is Colorlessly Locked
In An Underground Womb
Away From The Parallel Light
Aboveground,
And Is Exposed Only
To Serially Filtered Illumination
Steep-Stepped In Domination
At The Hierarchical Entrance
To The Tomb.

In Dream Awareness
My Personal Consciousness Enters
The World Of Computergraphic Craziness,
And From Moon-Footing Views
Space-Floating Earth,
A Psychedelic Sphere Colorfully Transforming
The Brilliances Of Spectrally Conformed
Wavelengths Impinging Her Skin.
Freely, I Come And Go In Earth's Atmosphere
Which Sustains Her Living Face.
I Sense Myself A Privileged
Cell Of Cambial Expansion Composing
Substantive Solar Bytes In My Skin-Skein,
Qualified By The Interactive
Processing Of Photon-Captured Electrons;
Symmetry's New Greening Depends On
The Crystal Sphere Of Atmosphere To Filter Out
The Malignancy Of Hyper-Active Light.
No One Wants
To Be A Carcinoma On Mamma's Face.

Every High Of Earth Land
And Every Low Of Earth Sea
Is Feature Of Seamless Life.
Instant By Instant, Cell By Cell,
Earth's Culture-Peeling Stretches
To Accommodate The Pregnant
Wombs Of Complexified Additions.
Earthmother's Sensitive Intelligibility
Identifies With Individual Experience,
Which, If Separated Is Lost To Conscious Earth
Whose Personality Is The Joined Generations
Of The Old Brought Forward In New Beginnings;
New Beginnings Are The Phase-Out Of Old Endings
Which Characterize The Continuity Of Content
And Meaning Carried In
The Stretch-Marks Of Circle Overlaying Circle
Defined By Nerve-Sensitive Peripheries
Containing The Many
Weaves Of Diversified Beings.

THIRD THEOGENESIS

CULTURESPHERES.

Awareness Probes Inwardly/Outwardly.
Still Attached To Placental Home
My Within Perceives Itself Carrier Of Earth,
Past And Future.

Lifting On Roll Of Moontide,
My Without Explores The Encompassing
Spheres Of Crystal Womb,
Event Horizons Harboring Moons
From Whose Viewpoint I Scope
With Kinetic Eye
Earth's Culturespheres,
Whose Living Limits I Anticipate
To Escape By Spiritual Trip.
But For Now I Am Content To Travel
The Complexities Of Culture Circles.

From Horizon To Horizon,
I See So Many Purgatorial Wheels,
*Schmidtean** Circles Loose In Space,
Tumbling, Bumping, Turning,
Converging Upon A Common Center
And Forming The Earthsphere,
A Round, Living Face With Ever
Changing Surface,
Mock-Orange, Quince And Lime.
This Fruiting Globe,
Unlike The Bark Of The Tree,
Leaves Naked Its Cambium.
Vibrant Brain Cells Retain In Memory
Life-Dynamics, The Internal Reactions
To External Actions,
And Send Out Nerve Gangles
—Radii Connecting Center To Surface—
That Harmonize Earth's Hot-Heart
With The Waves Of Solar Insistence.

* E Brandewie, "When Giants Walked the Earth: The Life and Times of Wilhelm Schmidt." Copyright 1990 Anthropos Institute V., University Press, Fribourg, Switzerland.

Personal Conscience

Overdue Is Time For Telling True
The Untold
—That The Closed Mold
Of The Male-Mind Must Forsake
Its Parasitic Existence
And Embrace The Symbiotic.

POLARITY.

Religion's Preferred Vision
Premised On Genetic Sin
Presumes The Conviction Of Personal Self
Alone *Against* The World,
Rather Than One *With* It.
This Cultured Alienation Of The Personal Self
Sets The Individual At Odds With Creation
And With The Truthful Realization
That The Ambivalence Of Polarity
Harmonizes The Engagements Of Personal
Symmetries In Matter
As The Consequence Of Disengagements.

The Religiously Expected
Healing Of Schizophrenia
Is Rather On The Truthful
Premise Of Symbioses
Than On Self-Destructive Catabioses,
As The Evidence Of History Testifies.
The Fulfillment Of The Kingdom
Is On Grounds Of Essential Harmony,
And Not On The Denial Of Naturally
Graced Harmony,
As The Theology Of Original Sin Speculates.

