

MY OWN PERSONAL EVOLUTION

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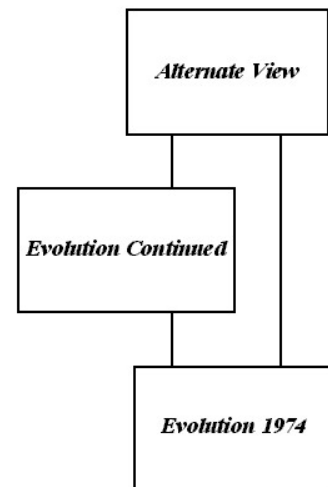
Evolution of a Mind (hereafter called *Evolution 1974*) and its sequel *Evolution of a Mind Continued* (hereafter called *Evolution Continued*) are gathered in one document for convenience. Many of the included writings have their genus in another work called *An Alternate View of Things* (hereafter called *Alternate View*), which was written between the two evolution portions. This is especially true of the *Evolution Continued* edition.

Today we are the inheritance of a vast celestial database of thoughts that have been created over time, since the first cognizant thought took shape. We recognize analyzed groupings or categorizations of thoughts as knowledge, while individual thoughts and the various knowledges¹ are utilized by life in every form or non-form according to need, interest, reach, intention, and retention.

The body of knowledge found in *Alternate View* may seem too esoteric in and of itself, but evidence of its application can be seen in phenomena of everyday life. The *Evolution Continued* writing makes a connection between ideas found in *Alternate View* and life, at minimum, on Earth. *Evolution 1974* is even further removed from the esoteric and more firmly rooted in the present, though it, too, could be traced back up through the chain of thought expressed in *Evolution Continued* and *Alternate View*. If one were to make a chart of greatest to least esotericism regarding this grouping of writings, it would look something like the following illustration.

Evolution Continued tends to elucidate the philosophies and thoughts portrayed in *Alternate View*, whereas *Evolution 1974* tends to depict or allegorize concepts expressed in either or both of the other two but in a more mundane fashion.

The three documents fit together as a three dimensional package, with the potential of enlightening a person or persons to a cosmic understanding not only of the evolution of my mind but also the evolution of those very things that are used by minds of all scopes, and processes by which those minds encounter and use thoughts. One also encounters various aspects, interpretations and musings about God in the writings. These should not be discounted whole cloth but should be read and understood for whatever gems of insight that can be mined.



Occasional fluff may be encountered in the writings. But even fluff can be profound when viewed by cosmically aware eyes and mind. Significance of mind-boggling nature is everywhere,

¹ English grammar and spelling must make allowance here for the fact that the extant set of “knowledge” for any one Being is not exactly the same as that possessed by others, and is determined by unique need, interest, reach, intention, and retention.

even in the simplest aspects of existence. Consequently, a mind can tune out all but the bare essentials if for no other reason than self-protection from being constantly overwhelmed. The problem comes when the mind becomes too good at this task, so that profound simplicity can no longer break through to the analyzing consciousness.

Perhaps the three books in this compilation will help pry such closed doors open, if only a little, to let in some of the profound and simple significance that embodies nothing less than Enlightenment itself.

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EVOLUTION OF A MIND

A compilation of Works and Narratives

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This compilation of works by the author
is dedicated to:

The living memory of Zephra Huc —
and to all I have ever loved and
ever will love.

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PRELUDE

Sing my story short and sing it loud
and Clear
For all the mortal sinners whose
ears beggin' hear.
The story I will tell ye didst happen
long ago
In a land ye ne'er heard of; in
Ether Land, ye know.

Now as I tell the story — a taller
tale by far —
Ye listen most intently for thee
the characters are.
For life's long road is bespeckled
with sin and tempting things
And lest ye fall their victims. . .
do see if true this rings.

NARRATIVE

Any man's story is more interesting than he or anyone else would likely believe. Often it is only the writer who can cast light upon his experiences. But whether artist or artisan, those who diligently seek beauty in other things are best able to detect beauty in themselves. Those who find beauty within themselves are most likely to acknowledge beauty in others.

QUESTION OF STANDARDS

Standards would be used?
Surely not those standards of the grocery lady
Down the street.
She is on trial too.
Surely not those standards set forth in the Bible.
Then all mankind would be put in an Institution.
Truly there are people who fail to conform to
Standards set forth by our civilization; but
No matter what mental inabilities or parabilities
Possess a person, notice that he finds a way to
Express himself.
If we don't understand his attempted expressions. . .
Then we fail to measure up to his standards and it
Is us who have mental inabilities.

NARRATIVE

This total work, more or less, shows an evolution in one particular person's way of thinking. The evolution is not stretched out in chronological order so that, in the end, one might "see where his head's at." Instead it is arranged in moods. Thus, as the evolution in thought is not complete, it won't be easy to see "where he is," making it difficult for him to "not be there" in the future.

Through evolution, one may change the view-points of some of his old ways of thinking. He doesn't necessarily think the old ways are wrong, but simply feels that they are not totally right for him any longer. It can be dangerous for one to get too totally 'hung up' in a particular way of thinking; with no possibility of change.

VIEWPOINT

The opinion of a man is often the Termination of his reasoning.

TO COMMUNICATE

A man creates, in his mind, a thought-pattern-system with its motive initiators and goal rationalizations through his life of mental and spiritual growth. However, what a man finds to be true about himself or right for himself, may not be right or true for another.

A mental and spiritual framework of some kind is there for him to come to a realization, and this framework of experience and imagination may be different or lacking in another. After a realization, if one wishes to convey it in a form comprehensible to another, attempt to convey the conditioning data which led one to the revelation. Do this in such a way that he can analytically retrace the steps one took. If, after doing this, he doesn't agree and sees things differently, the fact does not invalidate the original revelation or you. It was true for you and until you change your mind, it will remain so.

NARRATIVE

Civilizations and groups within civilizations often try to instill solid and immovable regulations on thinking. Political and religious forces often employ this through punishment and education. Sometimes the two forces work together and eventually attain global restrictions on thought.

Today, the people I meet, to a large extent, are locked in patterns of thought passed down through generations. Some of these patterns may be good, some may be bad, but the over-all factor I fear is the limiting of thought itself. If one cannot be free to think and discuss new concepts, ideas, and ideals, then just another curtain is placed between ape man and his inherent, free spiritual state. As this happens and as man recedes deeper into the trenches of controlled thought,

his sanity departs. Total sanity can only prevail when one KNOWS he 'IS' a spirit, and has those freedoms and attributes inherent to him.

DEEP AND WIDE

The Universe is an expanse of nothingness so vast that
The end of it is its beginning — the beginning its end.
Its boundaries are boundless and its limits are only
The limits of men's minds.

But what of the minds of men.
Are not the minds of men as vast?
And aren't their limits identical?
Man's mind is its own limit.

NARRATIVE

Can it be that some people put too much emphasis on
the Game here on Earth? Maybe we should seek a better
showing for our spiritual nature and its pitfalls and
attributes. Earth is Finite.

THE SPIDER

What difference makes the spider in the scheme of life?
Is his importance as great as his repugnance? Why came
he with the mortal man and yet not instead? The web of
the Spider is beautiful to behold but its deathtrap
snares all who behold. The Traps of Men ensnare, too.
Let the dogs of the world trample through the spider's
webs and let them trample the Seed of Man. What memory
would the world have of the two? The spider's web would
fall prey to time and the temples of men would be the
temples of Dog's.

A HUMANOID THOUGHT

The Fates they have a choice
Of those they send to Earth.
And it's not without thinking
They send two folks to birth.
So when two people match
And find each other's Grace,
The Fates have made their Tribute
And Man has found his Place.

A SPECIAL SMILE

A Special Song has Mother's Day-
A Song with strains of mirth;
Strains sung by flowers blooming,
By offspring given birth.
A Special Love has Mother's Day-
And thanks whose ranks are filled
With those for ancestors and Mothers dear
From posterity which they build.
A Special "Salute" on Mother's Day
With wine that's sweet and feast
For all the Mothers o'er the world -
Of fish, of plant, of beast.
But most of all on Mother's Day
A smile I give to you
To show the love I've always had
And respect I now Renew.

FROM A VAGABOND'S JOURNAL

As a man walks along the tracks day in, day out, he begins to picture what infinity must be like. He sees before him, as far as he can see, two tracks that go on and on forever. He sees behind him two tracks that go on and on forever.

As a man walks along the tracks day in, day out, he begins to picture what infinity must be like. He walks in the middle of a track that goes on infinitely before and after him.

As a man walks along the tracks day in, day out, he begins to picture what Life must be like. Each man, in his life, walks along his own track. Each step he takes makes what is behind him further away and what is ahead of him closer to being behind.

I like the tracks because a man almost always knows what is ahead of him, he can easily recall what was behind him, and when what's ahead is behind, it doesn't make that much difference.

NARRATIVE

A people in a nation can be made to go only so far against their will before a backlash occurs and those in power are unseated. In a pure democracy this transition can come about easily and peacefully without revolution. However, in other forms of government at this time known, evolution is only difficultly possible. In fact, one particular philosophy says that change can ONLY come about through revolution. This should give one an idea of what kind of government it proposes.

Today there are no pure democracies. Pure democracy has become subjected to vested interests and fixed patterns of thought to a point where a very limited range of change is possible.

TO GO AND GROW

America will exist in its fundamental state only as long as she fosters idealists. The United States will improve only if her idealists are not suppressed.

NARRATIVE

Recently a "peacetime war" took place which brought fierce tensions and contentions throughout the United States. The war, though starting in a pure state of idealism, eventually lost that idealism and this was replaced by a "principle." That principle was "we mustn't lose face." The war had nothing whatever to do with the political or territorial bounds of the United States and it lost the respect of Her people. During this time, idealists were suppressed and even shot. We very barely escaped a social and political juggernaut.

A DEED WAS DONE

The deed is done and, heirs, the people wait
 Back home where hearths are warm;
Sons of the Future are returning
 Back from a world of Hate.

Raise the flag and strike a merry note
 For those who have been afar;
Deck the Halls with laurels and trophies
 For on posterity's back we Wrote.

Shield the babe's eyes from his father's woe
 And cover his young ears to slander;
As the ships sail from the Apocalypse
 Whose role in Fate we know.

Bid farewell to the sweet life and society
 Whose tenets have shown such flaws;
Sing praises to the gods of lust and vice
 That the only Sin may be propriety.