Real Sin Is The Choice
To Dwell In Negative Catabioses
Rather Than In Positive Symbioses,
Real Virtue, *Sacra Mens*,
The Soul Of Love
That Harmonizes Self-Realization
In The Realization Of All Interdependent Life.

THIRD THEOGENESIS

SOURCE OF ALL EVIL.

From Pride: Judgmentalism.
From Judgmentalism: Absolutism.
From Absolutism: Fundamentalism.
From Fundamentalism: Intolerance.

From Intolerance: Insensitivity.
From Insensitivity: Violence.
From Violence: Triumphalism.

The Pretentious Culture Of Professionalism,
Under Whatever Guise,
Is The Sanctioned Practice Of Pride
That Perniciously Infects
The Soul Of Individual And Community.

Pride,
The Affirmation And Insistence
Of Self Righteous Insight,
Is The Root Of All Avoidable
Injustice And Injury.

SCHOOLED TO FLEECE.

Scholastic Sheepskin,
Woolly Dogma Diploma,
Hides The Hungry Wolf.

DEMYTHING.

Conscience Separates
The Cream Of Truth From The Milk
Of Experience.

Personal Conscience

JESUS AT TWELVE.

Parents Take Pride In The Twinkling Joys
Sparkling The Eye-Wells Of Twelve-Year-Old Boys
And Girls Who Become Women Knowing Pains,
That Only A Mother Knows, And Tears,
Collected From Her Two Rivers—
Their Flows Filling Each A Separate Reservoir;
Emotion/Intelligence Channels
Flow Steady Against The Pain-Jabs Of Strain
Brash Against The Reasoned
Task Of Grasping Reality.
The Vision Of Jesus In The Temple, At Twelve,
Looks Beyond The Panic Of Frantic Parents
To The Sense Of Infinity Calling To Him
Urgently And Personally
To Open The Narrows Of Minds
And To Return To Life-Hardened Men,
Cultured In Stone-Carved Rigidity,
Youthful Wisdom Known Only
To Children At Twelve.
Even Now, Jesus' Open Sense
Wows The Temple Teachers.
Personal Passion "For My Father's Business"
Is Counter-Cultural Call Open To Children
To Shock Adults Into A Conscious Sense Of Duty
To Keep The Lessons Of Wisdom's Possibility Open
And To Avoid Stone-Walling The Future With Woes
Closed In The Narrows Of Megalithic Impossibility.
Ambiguous Gain Is Punctuated
With Soul-Piercing Pain,
As Every Mother Knows.

Research suggests that by the age of thirteen the human brain may already have differentiated its neural patterning so as to be less open to dedicated cortical expansion yet available at the age of twelve; it evidences that because of neural plasticity, *a child may be most lastingly educable before twelve years of age.*

Reference: E. Taub et al., "Increased Cortical Representation of the Fingers of the Left Hand of String Players". *SCIENCE*. The Journal of the American Association of Science. Vol 270, pp 305-307, 13 October 1995.

is profoundly the essential subject/object of education. To disconnect religion (conscionable relationship) from its wholistic place in education is to disconnect life from its essential connections; to cast religion in a narrow ideology that serves some overt/covert, institutional agendum is particularly harmful to personal and common wellbeing. The professional agenda must always be purposeful in authenticating personal self-worth and communal wellbeing.

It is perhaps the most serious business of society to facilitate the family in enabling every child to become both a *learner for life and an educator for life*. Any person who would aspire to the public service of being an educator needs to demonstrate not just the personal competence of acquired knowledge, but perhaps more importantly, a competence in role-modeling, namely, modeling love for learning and living that authenticates and reinforces teaching. *For better, for worse, more teaching is done in the classroom by how and what a teacher does, than by what (s)he says*. This is especially true in the primary and secondary classrooms.