Burn the cities whose environs kill the Soul
 And lay the foundations for misery;
Take up the carving knife and arm against your neighbor
 That his head might roll.

Deal harshly with the conservative man
 And do not tolerate the liberal;
Steal from the rich whose manners you despise
 But give to the poor whose baseness you cannot stand.

Herd those who number but a few
 Into "protected" areas beyond your home;
Thus, to make the world free of prejudice,
 See now what you must do?

Do all you can to pave the Road
 For the dauntless approach of the End;
Hate, hate, and hate once more to grow
 And from shoulders of responsibility drop the Load.

When the Finale comes to seek you out
 Let apathy transform you into a Zombie;
Cry innocence and ignorance of Fate—
 That emptiness might hear your shouts.

Then remember the day not too long ago
 When you stood by the ocean's crest;
A deed was done and the Sons of the Future returned
 Back from a world of Hate.

CRYING MAN

The crying man sees what the laughing man fears.

MY NAME IS JIMMY

My name is Jimmy and, though I am blind, I can sense that somewhere in this world, there are setting suns and beautiful butterflies. Not being able to hear I can only think and dream the sounds of a cable car or the jolly chuckling of the Kookaburra. Not being able to talk I can only think and ponder and rest and live all the fanciful things that are mine forever, locked in my imagination. With my mind, though I cannot walk, I can defeat Bobby Olsen in a quarter, I can swim the English Channel, fight John Dempsey and scale Mount Everest. I can walk with Moses as he climbs the mountain to talk to GOD and, yes, maybe I can even talk to GOD.

In my mind I have legs and arms and a nose to sniff the honeysuckle. I have hair that grows over my eyes and ears until my imaginary mother forces me to get it cut. Imagining still deeper I can almost feel my heart beating; beating. I can almost feel it jump when my lover walks into the room and looks at me with beautiful, sensual eyes—.

My name is Jimmy and I'm not sad. In my world there is no violence only love and the sweet things of life. There is no competition only a Utopian Symmetry that is in tune with the Universe. In my world I'm not shackled to the limited bounds of mother nature but can fly, swim, climb, fall, die, live, shoot through space and time or sink to the bottom of the ocean and there visit ancient Atlantis. In my world there is no sensual response, only a response to warm and true brotherhood and an intellectual eagerness to know and feel into other's minds.

My name is Jimmy and I never move. I sit in my corner and live in a universe I own. Though my physical life is confined to a small room — a mere hollow in the endless circle of infinity, my mind has mastered infinity and I am king of all.

My name is Jimmy and, though I've been programmed by my creators for great thing's, all the little things of life that are life sit beside me and keep me company and forbid me to be lonely.

TO MEASURE

The Greatest Measure of a man's Cosmic Wealth....

Is to detect a Universe outside Himself.

SOLID PATTERNS

Surely the stars in heaven know what some others fail to learn. They twinkle in unison and yet their individuality is apparent. Each one breaks through the blackness of ether and displays its own unique brilliance. Yet, as each is different and unique, each has gravitational effect on the other forming a web of affection.

A STORY

"Ah, to be loved!"

"But that I could find a nook into which to crawl. By what right do they have to hold contempt for me? I know they hold such! It is plain in their eyes and blatant in their mannerism.

"Here I sit, distraught and alone. Why do not my friends comfort me as I comfort them? Why do not they cheer me up as I cheer them? I laugh at their jokes and cry when e'er I see tears.

"A mystery, this, and haunts my dreams. My sleep forgets to come. I lay awake to slumber search but only emptiness find. Why am I doomed to such dismay? Will not my friends scurry hence with alms and leaves of palm? Such comfort does elude me!

"Do not their unloving eyes see when I do all they ask? Can they not observe when I defend all they do and believe all they do? Do I not scourge and disbelieve their enemies? Surely justice will prevail and wet their eyes with blistering sympathy for me!

"I am always there and yet am never seen. I cling to them but they do not hold out their hands. It is truly the evil works of the Fates who have spun me into this trap! It is truly the Devil's ambassador who hides me from their hearts!

"I do wish to find a clue—an inkling or a scrap of evidence which might point me to an answer.

"Alas!

"My soul is saved and my sorrow can vanish away!
Look yonder to where my friends approach. Ah, yes.
Truly they have been informed by a wandering wren that
their dear comrade is lost to hope. I know by my heart
that rescue is near and I feel great joy. Do I not
deserve joy after giving so much and getting so little
in return? Should I not accept recompense for the
multitude of deeds I have done in which I had no interest?
Surely hypocrisy deserves the love of those that benefit
by it. Now it is shown that I am right.

"What trick is this?

"Obviously I am not seen, for the crowd has passed
and spoken not a word. A cruel blow has just been dealt
to a heart so sore with pain! I true was seen but none
did care to make my presence known.

"Come not the morning's shining sun. I fear to
see the light of some unknown error of which my destiny
has been forged. Such error in judgment, if seen,
would surely wrench my life from me and leave my vegetable
body to rot with the cow's dung. Alas! Why not my
life be gone? Already my soul I have given to the crowd
and with them it has departed. What rhyme or reason can
be mustered for me to stay and thus be hurt another day?"

"Why ponder so? Such foolish jest! Hear not, ye,
the fowl of the air? Smell not, ye, the fragrance of
spring in the breeze? Truly your silly prattle is quite
a distress to my sense of aesthetics. If you wish to
carry on so, please move your rotting body to a dung
heap. It will surely enjoy your company more than I!"

"From whence did such disconsolate voice come?
Must I be tormented by so many upbraidings at one time?
Make known yourself that I might smite you and once and
for all have recompense for such treatment!"

"You sit upon my head, you foolish man! Hit me all
you wish but thine knuckles and feet will feel the worst."

"Ah, silly grog! What rubbish am I to confront?
Am I to accept such ugly words to come from a granite
boulder? Be gone you prankish ghost who does haunt
my place of rest! Rather that a witch's spell does

cause me delusions would I than a boulder talk believe."

"Thine judgment seems far from accurate, my friend, in all that you consider. For shame of such stupid thoughts and shallow heart I would split in two! Do not bother me with blundering confoundment. Do but move and leave me to enjoy my state of bliss."

"Whoe'er speaks to me be not the coward you show yourself to be! Come, let me vindicate my anger and disillusionment. Speak not to me of aesthetics or the smell of a breeze. Speak not at all but put forth thine foot!"

Silence- - - - -birds sing and flutter
overhead. Bees busily scurry to make
honey and the brook talks to pebbles
'neath its ripples.

"Whoe'er comes from the dark of mind and speaks so foul to me, come forward! Fear not the blow of my right arm for you shall feel it but once!"

Silence- - - - -cows in the pasture
watch in amusement as their calves romp
through the grass. Mushrooms fall to
ants who busily store the morsels.

"What fool am I to act this way! I say truly there is nobody here but me."

"That is true, oh miserable one. Thine clue is found and you fail to see. Even in the crowd you say you loved there was nobody there but you. What farce of friend you show to be in your malcontent manner! You do not seek friendship but a place to hide where others can bear you up. You do so that you will receive — and become down-trodden when others see through you. I say 'stop' you silly fish. Deny your ways and be a man! Steal back your soul from the crowd and be not so extravagant with its surrender. Instead, parcel out what the situation does dictate and monitor what takes place. For surely I say that there are those capable of true friendship but who need signs to know that the road is true. Show the signs and your paths will be parallel."

"Such wisdom from a rock seems far from credible!
Surely one must not expect a simple man like me to
follow such scholarly comment. One cannot follow what
he cannot understand. I fail to see the sense in allowing
my destiny to be guided by grog from a granite stone,
anyway. There must be a matter of principles!"

"Principles, fool, are barriers that blind those
that can see and deafen those that can hear. Look not
to the muddy water but to the blackness therein. It is
here where the mind's charity is befouled by principles.
Look beyond principles until you see the light of truth.
Where the truth is hidden my principles, the mud must
be strained from the water to allow clear view. When
the mud is gone and view clear, bottom can be seen and,
in all cases, bottom is truth."

"Oh, speak not to me of truth. My heart is weak
and mind slow. I fear the truth as I fear the Judgment.
What man can withstand the view of his past unveiled—
exposing his insanity and stupidity? If truth finds me
all will be lost. I will see the waste of my life and
will surely die!"

"You speak of death but know not what it is! You
live death and fear that to view it you will die. You
absurd creature! The dead need not fear death. Only if
you wish for life must you say 'The past is mine and
I accept it; the future is mine and I will build it.'
I say in honesty that until the day you know my words
you need not fear death. You are as a murderer who has
killed his best friend and hidden him in the cellar lest
he be discovered. You spend so much time worrying about
somebody discovering the corpse of your past that very
little attention is spared for the future. Heed my words!"

"I have killed no man and fear discovery of no
bodies. Why must you compound my problems? Better that
you let me be than make worse what I must now bear!"

"Some may say that you speak to a rock but I say this:
'It is I who speaks to a rock,' and my words bounce from
you like fists from my skin. What I wish to say is that
you cannot escape your troubles by fleeing within a crowd.
Instead of consolation you will find but many people who
have their own problems. Spite principles where they bar

your progress and learn from those who know. When you are sane, friends will be found and affinity can ensue where the mind once worried about 'dead' things."

"Harshness is in the words but wisdom is observed. My eyes are opened as a miracle and I know what I must do. Anger caused by words you spoke was truly anger at your attempt to make me see myself. All you say is true and I see the fool I have been."

"A man is a fool only when he fails to know what he does or the real reason why he does it. Those who say they know often are fools to themselves. You are less a fool and more a knowing man, now. Take what you learned today and be the better for it."

NARRATIVE

Love stands alone.

It needs no support and any support given it is degrading. In spite of this, there are those who would feel that to love one must show sympathy, or one must create, or one must destroy, or one must BE something. Once a limit is placed on love then one will tend not to accept it from others if it is expressed differently. Once a limit is imposed, even further restrictions are possible and probable.

Weird clichés about love pop up occasionally when one tries to justify evil deeds. Partially because of this the subject of love, when brought up, creates an immense variety of reactions. Many of these reactions have bad connotations. Man too often attempts to cover up his aberrated conduct through justifications of LOVE.

Very little love is actually in existence in these days. Yet, more love is now in existence than in previous yesterdays. A substantial reason for this may be the idealisms concerning love as expressed by various religions. When man loves he is made happy, and his need to give love is even greater than his need to receive it.

Love is not a moral and is not a necessity. It is a choice and as such is subject to any one person's interpretations. Yet love exists whether a man interprets or ignores it. It transcends limitations and, when one gets tired of old clichés and old interpretations, he can always find the real thing and start all over.

THE LAST

White mountains form the body's line
And buries it before its Death.

The silence within the chamber's bliss does not
Disturb the throbbing thoughts that Thunder deep
Within the Soul.

Was a life lived well and was it Long enough?
Or perhaps it was too long.
Perhaps one was too used to Living.

An insect flies noisily and has small respect
For the wrinkled old corpse below.
The rude fly shows Life to prospective Death.

A violent quake shakes the snowy mountains
And a hill falls; another one shifts.

A silent noise stumbles from a Yawning
Mouth and tired eyes dart, disoriented,
Around at creeping shadows.

"Where's the sandman? Haven't seen him
In a week. Guess he figures I'll get enough
Sleep soon enough...." (cat naps)

Existence died years ago when the Body was
Buried beneath the snowy mountain.
Existence succumbed but left the body Alive.

A picture stands on a desk propped up against
The wall. Who's this young man and woman
Standing beside a new Model T?

There was a day, so long ago, before the
Corpse found the snow, that a handsome man
And lovely girl found love together.

The Model T was a rented car and, though
They never did own a car, Their Love
Transcended the need.

Side by side he and she worked on farms
They would never own. Their children lived
Short lives ... many tears ago.

He and she lived many lives of Joy and
Fulfillment together even in the State
Home where they spent their
Last days.

Now a semi-sad body lays dreaming beneath a
Fresh snowfall. He barely sees the busty maid.
SHE had never been busty, but he hadn't cared.

What SHE had couldn't sag after many years.
What she had she still has even though the snow
Which covers her body is Cold.

Laying there under the warm snow he knows that
The Sandman will come tonight. Sleep will come
And pave the way for Departure.

A smile suddenly comes over his face and he
Thinks no more. He simply sits alone as the
Blinds are drawn and curtains closed.

Although now his eyes cannot see, in his mind
He still sees the Photograph, himself and his
Love, and waits to see her . . . again.

CRY IN THE WIND

Cry in the wind.

Note the echo — as unfeeling as it is —

Recalling in but a moment's memory

The sorrow you've known for years.

FROM A VAGABOND'S JOURNAL

One day, when I was younger, I was caught in a bad snowstorm while on the usual November trek south. I wasn't dressed for extreme weather and, when it hit, didn't happen to be near a warm house or comforting town. I soon left the tracks and found a clump of firs as my only protection.

Laying there — curled in a ball and shivering wildly — I attempted to still the frantic spasms by taking a warmer journey. This journey didn't need a body, only a past. As I thought of only happy times and pleasures, my body began to still and a strange warmth soothed my bones.

I suppose hours passed as I once again saw faces and places far behind in distance and years. When I did finally return from the voyage I found myself in a warm bed surrounded by concerned country folk. As I must have appeared puzzled, the doctor explained how I had been found by hunters and had been near death.

Funny thing, as I look back. Funny . . . what little effect his words had on me. Even now I still see the time as one of my most pleasurable experiences.

NARRATIVE

Not everybody is a writer. Not everybody expresses his or her ideas and emotions and spiritual insights the same way. Even as a writer, I have found that writing alone does not satisfy all my avenues of expression. Music, both played and listened to, help to expand and refresh my need for aesthetic creation.

As writing is a fairly common mode of expression, when reading what another has written, take it with a grain of salt. Writing is often quite opinionated and, rightfully so, it is usually the viewpoint of a particular person or group. This being the case, a reader should be wary not to take everything he reads as gospel or even appropriate in itself, however, one will seldom go wrong if he takes a writing into consideration with the idea of comparison, and possible compromise with his own particular philosophy and ideals. Doing this, one could maintain a relatively open mind and still not compromise values that he still feels are correct; or at least correct for him.

In today's society, people are very badly brain-washed concerning what and how to think. This can be done only when a people thinks in terms of absolutes — such as absolute right, absolute wrong, absolute good, absolute bad, etc. A people believing such might feel it necessary to put one of these labels on all aspects of thought, and will act, themselves, accordingly. Unfortunately, using these extremes as a mode of thought, many things become difficult or impossible. For an example of this look to labor and management disputes. Labor unions, who thrive on labor turmoil, insist the workers believe that all management is BAD. Management all wear black hats. Whereas the blue collar workers all wear white hats and cannot do anything wrong. Of course, management has its own ideas of who's right and wrong. They cannot both be totally right and they cannot both be totally wrong, but each would like to think so of the other. Settlements of labor disputes often become next to impossible because of this idiocy. The insanity displayed in Ireland lately is another good example of brainwashing people concerning absolutes. The situation there has gotten to the point where bars could be put around the entire country with signs reading "REPUBLIC OF IRELAND INSANE ASSYLUM."

Man, in his spiritual nature, knows there are no absolutes in the physical universe. Only when someone makes him think so can he be entrapped. Open minded people have been a threat to suppression from both political and religious tyrants throughout history. Their threat has been variety and non-fixation. Their mission —— to unlock the minds of those entrapped.

All people are subject of fixed ideas about absolutes if only through education. However, one does not have to succumb to this and can evolve his own way of thinking. One must evolve his own way of thinking, anyway, no matter what doctrines are forced upon him. One can be intimidated and succumb or be brave and assert. All must make the choice.

A simple policy of evaluation of values, ideas, and prejudices can get one headed in a good direction. To realize that old values are not necessarily the best, new values are not necessarily the worst, new values are not necessarily the best and old values are not necessarily the worst, can lead one to a position of actually making a CHOICE. This to allow for expanding concepts in values and ideas, and expanding hope for mankind.

GOOD/BAD COMPARABLE TO WHAT

What good is a twig to a drowning man?

What good is speech to a deaf mute?

What good is play to a sick child?

What good is competence to inefficiency?

What good is reason to illogic?

What good is wealth to a leper?

What good is water to a dead horse?

What good is the end to the beginning?

What good is knowledge to a closed mind?

What good is love to a dead Soul?

ALSO

"Deliver us from Evil" . . . corollary . . .

"Deliver Evil from Itself."

TO DO

Inspiration is that quantity which makes an End worth Starting.

FROM A VAGABOND'S JOURNAL

As I sat one eve beneath a pine
I saw a snowflake falling all alone.
The moon was bright and the air crisp
But not a cloud appeared in sight.

I pondered long upon the thought
Of that lonely flake and sat long into the night
Hoping to see another.
Finally, as the sun began to rise, I knew
There'd be no more.
I crawled from under the pine and gave it
No more thought.

As I sat one eve beneath a pine
I saw a snowflake falling all alone.
The moon was bright and the air crisp
But not a cloud appeared in sight.

I pondered long upon the thought but soon
It came to me that one night, so long ago,
I saw a snowflake fall the same.

Was it the same flake that fell before or another?
Had I seen one fall before or was it just a dream?

I searched around and found the flake nestled on a twig.
But as the sun began to rise it melted into mist.

NARRATIVE

Concepts, ideas, values, prejudices come from ether and to ether they return. It upsets man to think that this can happen. It upsets him to no end. He develops an idea and then (Poof! It's gone).

He has learned over the years that to combat this situation he must frantically try to get others to agree with him and keep the idea in motion. He does this or the idea might; well, you know!

The types of ideas which I'd like to speak of now are those which fall under the category of having evil intentions behind them or having initially good intention but outlasting their usefulness and eventually becoming a detriment. Ideas having evil intention behind them are pretty self explanatory. Their inspiration is selfishness and their end result is always a debacle of some kind. One might wonder, though, why an idea would be carried on longer than conditions would dictate to the point of being a detriment. This is easily explained if one thinks of ideas as being possessions — as much possessions as Cadillacs, Blue Chip Stocks, and defense missile systems. One devotes one's whole life to an idea and then he hates like the devil to see it glide off into oblivion. An idea might be totally wrong for present conditions but somehow, if one really wants the idea to continue, well, it MUST be right!

From the above two types of ideas flowers the vested interest. The vested interest gains, usually, only at the expense of others. Vested Interests have very SOLID ideas that are continually threatened, whether real or imagined, and, since the idea or group of ideas cannot survive under their own merit, they must be supported by conspiracy, suppression, and oppression. They are why there are wars. They are why there is so much poverty and also why some have such riches. They conspire against individuals, governments, organizations, and even other ideas, and NO type of government or rule is without them. The idea or ideas in the center of the vested interest molecule may not even be respected by many of its constituents. But, like a captain going down with his sinking ship, somehow it must be the right thing to do.

Actually, one survives much better by not joining

a vested interest. Eventually nearly all of them crumble into dust and the idea glides into oblivion anyway. When it happens, most of their constituents are unprepared to survive in a world now made chaotic. Too rigid thought suppression and too badly mutilated integrity are very heavy weights to a swimmer in the waters. Where does one go when his boat sinks and he has no knowledge whether all those big boats in his vicinity are friend or foe? How many of them has he tried to destroy?

If a person were simply to uphold his own integrity it would be next to impossible to get him into a vested interest. If one can stay the social, political, religious, and economical intimidations and lacerations of the vested interest groups, there are ideas which are supported on their own merit. These ideas need protection only from those vested interests who are threatened.

TAKE COURAGE

Courage gained is nothing lost.
Courage lost is nothing gained.

THE ONLY WAY

Happiness is the Right Thing.

FROM A VAGABOND'S JOURNAL

Of all creatures I find to comfort me, wild animals along my way comfort me the best. They aren't like those city folk who scorn me and needle me and try to make me change my ways. My wild animal friends respect my sovereignty. They have their lives to live — I have mine. Our only intervention into each other's lives is our companionship. Maybe if human folk were like that I'd have preferred their company.

COWARD

The coward's way of life is not a bad way of life. He knows when he is licked — sometimes even before it is proven — and, unlike the fool who pushes through 'till the end, he makes his tracks in the beach-like sands of his own mortality.

RIVER

The River is made up of the tears man has cried;
Tears of death and destruction
Due to Hate and Covetousness
Between peoples.

The River's waters evaporate when the
Sun comes out and there is peace.
As the Hate of the sun increases and the
Waters of the River evaporate,
They are stored in the
Clouds of Revenge.

It is not long before the Clouds of Revenge
Become too full and
A vent must be made of all the
Waters of Hate.