It is the experience of age-old pedagogy that up to the age of twelve, *a training most purposeful to cognition and to later facility in cognitive skills is the training of memory*, for neural electron activity processes in the practiced function of electron-routings having an *ex opere operato* outcome (practiced redundancy). As neural pathways are forming they are by memory-use being purposefully directed in learning patterns of cognitive mechanics. Pattern-processing is naturally imprinted in neural networking; information processing is greatly facilitated when children are early practiced in pattern-learning even as neural "homeboxes" develop. Memory exercise does not discount the importance of concurrent exercises in critical thinking and manipulative experience, rather, it is an invaluable aid to them.

A teacher who is incompetent in motivation and in manner is not a person who should be put before impressionable children. The obligation of the school administration is to the children, to their families and to social wellbeing. The duty of school administrators is to hold the school system (teachers) publicly accountable in its (their) educational services (of which, *for-profit* sports are a lesser component *at best*, if not misguided), which includes providing for all students equal learning opportunity in the whole spectrum of human experience. In the category of an anti-social agendum deserving mention is the bully role of teachers' unions in intimidating school administrators from firing incompetent teachers. If teacher unions were as zealous in improving teacher competency as they are in preserving tenure for incompetents, they would deserve commendation.

3. Failed Leadership.

When the consciousness of truth originates in presumptions of reality that are mistaken in the facts, then, "truth" is a deceived consciousness. When "truth" is exposed as a deception, encapsulated in millennia of cultured memes, then, culture must, in order to recover its authenticity, change its knowledge-base by modifying the beliefs and practices advanced on errors; if it neglects to do so, it will be exposed as a culture that *toys with truth* and flippantly disregards the substance of truth. People will distrust the institutions of traditional culture and will struggle on their own to accommodate consciousness and conscience. This seems to state the predicament of global societies today, including churches.

When leadership premises its authority on a worldview that the world views as absurd, the authority of leadership is itself judged absurd. This seems to be an indictment that is increasingly being directed toward patriarchal Christianity which rationalizes its authority on an Earth/human-centered cosmology, a metaphysics speculated on gross *appearances* and a theology of male-arrogated theocracy.

Leadership can lead effectively *only when the informational bases of its authority are accepted by those who are being led*. Followers will not follow when they do not "buy-in" to the leadership's logic. A way of life held out, not on the "substance of truth" but on misinformed "perceptions of truth", will inevitably be discovered for its misdirection.

Catholic distrust of Rome is not without reason, for, people sense a hierarchical conspiracy that favors Tridentine authoritarianism in papal appointments of bishops. The insistency of leadership in cultured misperception is a sin that causes the public to lose faith in leadership. In this day and age the public, though perhaps timorous, is not stupid with respect to many of the things that Church leadership still clings to. By its failure to accommodate to new knowledge-bases the Church is destroying its own credibility; it is, in effect, *excommunicating itself* from The People. Social collapse is eventually inevitable in a culture that clings to "*make-believe*". Public cynicism seems to be increasingly directed towards Western society's political, legal and religious institutions, surely, for what the public perceives to be breaches of faith. While the point may be argued, what is true is that some of Western society's root presumptions are misinformed and misdirective and need to be discarded and replaced—centrism and absolutism, to mention two.

Cosmic transformations, including the dynamisms motivating

life, are resourced in the thermodynamism of cosmic continuity—a self-perfecting complexity whose "graces" are parceled through the cybernetic channels of multivalent bondings, and not, through some top-down, linear hierarchy of monovalency. The dynamics of personal conscience are part of this multivalency which on a moment-by-moment basis imposes on individual intelligence the personal responsibility of making informed choices. Conscience is not the judgmental dogma of an out-of-its-time patriarchal institution that severs soul from substance, the spiritual from the material, the religious from the secular, femininity from divinity, women from leadership/priesthood. What's wrong with dogma is not that it does not contain some important truth, but that its truth is stricured absolutely in a way that violates other equally important truths. Truth comes to be betrayed in hidden agenda. Its been said that a "heresy is a truth pushed too far". The *trivialization of religious truth* results from corporate absolutizing/dogmatizing. In our times, the myopic orthodoxies of "radical" clericalism (and to a lesser extent, of "radical" feminism) press the hurtful turmoil of "truths" monovalently pushed to uncompromising extremes.

No matter where it happens, the trivializing of truth is with profound consequence—now globally evident in the sociological and ecological crises prevailing. The vital continuity of cosmic interconnectedness, intervened by profound insult, is now threatened in ways that "independent" populations have not previously experienced or anticipated. This fact impacts all societies and radically changes life's imperatives. What is needed now is a transformed consciousness of substantive truth from the transformational worldview rather than from flat-earth view that continues to affirm centrist *make-believe*.

SOCIAL DISINTEGRATION.

From Misinformed Communication:
Misinformed Consciousness.

From Misinformed Consciousness:
Misdirected Conscience.

From Misdirected Conscience:
Inauthentic Conduct.

From Inauthentic Conduct:
Personal And Social Disintegration.

4. Teaching The Word

Teaching is the "*Call of the Word*", whose authentic motivation is a *consciousness of love* that seeks to empower the young to grow into a purposeful life of self-activation. Teaching is a natural, parental instinct giving communal purpose to family. Learning enhances personal/social security. Taking actions without anticipation of outcomes is chancey and foolhardy for such unreflected action is likely to have more bad consequences than good; acting in ignorance increases risks. Willful ignorance is an unhealthy complacency of risky living; living life without a continuing effort to become informed is foolishness. Willful disinterest in learning is a personally deadening dullness, a complacency that is satisfied with personal ignorance and dullness. Love of learning comes naturally when lovingly cultivated in a child's early years. The neglect of not imparting a love for learning handicaps children for their lifetimes.

The sin of ignorance has a component of arrogance; the culture of "professionalism" is too often a mask for ignorance. *Professionalism* is associated with the isolation of knowledge; often it is a preoccupation with a narrow field of interest that disconnects its specialty from an wholistic context. By such disconnect professionalism may become a polarity used for self-serving purposes that not only do not serve common wellbeing but work against it. *Professionals in law, in religion* have not escaped this deception, this arrogance, this sin.

Because "to teach" is a common intuitional call—the Sacrament of Word—teaching is more than a profession, it is an obliging, personal lifetime task. A teacher's masking of a self-serving agendum in the teaching profession frustrates education's altruistic purpose of "the wellbeing of other"—a preoccupation with the profession is damaging when teaching and the child's wellbeing are secondary to it. Children are cheated and society is burdened with citizens who are products of neglect. Misplaced priorities by educators is a culpable wrong which society cannot countenance—notwithstanding teachers' unions which protect licensed but incompetent "professionals".

As much training should be required of public educators in the areas of personal authenticity, and competency in civility, as in curricular proficiencies (clerical mechanics). No matter what the profession, competence in clerical duty is not the greater virtue, the *exemplification* of personal conscience, common decency and courtesy to children are; when practiced conscience underpins the professional mission, so much the better for all.

"Religion", that is, *the informed consciousness of relationship*,

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, To Self-Aggrandize.

Original Sacrament Is Truth,
Is Economic Word,
Begotten Not Made,
Vitality's Enlightenment Of Matter's Mind.
Every Conscionable Speaker Is "Priest."

MALEVOLENCE.

In The Clandestine
And Open Sanction Of Violence
Against Individual And Social Person,
The Consumptive Male Look,
The Exploitive Tailhook,
Ship-Shaped Men
Oversexed In The Fleet
Exercise Of Male-Imagined Games,
Give Vent To Their Hyped Appetites.

Biblical Toughness Invites
The Excision Of Scandalous Members.
The Out-Of-Character, Nightmarish Stuff,
In-Your-Face Marine Machismo,
Is In Consummate Bad Taste!
As, For Example, Raucous Males
Exultively Extolling The Prodigious Phallus
Dispensing Tooth-Paste.
Society Obviously Does Well
To Excise
Decadent Idolatry
From Public Sanction.

THE TILLER.

Relentlessly The Inchoate Tug Of Chaos
Plows Nondescript Soil And Turns Fertile
Possibility Into Transcriptive Reality.