Lightning strikes the cause of the
Waters in the Clouds of Revenge
And soon the tears of the vanquished
Fill the River once again.

CHOIR OF STRANGERS

From across the nation
Came men of many Races.

Never knowing where the Fates would lead
They relinquished their Sovereignty.

Like rain from Misty Clouds
They came from the sky.

They left everything — their families
And some, their schools.

They left all but their talents,
And some could sing and were ambitious.

And we met one day
As strangers meet by Chance.

We were boys in blue
And were destined one day to sail the Seas.

But for a moment ... so short ...
We were One in Choral Arrangement.

FRIENDSHIP I

The cost of a man's friendship is the Eternity of his Soul.

FRIENDSHIP II

A FRIENDSHIP can be covered up
By the accumulated dusts of eroding Time.

When the Winds of Memory blow the dust flies and
ITS eternal, ethereal life ignites the Heart as Old.

FRIENDSHIP III

The man who haunts his
Own home

Is susceptible to the Spirit
Of family Love.

FROM A VAGABOND'S JOURNAL

I found a fawn beside the road one day as I walked along my life. It had hurt its leg while jumping a barbed wire fence. There wasn't much I could do for it besides pouring wine on the cut, but it seemed to appreciate my help. I wrapped the wound with a rag but soon it began to swell. I abandoned my travels and stayed behind for a few days with hopes to save him, but my new friend died anyway. I think being with him was the most I could have done.

NARRATIVE

Every child starts out with a cement truck filled with imagination. Sometimes he seems to throw physical universe apparentness into the batter and then gets a concoction $\frac{1}{2}$ truth and $\frac{1}{2}$ imagination. In actuality this isn't a bad thing. Imagination consists of a lot of spiritual play and a degree of the testing of ones mental abilities toward forming thought. As mentioned earlier, everybody has to form their own thought patterns or ways of thinking. Children do this too only they are not possessed of all the physical universe analytical data that most grown-ups are. They compensate for this, unblinkingly, by dubbing-in their own imaginary universes. As children learn, they gradually replace imaginary facts with real ones simply on the premise that they must do so to survive.

Too often I see grown-ups (not just parents) tending

to thwart a child's imagination — suppressing an ability unequalled throughout the spectrum of man's attributes. A child who has his imagination continually suppressed will likely covertly use imagination in the form of lies. Eventually he becomes a grown-up who may continue to use "little (giant)" lies in his everyday life. It is possible for a person to lie to a point where he no longer can easily conceive of the truth. These aren't children, these are elders. Children, actually, have an inherent feeling for truth. When they catch their elders doing too many bad things, in order to keep them on a pedestal, children will tend to lower their own standards.

CATHY

Cathy sat along the beach
Where she had sat before.

The times were rough for teenage kids;
They didn't know the score.

The generation gap, you see,
Had left its deep effect

Upon young Cathy's thinking
And on it she'd reflect.

Her mother drank too heavily,
Her father stayed out late.

She had a boyfriend Harry
She couldn't ever date.

Her mother read the Bible,
Her parents sang at church,

But outside they were thoughtless.
Their Souls they failed to search.

Now Cathy was at losses
For answers she knew not —

Like (why?) grown-ups she saw smoking

When against it she was taught.

Her ideals as a youngster
Were fading as the mist

In the sun of realization
That her world did not exist.

I feel that adolescents
On ascending through the years

Discard their own ideals
While donning grown-up's fears.

NARRATIVE

Often one may lose sight of his own ability to imagine. Inversely, one may lose himself in an imaginary world and never come out. Imagination, like love, can have its rich, true meaning tainted through misuse. Imagination itself is quite a necessary thing to possess. Its presence or absence can mean the difference between a culture surviving or rotting on the vine.

In "DEEP RIVER," which will follow, no pictures will be used — and a minimum of words. Maybe, as you read it, actual pictures and motion will occur to you. Aside from any other ulterior motives for the story, its stress toward imagination you may find a bit refreshing.

DEEP RIVER

DROWNING CRIES
LAZY DEATH
SILENT PEBLES
DREAMY SEAWEED
DISTANT SCREAMS
FINAL SIGHS
LIGHT HOPE SURRENDER DEATH

DEEP RIVER
SILENT PEBLES
LAZY DEATH
DROWNING CRIES
LAUGHING BROOKS
SWIRLING EDDIES
BLUE SKYS
BLUE WATER
BLUE DAY

SUN
CLOUDS
SHADOWS
REFLECTIONS
PICTURES-TREES
PICTURES-LAND
ON
BLUE WATER
PICTURE MIRROR
REFLECTING LIFE
DEPICTING DEATH
SHOWING SIGHTS OF SHALLOW MEANING
CREATING LIFE THAT NEVER LIVED.

DEEP RIVER
SILENT PEBLES
LAZY DEATH
FLOWING SMOOTHLY

RAPID CURRENTS
PULLING
TEARING
DESTROYING
DEVOURING
BUILDING
CREATING
DROWNING LIFE
LOVING LIFE
NEVER CARING.

SILENT PEBLES
DEEP MOVEMENT
INANIMATE THOUGHT
SILENT PONDER
TREES REFLECTED
SHINING SUN
BLUE SKY
BLUE DAY.
SILVER-BLACK CLOUDS
SILENT IMMINENCE
DISTANT DRUMS
LIGHT DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS.
RIPPLED REFLECTIONS
SPARKLING SUN DANCING ON WATER
SHIMMERING TREES
WAVING TREES
WINDY SUNLIGHT
WINDY LAND
RIPPLING REFLECTIONS
CALM RIVER
DEEP RIVER
DISTANT CRIES
LAZY DEATH
LIGHT HOPE SURRENDER DEATH.
FAR DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS.
SILENT PEBLES

DREAMY SEAWEED
AWAKENED SEAWEED
CLIMBING SEAWEED
MURMURING PEBLES
ROLLING PEBLES
DETERMINED FISH
MOVING FISH
MURMURING PEBLES
LAUGHING BROOKS
ROARING BROOKS
SINGING TREES
SINGING LAND
WHITE CROWNED WATERS
RAGING WATERS
SILENT TERROR
DISTANT CRIES
DISTANT DEATH
LAZY DEATH

SHADED SUN
BOISTEROUS WIND
HOWLING WIND
BOWING TREES
BOWING LAND.
BLACK SKY
BLACK WATER
BLACK DAY
BLACK DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS
LIGHT DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS
SHROUDING CLOUDS
VELVET RAIN
BLACK RAIN
SILENT RAIN
PATTERING RAIN
DRIVING RAIN.

BLACK REFLECTIONS
BLACK WATER
BLACK DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS
CRIES
LAZY DEATH
VIOLENT DEATH
SCREAMING PEBLES
RUNNING PEBLES
ROARING BROOKS
BLACK SKY
BLACK DAY
BLACK SUN
DEEP RIVER
BOUNDING RIVER
BOUNDING FLOODS
BLACK REFLECTIONS
BLACK RAIN
POUNDING WAVES
FALLING TREES
FALLING LAND.
CRIES
VIOLENT DEATH
SULKING TREES
SULKING LAND
DEEP RIVER
BOUNDING RIVER
WIDE RIVER
FLOOD RIVER
BLACK WATER

BLACK TREES
RUNNING TREES
RUNNING LAND
RUNNING PEBLES
SCREAMING PEBLES

ROARING BROOKS
VIOLENT BROOKS
RIVER-BROOKS.
CRIES
VIOLENT DEATH
SURRENDER DEATH
BLACK WATERS
DESTRUCTIVE WATERS
DEATH WATERS
RIPPING WATERS
BLACK SKY
BLACK SUN
BLACK DRUMS
LIGHT DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS
DISTANT PEACE
DISTANCE SILENCE
DISTANT LIGHT
DISTANT LIFE.
BLACK SKIES
BLACK DAY
ROARING WATERS
SCREAMING PEBLES
RUNNING PEBLES
FALLING TREES
RUNNING TREES
RUNNING LAND
DISTANT SILENCE
DISTANT LIFE
DISTANT LIGHT
BLACK DRUMS
LIGHT DRUMS LIGHT DRUMS
CRIES
VIOLENT DEATH

DISTURBED WATERS
DISTURBED RIVER
DEEP RIVER
DEEP THOUGHT
INANIMATE THOUGHT
SURRENDER DEATH

SINGING TREES
FALLING TREES
VIOLENT WINDS
DISTANT PEACE
DISTANT LIGHT.
DRIVING RAIN
BEATING RAIN
PELTING RAIN
MISTY RAIN
BLACK RAIN
BLACK SUN
BLACK SKY
BLACK WIND
BLUSTERY WIND
TIRED WIND
RESTFUL WIND
SILENT RAIN
SILENT PEBLES
ROARING BROOKS
ROARING FLOODS
RIPPING FLOODS
VIOLENT RIVER
DEEP RIVER
BLACK RIVER
GRAY CLOUDS
RUNNING CLOUDS
MISTY SUN

DISTANT PEACE
DISTANT LIGHT
DISTANT LIFE.
GRAY SKY
GRAY WATERS
GRAY SUN
GRAY WIND
SILENT WIND
RESTFUL WIND
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MISTY SUN
BROKEN CLOUDS
GRAY CLOUDS

PEEPING SUN
YELLOW SUN
GLOWING SUN
PEACEFUL SUN
GENTLE WATERS
GRAY WATERS
SPARKLING WATERS
DISTANT LIFE
DISTANT LIGHT
DISTANT PEACE.
GRAY-BLUE WATERS
FLOODING WATERS
ROARING WATERS
SLEEPY WATERS
DEEP RIVER
LAZY RIVER

SILENT PEBLES
DREAMY SEAWEED
BROKEN TREES
BLACK TREES
FALLEN TREES
SILENT TREES
SILENT LAND
BLUE SKY
BLUE WATER
BLUE DAY
YELLOW SUN
PEACEFUL SUN
WARM SUN
SORROWFUL SUN.
DEEP RIVER
DEATH RIVER
SOBER RIVER
PLAYFUL WATERS
ROARING BROOKS
FLOODED BROOKS
BOUNDING BROOKS
BABBLING BROOKS

SILENT PEBLES
DREAMY SEAWEED
DISTANT CRIES
LAZY DEATH
DROWNING DEATH
DISTANT VIOLENCE.

BLUE SKY
BLUE WATERS
BLUE DAY
SPARKLING WATERS
DESPAIRING REFLECTIONS
RUINOUS REFLECTIONS

DEATH REFLECTIONS
DEAD TREES
DEAD WATERS
DEAD LAND
YELLOW SUN
BLUE DAY
SWIRLING EDDIES
DISTANT CRIES
DROWNING DEATH.
LIGHT HOPE SURRENDER DEATH
VIOLENT DEATH
LAZY DEATH
DEEP RIVER
SILENT PEBLES
YELLOW SUN
BLUE DAY
LAZY DAY
LIFE.

POST DICTUM

Thank you for doing me the great honor of reading these works. Maybe some concepts expressed here have interested you and maybe some will be useful. More importantly, though, maybe you have found aesthetics here and there. I am not an Authority and much of that expressed here has come about through my own explorations and experiences. Bon Fortune, and may your experiences in life be pleasant ones.

The Author

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Throwing Out Baby with the Bath Water

- or -

A Cry of the Generations

April 16, 2000

Back a number of generations bathing was not a daily affair as it tends to be today. Generally it was done about once a week, usually Friday or Saturday night. In many households running water was unavailable or an unaffordable luxury, so it had to be hand carried from a pump. This grueling process made filling the bath tub a slow and laborious chore, and only done once per occasion. When the tub was filled, the head of the household would bathe first, then the next in the family's hierarchy, and so on until at the end came baby's turn. If the family was large, by the time baby was placed in the water it was dark with dirt and filmed with scum, making it easy for baby to disappear unnoticed below the surface. If the attender was not ever-watchful, when the water was emptied, out would go poor baby with the bath water.

These types of problems, along with many to do with the controlling of open fires in the domestic environment for lighting and heating, preventing or retarding food spoilage, laundering/ironing, and dealing with human waste were everyday concerns for our distant ancestors. Yet these strangers persevered through the backbreaking and heartbreaking conditions so that we could be here today.

We are now into our fifth generation of family who have been afforded the luxury of hot and cold running water. Electricity is now used for lighting and to heat or control heating. Refrigeration can be had for both food and ourselves. Automatic clothes washers and dryers are common as well as fabrics that need little-to-no ironing. Inside bathrooms exist even in the lowliest of domiciles. Neither last nor least, there are speedy and powerful conveyances and a host of other conveniences never dreamed of by our ancestors.

Ironically, both because of and despite all the modern marvels, baby is still being thrown out with the bath water, so to speak, for the attenders are not ever watchful. The attenders are the television, the video game and the computer, none of which knows or cares about the proper upbringing of a child. Baby has to make due with whatever human companionship and direction he or she can glean from other members of the family or community, who are themselves busily taking advantage of the marvels.

Love and connection are easily discarded in a household where family members only see each other rarely, and gathering together for any purpose generally causes somebody in the group an inconvenience. After all, there are so many things going on and so little time to do them. Interactions between members tend to be disagreements or collisions of interests or plans, so it evolves that the less time spent together the better. The extended family appears increasingly more attractive, as members of *this* family are one's peers

and sharers of interests and goals, and mutual commitment is voluntary and flexible, not absolute and arbitrarily enforced.

Baby grows up in this environment, where love is equated with products, and connection is equated with *handling* other people to get one's own way. Baby has virtually no pressing problems of basic survival, so survival becomes equated with having things that make life more comfortable or interesting. Owning the latest video game or clothes of the current fashion become equated with survival, as do owning a large-screen TV, surround-sound stereo equipment, CDs, DVDs, a VCR, a computer, a sexy car, an enviable residence, etc.

It's no wonder that baby doesn't care about the travails or joys of his or her great-grandparents, or other generations further back. It's not that baby is intentionally unappreciative. It's that baby has enough to contend with managing living relatives who are forever obstructing baby's path, or are simply redundant to baby's needs or interests.

Baby *is* the future of our civilization and the family institution, yet is deeply immersed in the muddy and scummy bath waters of our commercialized and distracted state of mind. Baby grows up attended by inanimate objects and by humans that are insufficiently focused or devoted, spiritually unaware, and without adequate nonmaterial love. Consequently, baby does not develop an empathetic sense of connection with *any* generation, whether past, present or future.

The question is: When the time comes for the bath water to be thrown out, will baby be flushed away, too? Or will the attenders have resumed their responsibility and replaced what were once murky and treacherous waters with a solid foundation?

Giving Thanks

Nov. 22, 2000

We celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving every year with great feasts or frozen dinners, with watching sports on TV or traveling to Grandma's house or the local soup kitchen. We get mixed messages as to who or what we should be thanking, and for what, though we generally believe it's thanking God for our bountiful harvest. Below is a list of things we might wish to remember when giving thanks.

-thanks for the good graces of God during good times, and that things are not worse during bad times

-thanks to our ancestors, many of whom braved great sacrifice, hardship and danger to bring our families from the mother country or fatherland to these shores, and in some cases across this continent

-thanks to the American native population for the sacrifice of their sovereignty and ways of life so the great experiment of Democracy could succeed, and the world could one day know freedom from the traditional, oppressive and unstable rule of the many by the few

-thanks to our founding fathers, who built a bright light in the darkness of tyranny, delivered our country from the womb of this enlightenment, and instilled in it the recognition and appreciation of our founding God, so that this light may never go out

-thanks to our country's belief that it has a mission to bring the world to democracy

-thanks to our country's ability and willingness to expose wrong, outside and within itself and its government, and for the ability and willingness to correct such wrongs

-thanks to our country's ability to heal, and not lose faith

-thanks to our country's ability to recognize the value of differences in its people and their many traits and cultures

-thanks to the other countries of the world for giving up many of their best to the enhancement of our country's strengths

Giving Thanks

-thanks to the countless numbers who have poured their hearts, souls and lives into making our country what it is today, and will be tomorrow

-thanks for the old and the young, for they are the links to the past and the future

-thanks to those in the middle years, for they are the link between the past and the future

-thanks to the men and women in uniform, who are the life blood of our country's continued sovereignty in a world that, despite all that has come before, still has a taste for returning to the tyrannical days of old

-most of all, thanks for the ability to appreciate what is laid out before us in great bounty, and for the interest and willingness to give thanks.

Natural Interfaces Between Life Entities and The Origin and Consequences of Judgment

February 1, 2004

Life Force gives the appearance of being all-knowing. Yet most of what it knows is from what has been fed into it through absorption from the thought production of life units and countless interactions between life units and with their surrounding universes. Though the life units are integrally part of Life Force, they pretend separation as a means to create a field of individual action. It is this individual action, and resulting interactions with fellow life units, that have warranted the establishment of a judgment factor to correct: teach, admonish, enforce, inhibit, buffer, damper, reward, and punish.

This essay is based on the premise that the barrier between life entities, or units, is completely artificial, requiring constant attention and occasional maintenance. Consequently, over the millions of millennia that have transpired since the first cognizant interaction occurred between two or more “separate” life units, the large collection of thoughts produced as a result of these interactions has evolved a set of interface agreements to guide, rule, judge, and rectify interactions.

We all come from and continue to be a part of the Life Force, or simply Life, and it is Life that houses the omniscient patch-panel or connecting board for all interactions. Life Force is the adjudicator of these interactions through judging the sensitive balance of fair-to-unfair play as weighted against the value and pertinence of any surrounding mitigations.

The patch-panel or connecting board came into existence out of a necessity to regulate interactions due to the destruction, trespass, enforced loss of that freedom originally sought when deciding to establish separation, loss of things considered material to one’s existence or happiness, and primarily, conflicts of will and directional vectors between and among life units.

The media for and through which judgments occur is “thought,” whose energy, intention, direction, and packeted significance is the only common byproduct of all life units.¹ Each thought, from the moment when first used, is monitored by the Life Force’s regulatory machinery. A thought’s disparate facets, especially intention, are individually weighted against the balance of fair-to-unfair play and the value and pertinence of surrounding mitigations. At least four things ultimately happen: 1) the fact of the thought’s use

¹ See *More on the Process of Thinking Thoughts* later in this essay for a more in-depth discussion of thought.

becomes permanently affixed to its user's eternity; 2) a judgment is rendered that is also permanently affixed to the thought's usage in its user's eternity; 3) a course of action or inaction toward the user is tacitly begun based on the judgment and is permanently affixed to the thought-user's eternity; and 4) because of an innate sense of fairness the thought user automatically agrees with the judgment and designated action or inaction (e.g. sentence). This process happens in a flash or over any length of time. The phenomena resulting from judgments and sentences have gone by different names, including kismet and karma.

Similar judgment packages link together across time and discharge their sentences separately or in unison according to instilled timetables or activating external stimuli. The only way to remove a judgment's sentence from activating is to make appropriate realizations relevant to the subject matter of the thought(s) and judgment(s). This may require increased awareness of existing judgments and relevant prescribed actions, especially the basic reason "why," i.e., what caused the judgment and sentence in any particular instance. Though a sentence resulting from a judgment can be temporarily or permanently turned off, the original judgment and sentence cannot be totally removed due to the residual nature of memory. Thus, one or more turned off sentences can be turned back on by rekindling the original judgment through a thought/action that results in a new, similar judgment and sentence.

All judgments exist with their causal thoughts, usually well within the realm of consciousness. When one wars in one's mind over thoughts, desires, intentions, etc., it is with these judgments that one is warring. Such times provide one with an opportunity to inspect the warring facets and perhaps resolve one or more judgments/sentences.

More on the Process of Thinking Thoughts

Although the energy of thought is a byproduct of life units, the sudden creation of "a thought" which has a specific, measurable significance, is rare. In reality, the creation of "a thought" is a huge undertaking. Instead, life units generally tie into and use existing thoughts, which are available to all who can tune into them. It is this ability to tune into a wide variety of thoughts that measures a life unit's intelligence rather than the ability to create the thoughts themselves.

A life unit's thought procurement process is similar to shopping, where one searches (emits energy with intention) to attract the correct products (thought significances) for one's needs. Energy, intention, and direction get added to a found and chosen significance by a life unit to create what could be called "a thought package." Though both types of situations are valid, a life unit is more likely to be judged for the construction and use of a thought package than for the creation and use of a virgin thought, if only due to the rarity of the latter's occurrence.

Whenever a new thought is created, its energy and significance eventually attach to any existing collection of similar thoughts, making the overall concept stronger and therefore

easier to locate by life units. It is the same gravitational attraction of similarities that works to combine significances as is used to locate them by life units. Although this tendency of significances to clump together makes them easier to locate, it also sometimes calls for filtering and sifting through a considerable number of thought composites to find an exact fit.