Gone Now Is
The Deepcold Hardness Of Snowflakes
Sledding Earthen Lakes
And Come Is The Intemperate
Time Of Stealth Ships On Stealing Trips
Sailing Fogcloud Wealth.
The Space And Place Of Prized Liquid
Is Bluegreen Plasma, And I,
Like An Only God Apart From It, Observe
Creativity In The Fleshly
Tillered Sod And Sea.
My Experience Is Observation Of The Fulfilled
Imagination Happening
To Expected Speculations.

As I Watch
The Tugboat Tiller Furrowing Deep
Channels Of Expectation In Liquid Black,
Unearthed Coal,
Bits Of Dark Text Incandesce And Illumine
The Swirling Mix That Marinates
The Insightful, New
Context Around Ferric Grains Bobbing
In Jello Brains, The Special
Plasmaplace For Barnacle Alphabits
To Attach Dangling Threadspun Feelers
In Search Of Hook And Eye Ploys Fixed
To Anchor Buoys On Which
To Permanently Knot Parallel Meshnets
Veiling The Dark Waters And Preserving
Religious Refuge For The Frantic Drifters
Undecided Whether To Settle
In Air, Water Or Soil.

THIRD THEOGENESIS

Deep Sky, Deep Water, Deep Soil
Compose The Sail-Weave
Billowing Deep-Self Becoming,
Notwithstanding,
The Sacrilegious Wake Of The Ambiguous
Experience Waived By The Monocultural
Exploitation Of Tilling Man
In His Exploitative Harvest Of Sky,
Water And Land.

TOLERANCE.

What More Than A Worn-Out Word Is "Love"?
Claim Of Possession And Profession Is A Lie
Unless Proven By Habituated Tolerance
Which Abhors Dogma's Mindless Assertion
Of Opposing Poles, And Shares Instead
The "Middle Estate" Of Exciting Ambivalency.

The Success Of Evolutionary Life
Sounds The Common Ground Of Tolerance,
Profession's Proof Of True Religion, Of True Love.
The Absence Of Tolerance Is The State Of War;
Its Presence Is A State Of Peace.

Symbiosis, By Its Own Consciousness,
Asserts The Necessity Of Even-Handedly
Affirming Other Even As Self,
Notwithstanding Differences.
The Violent Shall Inherit Self-Destruction;
The Meek, The Earth.
Self-Destructive Will Is Armageddon.
Other-Tolerant Will Is Apocalypse.

Personal Conscience

Life,
Standing In The Way Of Wargames,
Is So Much Fodder Feeding Hardware
In The Out-Of-Control
Paperchase Of Wildly Fictitious Software.
The Neural Imprint Of Nature's Trustful Drives
Is Lost To The Living.
The Macho-Fiction Of Virtual Reality
Devours The Real;
And In Their Lethal Games,
The Bigboys Can't Distinguish
One From The Other.

FACADES.

Heirs Are We All To Apparent Arrogance,
A Consummate Disgrace Disfiguring
Our Common Mother's Face.
Only The Personally Conscious
Disavowal Of This Genetic Defect's Working
Can Stop Patriarchical Domineering.

An Overlording Culture Prevails Over Children
That Swaddles Them
In Patriarchal Prejudice;
So It Is With Me.

In Spite Of Myself,
My Public Self Is Couched
In Religious Airs,
Scholastically Insensitive
To The Unconventional Character Of Real Self
Smothered Out-Of-Sight.

Dimly Mothered, Deep-Cave Light
Under The White-Wash
Coatings Of Others' Broad Brush
Still Evades My Searching.

THIRD THEOGENESIS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Over Judicial Benches
Hard-Grained Prosecutors
Hack Justice With Crosscut Saws
Toothed In The Letter Of The Law.

The Advocates Of Personal Greed Trade In Ill-Will
When They Wield Their Word-Weapons
And Cause Deep Wounding Of The Commonweal.
Against The Grain Of Common Sense
The Expert Massagers Of Words Work
Their Twisted Message Into Nuanced Verdicts.
In This They Are Enabled By Judicial Confidence
Confined To Literal Interpretation
And Not To The Sense Of Circumstance.

The Judicial Bench That Yields
To The Bent Of Lawyers
Who Wield And Warp Literal Law To Serve
The Exploit Of Public Wealth
For Themselves And For Bigtime Raptors
Is Made A Criminal Tool
Defacing The Public's Right And Interest.