Thought significances that are used frequently gain in strength as the energy emitted to solicit them beefs them up. A thought, thought package, or system of thought packages can become powerful enough even to consume the “thought” processes of life units. Conversely, seldom-used thought significances may fade, requiring a keener perception to locate them, and may even disappear.

The Philosophers' Realm

November 1981

There is a corridor, an aspect of the dimension of intellect, through which fertile concepts pass. It could be called the Realm of the Philosopher. This corridor is the composite of all that has come before and is the reference used to interpret that which comes after.

Like a lending library, the corridor provides volumes of compiled, and pamphlets of analyzed, thought. Its keeper is the philosopher, whose role in creation is to expose, clarify and classify new concepts, to rediscover and reevaluate old ones, and to make logical connections and differentiations.

This corridor houses Plato's "reality." It's a magical place, pregnant with significance and purpose, the arteries of which circulate throughout what we call Life. Though some tributaries are in varying degrees sclerotic, artists, writers and technicians borrow constantly from the healthier ones. Some borrowers tap objectively, some subjectively, while many introduce into the network products of their own creative essence.

The philosopher prowls the realm. He or she becomes familiar with its material. Through the resulting observations and interpretations, thought evolves. And the process brings meaning and direction to today's existence, while giving birth to tomorrow's.

Captaincy of the Godship

January 24, 2004

A Theory:

Life Force is all that really exists that is not produced by something else. Or, if it is produced by something else, that something else is most likely unknown even by the Life Force itself.

Life Force simply exists, without volition. It consists of ultimate potentiality and is the font from which all Life Units obtain their existence, sustenance and potentiality.

Propositions:

1. What if there being only one volitional God, and no gods, is conditional rather than a permanent state as declared by certain religious dogma. What if there are conceptual channels through which Life Units, with or without corporeal form, are able to tap into specific portions of Life Force potentiality, utilizing said potentialities for their own purposes. These channels, though tap-able at any time by Life Units by virtue of their own, Life Force composition, could easily be given names that personify each disparate potentiality category. These names, whether used to represent gods or saints, could be employed to invoke the specific potentialities for help and guidance that are tied to them. Praying to a single God for specific results would still work, because the prayer is regarding explicit potentialities so would connect up with the appropriate channel by virtue of its embedded concepts.²
2. What if there are Life Units, with or without corporeal form, which are volitional and are able to tap into inordinate portions of Life Force potentialities, allowing them to utilize those potentialities for their own purposes and possibly affecting other Life Units outside the normal realm of interaction. Depending on the scope of their tapping ability, they could become like gods. For the real definition of a god is a being with potential and volition significantly above the norm for Life Units. This opens the door to the possibility that, if any of such Life Units could tap all or nearly all of Life Force potentiality, it could become like what we think of as God. For the real definition of God is a Being with untold, if not infinite, potential and volition.

² Embedded concepts always include the overall intention projected by the Life Unit. The intention is the most important part of an invocation and should be monitored closely to achieve the desired results.

3. What if there have been a number of gods and Gods, their numbers fluctuating over time. These positions, or [Gg]odships, would have been captained by a series of anonymous Life Units, perhaps with mixtures of good and bad intentions. Such a collection, mixed in with the goings-on of normal Life Units, could account for much of history and its tides as we know them, and for occasional incongruity and hints of evolution we detect in that Being we call God.

God's Role for Satan and for Mankind or Why God Placed the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden³

November 27, 2001

It is lonely being on the outside of all the major religions, but the vantage is a panoramic and somewhat dispassionate view of them and overall existence that typical adherents aren't allowed, or find difficult to justify without breaking faith with the religion they have sworn their soul to preserve.

My views on religion in general and Christianity in particular have evolved and devolved hither, thither and yon for all of my adult life. As a child and teener there was never a need to concern myself with any of the issues regarding other religions except to believe that they were wrong and mine was right. I was taught the "correct" way to think about religion, in no uncertain terms. When my teener years ended, so did my obsession with consuming what others insisted I swallow. Since the day I first decided to follow that course, the world has offered one uncensored adventure after another. Some were good, some bad, but all required I make choices.

Recently I have postulated that the three main aspects of Mankind's existence are: **Inspiration** (to sustain the soul or spiritual part of the person), **Survival** (to sustain the body or animal part of the person), and **Temptation** (to sustain conflict and thus enhance the mission God has set forth for Mankind).

Something motivated God to place the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden when He simply could have left it out (censored it) and never allowed Mankind to be tempted. But the Tree was there, Mankind was tempted, supposedly at the beck of Satan, and from that point onward the game was afoot.

Contrary to popular opinion, I do not believe that God is All Knowing. If He were, the existence of Mankind as a sentient species, set apart from other animals by his ability to reason, would defy explanation. I believe that we are the extensions of God, feelers, if you will, through which He studies material existence and the interactions of souls/spirits. The old and new testaments are rife with examples of God's resulting

³ This adds to and refines some concepts set forth in my philosophical work [An Alternate View of Things](#). In that publication, "Satan" and "Unknowable" could be said to equate.

growth and change over time. The God of the New Testament is noticeably different—softer, more loving and more analytical—than that of the Old Testament, who trumpeted forth arbitrary edicts and espoused vengeance and wrath.

The main forces at work within this game are: God-ness and Satan-ness; both of which have free reign to affect Mankind: God-ness primarily through **Inspiration**, Satan-ness primarily through **Temptation**, and both primarily through the medium of “choices.” [My definition of Satan-ness is “counter effects to anything coming from influences of God-ness”; and God-ness is “the loftiest of effects that emphasize spirituality over materiality.”] Religion is the aboriginal playground or battlefield sponsoring the consequent melee, though religion *per se* does not hold a monopoly on the interplay of these two forces on Mankind. The results and/or lessons learned from the process then feed what we call God's Omnipotence, to further His, and inferentially Mankind's, perfection.

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Humans vs. Humans

January 2, 2002

Human Beings are often good *for* each other, but on the whole, they are not good *to* each other.

On Being Both Good and Bad

January 4, 2003

People are neither all good nor all bad.⁴ We are each comprised of equal potential for both. Their usage, or lack thereof, is determined by our judgment and whatever wisdom or common sense we can summon.

Life presents us with justification for utilizing one more than the other. It also presents us with sudden realizations that tilt us toward a certain bias. Yet in the scheme of existence, justifications and realizations do not relieve, nor even mitigate, our responsibility for how we apply goodness and badness. Therefore, we must be circumspect when making decisions, that they don't shirk or abuse our husbandry of these volatile resources.

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Fragility of Civilization

January 14, 2002

Civilization is a fragile thing. It is built on a spun glass web hung from silken threads of agreement. It is not maintained under duress but based on good intentions and mutual benefit. Its elevation above the vesper of baseness is regulated by degrees of enlightenment—intellectual, moral and ethical—and technology.

⁴ This writing sets aside the murky, philosophical questions as to what are “goodness” and “badness,” and is based on their meaning to the average person.

Cost of Living

October 9, 1999

When we enter this world, we are the guardians of the only store of innocence we will ever own. Innocence, of course, does not mean ignorance. Instead, it is purity of heart. Innocence is that precious commodity we spend throughout our lifetime to purchase experience. When it is gone, we are said to be jaded; bankrupt.

The trick is to mete out our innocence cautiously, even more so than if it was money. For, unlike money, innocence can never be replenished. It can only be replaced by something else.

Knowledge is the most prominent purchase made by innocence, a truth which echoes of Original Sin, something that is said to have occurred long ago. The loftier the knowledge, however, the lesser the amount of dissipation. On the other hand, the baser the knowledge, such as carnal, the greater the expense.

Innocence can be lost at any age. So it can be said that someone who reaches an advanced age while retaining much of their innocence has spent their life wisely.

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Re Response to Cost of Living #1

March 19, 2000

Christopher-

Thanks for your response. I have received a few, and I'm glad.

Like you, I am far from without sin, depending on what religion is consulted. However, I probably still have a healthy portion of "innocence." I'm not preaching righteousness by a long shot. The entire emphasis of the "essay" was the preservation of purity of heart (the definition I gave for innocence). In my universe, one can have all the knowledge and experience in the world and still have purity of heart. The purity of heart begins disappearing with the beginning of doing evil deeds against others. Some courses of study or philosophy encourage this trend. Sometimes bad experiences make this trend seem like the appropriate answer to life. But the center post always comes back to purity of heart. What were the motives? What were the results? (of one's actions)

Anyway, I'm glad I got a response from you. I've always enjoyed our conversations!

Re Response to Cost of Living #2

March 20, 2000

Jeff-

You've got the idea I was trying to convey.

As to "Original Sin," I must say that I believe it to be a pure fabrication on the part of at least one religion (which shall remain nameless) to force people into converting. I dismiss it entirely. If I were to give it credence, I would say that the sin was in gaining the knowledge of good and evil, not the act of defying God's decree. After all, Mankind would have been COMPLETELY innocent at that time, and such a transgression, in itself, should have been forgivable. Whereas the gaining of knowledge would be passed on through the generations, as it is said the Original Sin is passed. So my use of the "echoes of Original Sin" means the gaining of knowledge and thus exposing one to uncontrolled (by God) knowledge and experiences.

Throughout history Man has been in a contest with God as to who will control whom. Religion itself is the most ingenious way of controlling God, because through organized religion is the INTERPRETING of God, and what better way is there to control His/Her influences.

By the way, I'm not trying to "sell" my point of view. I only offer it as a counter-point.

High and Low Orders

December 5, 2001

"Low order" is defined as "of the physical manifestations that may or may not be animated by life."

"High order" is defined as "of the Life Force realm."

"Enlightenment" is defined as "knowledge of the high order aspects of existence, especially of priorities when interfacing with manifestations of the lower order."

"Wisdom" is defined as "correctness in assessing the means, including priorities, proportions, appropriateness, degrees, amplitude, and necessity, tempered by purity of intention and understanding of important aspects, woven together with the accurate prediction of the ends."

Enlightenment does not create wisdom but can enhance existing wisdom. Ideally, the two should be honed against each other to access deeper Enlightenment with more perfect wisdom.

The power of Enlightenment fully accessed could equate to a nuclear explosion in the lower order of things.

Exercising wisdom when accessing Enlightenment allows control of its power as lead rods control nuclear fission in a reactor.

Enlightenment exists in every life unit or soul. It is feared generally and lies dormant mostly.