The Scriptural Judgment,
Applicable Also In Civil Law, That
The "Letter Kills", But "The Word Gives Life",
Weighs Lightly With The Bar.

THUNDER THIEVES.

In These Latter Times
The Galloping Hooves Of Armageddon's Horsemen
Belong To Equestrians More Deceitful
Than The Gift-Bearing Greeks.
The Clack-Clatter Of Crawlers Rattles
To Chip-Jargoned Claptrap,
Pentagon Militarese
That Knows Not What It Does.

Personal Conscience

DEATH BY EXPLOITATION.

Of All Male Devices
The Scam Of Insurance Houses
Deserves To Be Despised Even More
Than The Scam Of Gambling Houses,
For, The Public Has Fair Warning
In Approaching The Latter,
But Is Deceived To Trust The Former.

This Fraud It Seems
Is The Sanctioned Scheme Of Public Institutions
That Cream The Honest Wages Of Honest People.
The Original Debtors,
By Quicker-Than-The-Eye Prestidigitation,
Finger A Fabricated Indebtedness
That Bankrupts The Original Creditors,
Who Are Then Chased Off Their Land.
Such A Perversion.

But That Isn't All!
To Compound Injury On Injury
Farmers Are Even Denied Their Customary
Mission On The Land They Still Cherish.
Social Contention Is Fomented
In The Adversary Games Of Economics,
Legalistic Religion And Politics.
And In This Violation Of The Temple
The Whole Living Edifice Is Violated.

The Commonsense And Nonsense Of Society
Eventually Surfaces.

One Prays That Little By Little
Conscience Comes To Be A Prevailing Power
And Influence Over Human Conduct,
Notwithstanding Institutional Odds Against It.
Can't We Learn History's Lesson
That Feudalized Land And Peonaged People
Are Contrary To Christian Living/Teaching?

THIRD THEOGENESIS

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.

PRESUMPTION.

Reasoned Conclusions Based
Not On Clear Knowledge But
On The *Seemingness* Of Things
Are Presumptions,
Speculated Beliefs.
The Informed Knowledge Of Facts, Of Truth,
Is Acquired Over Time With Experience,
And Proves Or Disproves Presumptions.

When A Presumption Is Proven Wrong
All Derived Presumptions Fall With It.
Too Often, However, Habits Of Presumption
Ignore Proofs Of Error
And Persist In Perpetuating
Their Damaging Consequences.

Religious Adherence
To Misinformed Speculation,
The Sin Of Presumption,
Puts God To The Test And Defrauds Faith.
The Consequence Of Defrauded Faith
Is *Easter Island*, Not Resurrection.

Personal Conscience

CHERNOBYL.

Already The Protesting Voices Are Silenced
By The Violence Of The Darkspirit, The Toxic
Retort Of Hell's Furnace That Billows An Ominous
Mushroom Cloud Over Whole Cities And Land,
Disrespectful Of Life,
Choking Body And Breath Of Whole Communities;
Pulpit Pretenses, Whether Of Church Or Of State,
Are Smoke-Screens Over Nakedness
That Hide The Conflagration Of The Unconstrained
Appetites Of Consumers
Consuming Each Other.

Prophets Are Fined And Consigned To Fuel
The Hell-Fires That Make Everybody Losers.
And Who Might Foretell The Resurrection
Attending Radioactive Ashes?
The Night Of Black Hole Assimilation
May Need To Pass Before The Coming Of Light.

HOOK AND EYE.

Warmly, In Tight-Wrapped Coat
The Mariner Holds Steady The Tiller
On The Storm-Driven Boat
And Keeps Dry Of Foot In Boots
Fastened With Hook-And-Eye.

Whether On Boots Or Coat,
The Hook-And-Eye Is A Practical Tool
Against The Weather; But, What's More,
Against The Cold Of Mental Block
Eye Collects Experience, And Memory
Hooks In Mind Hard-Earned, Useful Objects.

However, Except For The Moral Eye,
The Sometime Use Of The Hook, To Suspend
Carcasses, To Gaff The Sea-Catch, And
To Arm The Game-Cock, Is A Monstrous Evil.