A life unit or soul accesses its Enlightenment to the degree that it feels comfortable so doing.

Clouds are a low order, physical metaphor of Destiny.

Destiny manifests itself as a single force, or Theme, that is either a composite of destinies assigned to life units or souls by a Theme, or, though less likely, through independent evolution.

Destiny equates to high order intention(s) carried out over an extended period, verging on timeless.

High and Low Orders

There are many low order beliefs, faiths, icons, symbols, doctrines, dogmas and other religious manifestations that distract from the high order of things. These are mostly diversions to take the place of Enlightenment. Most of these contain tiny flecks of Enlightenment, just enough to lead life units or souls astray. Such wisdom to be found is tainted and the fruits generally poor.

Gambling is the purchase of a low order manifestation of Hope that is tied into full-blown Greed.

Today, the only phenomenon that rivals the entrance of new knowledge and technology is the departure of old knowledge and technology.

July 13, 2001

I have pondered the question of “Destiny” for much of my life, wondering first “IF” it exists, or is it just a myth invented to explain the unexplainable and justify a myriad of coincidences? After many years of observation I’ve decided it DOES exist. Now I ponder its basis and character.

The following simile is the crystallization of my current thoughts on the subject. I believe that to fully understand Destiny is to understand a purpose and intent of our Universe, and perhaps even divine a motivator of God.

Clouds of Destiny

As the gathering of moisture and other particles seeds clouds, so the gathering of thought and other significance seeds Destiny.

As clouds boil forward into the offing, propelled by pressures of atmospheric expansion and other forces of nature, and directed by the preponderance of vectors, so Destiny boils forward from the past and present into the future, pushed and directed by thought accumulation and trends, whose respective strengths are amplified or weakened by levels of emotion, conviction, focus and bent.

As numerous cloud phenomena are activated and assisted by not readily perceivable events such as the rotation of the Earth, so Destiny receives ongoing and sometimes overriding stimulation from points outside the realm of obvious, tangible existence; points rooted deeply in the fabric of the pre-material realm.

As electricity particles collect in clouds and occasionally discharge against different potentials, so hate particles collect within Destiny and intermittently blast against points of difference.

As rain, hail, and other manifestations emanate from clouds to the benefit or detriment of life, land or sea in their path, so Destiny targets and showers its effects: nurturing, devastating, empowering, uprooting.

Like clouds, Destiny claims both good and evil. At times, like clouds, it covers all and is evident. Other times, like the absence of visible clouds but the presence of their elements, Destiny is transparent to the casual observer while ever sustaining its spell.

Non-Copasetic

December 21, 2000

A Soul/spirit is descended from, and part of, Life Force, and holds records of its entire existence; mental machinery is mostly determined by genetic attributes and contains records of genetic memory and imprints/impacts from life.

A mind is stimulated by, and is a processor of inputs from the Soul/spirit, mental machinery, and the outside world. These inputs and any resultant outputs are filtered through and may be affected by latent decisions, opinions, perspectives and attitudes.

A person has the best chance for happiness and productivity when the Soul/spirit and mind are well balanced, one with the other, as to potentiality and ability. A great Soul/spirit having to deal with inadequate mental machinery will lead a life of frustration and negative behavior. A mediocre Soul/spirit dealing with massive mental machinery will be controlled, even absorbed by that machinery.

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Triple Entendre

1983, revised December 19, 2002

One who wishes to be looked up to must first be in a position to look down on.

[One must be in a position of altitude, real or imagined, in order to look down on others; usually one starts down and then works up to an altitude from which to look down on others; some philosophies deride the overt desires “to be looked up to by” and “to look down on” others.]

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Evolution of Thought

January 20, 2002

It is easy to confuse data, knowledge, understanding and wisdom; one with another. To recognize the differences requires judgment based on proportion assisted by data, knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

Wanting to recognize the difference at all reflects enlightenment that it makes a difference.

Ultimately, the ability to be enlightened, itself, is what separates us from God’s other species.

Harvest

July 2004

Souls are amorphous and amoral entities whose entire existence entails testing and experiencing all, regardless of extremes. The goal of religion and philosophy is to manufacture restraints and channels that control, harness and harvest souls.

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The Road of Life

December 27, 2001

The Road of Life consists of many different features. Sometimes the Road is smooth; sometimes it is bumpy. Sometimes there are potholes of various sizes and depths, or pebbles, boulders, or other obstructions hindering travel. We travel the Road of Life from conception until death. Perhaps we tend to note the ragged and obstructed surfaces more than those of a smooth nature. Yet we learn something from them all because they require us to make choices through the exercise of judgment.

Types of features encountered down the Road of Life color our outlook on existence. Too many painful encounters with obstructions, or travelers of other Roads intersecting our own, may corrupt our higher nature. Too many smooth areas may dim our mind or judgment. We may bridge massive potholes or other obstructions to get past, and later remember the bridge rather than the obstruction that necessitated it. Features frequently encountered remain nearer in memory than those occurring infrequently, making one more sensitive to their presence. Too much of the same feature irritates and reduces the interest in persevering down the Road.

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Genealogist is Recycler

1995

A genealogist is a recycler of family history, making who and what was and is available to who are and will be.

The MindBlind Syndrome

January 9, 2002

Check the following to see if you show symptoms of the MindBlind Syndrome:

1. You've met someone for the first time and taken an immediate dislike to them.
2. You've known someone for years, and disliked them during most or all of that time, only to discover one day that you don't know *why* you don't like them.
3. You have a *completely* negative mindset about any race, creed or religion.
4. You tend to judge people by their physical appearance, including things such as clothing, facial and body features (physical perfection or deformities), etc.
5. You have instantly liked someone because you considered them beautiful or handsome (related to #4).
6. You have instantly disliked someone because you considered them unsightly (related to #4).
7. You tend to judge people by their social stature, including positive or negative reactions to things such as education, cliques and clubs to which they belong, car they drive, income and other wealth/property, who they know, etc.
8. You judge people by the company they keep (related to #7).

Check the following to see if you have been the victim of the MindBlind Syndrome:

1. Someone has met you for the first time and taken an immediate dislike to you.
2. Someone has known you for years, and disliked you during most or all of that time, but you cannot figure out *why* they don't like you.
3. Someone has a *completely* negative mindset about your race, creed or religion.
4. You have been judged by people for your physical appearance, including things such as clothing, facial and body features (physical perfection or deformities), etc.
5. You have been judged by people for your social stature, including positive or negative reactions to things such as education, cliques and clubs to which you belong, car you drive, income and other wealth/property, who you know, etc.
6. You have been judged by the company you keep.

You may have noticed that none of the above questions relates to a person's abilities or spiritual qualities. They only have to do with things surrounding the person. I call this the MindBlind Syndrome, or MindBlindness. MindBlindness is the condition in which a person views other people through a filter that automatically creates judgments, opinions and labels for them, then ignores factors that are in conflict with these judgments, opinions and labels. It is a lazy way to classify people, eliminating the need to actually *see* or *think*. It is pernicious and probably at the root of most failed marriages/relationships, paranoia, and anti-social behavior.

MindBlindness is aided and abetted by our upbringing and environment, and by every form of media, especially books, magazines, TV shows, and movies. For example,

Disney™ has a tendency to standardize good as beauty and evil as ugly *physically*. When a person *chooses* to follow a set of standards as a non-thinking way to deal with otherwise complex issues involving people, they bypass the fact that people are spiritual beings, each a distinctive and ancient soul deserving individualized consideration. As in any self-fulfilling prophecy, people who are mistreated long enough because of the MindBlindness of others will tend to act out the patterns assigned to them by those others, through the dynamics associated with interpersonal relations. This phenomenon then reinforces MindBlindness and falsely creates the appearance of the standards being axiomatic.

The Subject was Chains

September 25, 1999

I remained in San Francisco after release from active duty in the Navy, which occurred in September 1972, until my father persuaded me to live in Michigan, the move occurring in May 1973. It was good that I made the move, because it soon became clear that my worldly exposure and variant ideas excluded me from fitting in with family and former friends. The term "good" was used above because this "moving home" experience inoculated me against ever again being tempted to make the same mistake, after moving to Los Angeles in August 1975.

I was permanently out of sync with midwestern kith and kin, whereas back in California I blended in perfectly and felt at home. Since returning to California, though I've not grown wealthy in other respects, there are great riches in having the freedom to evolve nearly unobstructed by provincial and other nonessential limitations. My motto has become "A mind is a terrible thing to chain."

However, I've discovered, both to my amazement and chagrin, that chains are lurking everywhere, even in Southern California, and one must be clever to avoid them. They hang in great numbers from churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, lodges, and schools, and from all over the workplace. Additionally, many people are bedecked with loose chains to be attached to other people with whom they come in contact. The greatest numbers of chains are entangled about families, between parents and children and relatives and friends, sometimes to the point of choking off oxygen. Some of these chains are pulled so tight that one or more of those connected feel a great need to break loose, often succeeding only to find themselves enmeshed again elsewhere. We run, yet from *what* we know not.

So, what is my answer to chains? Universally, I say loosen them much as possible. Let people breath. Don't feel compelled to yank a chain or break it and send someone hurtling off just because they don't have your faith or belief structure, all of your philosophies and opinions, and all your countless etceteras. Bask in the adventures and colors of differences. Encourage minds to unravel concepts from their environment and reconstruct according to their own, personal lights. Don't make little junior or Miss become like Papa or Grandma just because that is the standard by whom everyone is measured. That's all I ask. Not so much.

As mankind fills the earth and people become increasingly crowded together, loosening or removing chains is the only way we can ever escape mass insanity. This process needs to be done on an individual basis as well as institutionally. But it will require an inspired and valiant effort, as aspirants will be flying in the face of eons of chain forging, and it will threaten the livelihoods of those who live, or receive their power, off the process of capturing, chaining, or maintaining chains. Good luck!

A Word To Those Who Would Be Prophets

July 6, 1983

The average person has a not-immediately-perceivable import in the higher activities of Creation. So a preeminent justification of existence for someone is to be chosen for a mission by "God," to convey messages to Mankind or ones people and to instruct and help them correct their flawed ways and show loftier ones.

Because "God" is generally considered the ultimate and unapproachable intellect/force, His significance in the lives of men and women is correspondingly high. Thus, His prophet can tote a powerful political and economic, besides spiritual, impact on those affected. To some this secular power makes "being chosen" seem all the more desirable, even leading to the unordained assumption of nonexistent or self created spiritual missions by the unscrupulous or neurotically self deceived. The following message is meant for the actually chosen.

The most predictable mistake by a chosen one is to take him or herself too seriously. Having a mission conferred on one at all could be considered the greatest honor or, to some, the most exalting flattery. A chosen one could don an aura of self importance because they feel their mission is deserved, even guaranteed as a lifetime pursuit with almost contracted job security. Yet missions are often short lived, and personal worthiness of the chosen one isn't necessarily a consideration.

Once someone finds him or herself lifted for a time onto the higher stage as chosen one, it becomes far less exhilarating if the once-chosen one discovers that the mission and its charm and aura have gone elsewhere. The "Divine Spotlight" is taken from a faithful as well as faithless chosen one quite easily and suddenly, leaving the once-chosen one to make personal adjustments. This loss can come about for many reasons, including the chosen one falling from grace or no longer needed for the mission.

At this juncture in the once-chosen one's existence several options become available to the "orphan," including the entire spectrum from accepting the situation with grace and taking it in stride to sinking into deepest levels of depression and non-acceptance. There is also creating a self generated delusion that the mission still exists, where the pseudo-chosen one becomes his or her own god interpreter. In the last case the "charm" or "charisma" is gone, so success becomes infinitely difficult, and miracles other than mere coincidences cease to be. Madness finds fertile grounds here.

Of course, the loss of the "Divine Spotlight" does not mean that it will be gone forever. Also, having it shown on one at all can be seen as having various shades of good and bad effects on the chosen one's psyche. However, the greatest problem, and one that by itself keeps divine influence enigmatic, is that it is practically impossible to tell whence a

"Divine Spotlight" emanates. The Light, itself, is blinding to the intellect. This opens the door to the possibility that a chosen one is simply the medium through which a not-necessarily-holy and lesser-than-God-like entity is operating.

God vs. Man and the Fruits of Power

1969, 1976, 1985, 1989

God vs. Man

The following is a 1985 condensation of two somewhat apotheosizing 1969 essays by yours truly. Their titles were *PROBE -- Question of Man vs. God* and *A Fool's Conception of the Creation of Man*:

“God and Man come from the same ethereal substance, with Man at a disadvantage because his soul, or god-essence, has forsaken the realm of the gods to reside in the debased confines of a flesh machine. Still, both God and Man are strong willed and determined to have their way, locked, as it were, forever in head-to-head competition, even combat.

“Over the centuries God has tried various tacks in forcing Mankind to be humbled before His altar, so to speak. Yet, during the passage of these same years, Man has learned how to psychologically steel himself against God. In many ways man has reduced God's importance and potency, effectively diminishing His influence, even labeling respect for Him as the product of mere superstition. Probably the best way found to attenuate and divert God has been through the very institutions set up for use in worshipping Him.

“Man quickly becomes encumbered by ancient holy texts requiring interpretation, reinterpretation, definition and redefinition. Then there are doctrines, anti-doctrines, arguments pro and con, philosophies based on religions, religions based on philosophies, and philosophies for religion. Add to this mixture the ramifications resulting from the eccentricities of certain priests and other holy men, all compounded by the spoils, both financial and political, derived from invoking His name. It takes a miracle for God to cut through the layers of resistance and express Himself directly. After a purported miracle does occur, the holy orders then step in to interpret, define, accept or reject its authenticity. Finally, they codify its meaning, opening the door to false or misunderstood interpretations based on other doctrines, personal beliefs, motives, or variations caused from differing points of view.

“Distilling the above tendencies down to their quintessential element, it appears Mankind has been working to tune God out. Gradually, God has been replaced by, or at least buried under, a myriad of distractions and

religious machinations designed to be more pliable to Man's needs. If God does exist, and I believe strongly that He does, then He survives not because of, or through, the straw god we have set up to represent Him, but in spite of it. Tragically, the further Man pushes God out of the way and into the background, i.e., the more he replaces and displaces Him, the less Man can understand and have healthy correspondence with that god-essence he has in common with his Creator. As this process continues over the millennia, Man's animal stimuli, generated by the flesh machine, have increasing dominion over, and thus squelch, the soul's loftier aspirations.”

The Fruits of Power

The following excerpts are included because of their relevance to the displacement of "natives" by those more powerful or simply more focused. The first is from my 1976 family history entitled *The Barnes and Related Families Abridged Genealogical Record*:

"Long before the coming of the white man, or *chemo-komons*, the Potawatomis lived in the more southern regions of North America. They were pushed north by other tribes until making a heroic stand on the banks of the *Washtenong Sepe*, or Grand River. At that point nine Indian trails crossed at a fording spot near the present city of Jackson. A battle raged, called by the Indians the "Great Battle," leaving in its wake many bodies of fallen warriors. The costly victory established decidedly the tribe's territory . . ."

The second is from my 1989 journal of a visit to Rome, Italy:

"Today's world witnesses, almost daily, conflicts between countries and people caused by the effects of differences in potentials. The lower potentials want what the higher potentials have, and the higher potentials simply want to consume the lower. In a civilized world many constraints are in effect to help mitigate the conflicts with various degrees of success. Imagine a world where there are no constraints, where higher potentials can consume as many lower potentials as they can digest, and where lower potentials are free to gang up on higher ones and bring them down in order to devour the carcasses. Before me today were the bones of just such a higher potential, and what a long and agonizing death it had."

Tenets of the Assembly of the Almost Virgin

July 12, 2001

The tenets of the *Assembly of the Almost Virgin* should not be considered as dogma but rather as guides for life, living amongst people, and the forming of beliefs and associations.

1. No religion or philosophy is an end-all, or “the only way,” containing the “final answer.”
2. All religions and philosophies contain some grain(s) of truth, which may be harvested without the requirement to become enlisted by any associated institutions.
3. Each person is an institution unto him- or herself, independent and integral as a unit of one despite any marital, familial, employment, church/synagogue/mosque/temple/assembly or other ties.
4. Each person, as a unit of one, may affiliate him- or herself with any collective, group, cause, relationship, business, religious/philosophical belief, etc., to which they feel so inclined.
5. Each person, as a unit of one, is responsible for the consequences of their being affiliated with any collective, group, cause, relationship, business, religious/philosophical belief, etc., to which they have willingly become committed.
6. Being a member of a collective, group, cause, relationship, business, religious/philosophical belief, etc., does not in any way reduce a person’s responsibility, as a unit of one, for the nature and fruits of that association.
7. Being a member of a collective, group, cause, relationship, business, religious/philosophical belief, etc., never erases or mitigates the fact that each person in the association is an irreducible and integral unit of one.
8. Each person should use these tenets to closely evaluate any prospective collective, group, cause, relationship, business, religious/philosophical belief, etc., before committing to it.
9. Each person should be on guard against all collectives, groups, causes, relationships, businesses, religious/philosophical beliefs, etc., that meld the individual into a “collective” mentality, where the independent and integral individual is discouraged or has no place.
10. It is a good thing to end association, despite any promised commitment, with any collective, group, cause, relationship, business, religious/philosophical belief, etc., that is found in violation of upholding each person’s unalienable right to be an independent and integral individual, or when the fruit or nature of the association is no longer deemed acceptable.

11. It is a good thing to allow people to change through the course of their life. Enforced constancy of being, in oneself or in others, is a violation of the belief in the independent and integral individual. It inhibits the natural search for and growth from knowledge and experience. However, enforcing change in people is of equal violation. (Tenet #10 allows for terminating a relationship should things change so that it no longer proves tenable, although this step should only be taken with due consideration after a “cooling off” period.)
12. The contract of marriage is based on distrust and enforced commitment. This is not a condemnation of marriage or commitment but rather of that part of human nature generating the grounds for distrust and need for enforcement. Ironically, the contract of marriage does not eliminate distrust, cannot force the will to commit, and in many cases may only be ephemeral.

Founder

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What Stops Christmas

April 13, 1999

INDIFFERENCE a guise of hatred

HAUTINESS a guise of ill will

NON-RESPONSIVENESS shades of both

Shrieks of LOATHING, so shrill in their silence

The Soul IRRECONCILABLE and NOT CONSOLED.

A Judgment

July 3, 2001

Initial outline of negatives:

Note that a number of the following negatives, or variations thereof, are true of some other religions.

Christianity, a cult by definition:

- I. Violates the commandment against making graven images and encourages the practice
- II. Violates the commandment against placing other gods beside or before Him, especially in certain variations of the cult where saints are worshiped, as are angels and a certain virgin mother (who is sometimes called the “Mother of God,” which places her not only beside God but before Him)
- III. Encourages/Promotes:
 - A. Iconoclast
 - B. Bigotry
 - C. Hypocrisy
 - D. Demagoguery
 - E. Extortion (of souls and wealth)
 1. Borrows belief in hell from the Greeks (concept of an underworld) to frighten people into converting and keep those already ensnared
 2. Borrows belief in Satan from the Greeks (concept of a god of the underworld) to frighten people into converting and keep those already ensnared
 3. Espouses the truth of Revelations to frighten people into converting and keep those already ensnared
- IV. Uses its religious framework and machinations to garner vast wealth, power and influence, political and other
- V. Blatantly stifles whatever it considers to be a competition in the social, spiritual, belief/dogma, political, economic areas, including squashing competing or differing organizations, philosophies, religious practices, belief structures, etc. This produces a sort of cannibalism within Christianity itself, through the

ongoing attempts by the various Christian sub sects to proselytize/convert members of the other sub sects, creating a humorously tragic, sometimes lethal, randomness.

Initial outline of positives:

Note that each of the following positives could be fulfilled by any number of religions.

- I. Provides a vent for religious needs and tendencies, including:
 - A. spiritual expression
 - B. the need to atone for what one considers to be sins against God/Nature and one's fellow man and be therefore cleaned
 - C. the need to sacrifice wealth, time, attention, and other resources to something on a higher plane in order to make some reciprocation for the good things already received, and propitiate in hopes the bounty will continue
 - D. holy days that move one through each year and one's entire life with an automatic sense of purpose designed around progressive religious significances/observances
- II. Provides a firm structure upon which to base the raising of offspring and anchor one's life and family
- III. Provides a social climate and cultural basis for members to interrelate
- IV. Provides justification and framework for judging one's self and others
- V. Provides some communal protection against other militant religions

Procrustes Peter Introduction

February 1984

"And men employ consecrated symbols, some of them obscure and others clearer, and thereby guide their understanding to a knowledge of things divine, though not without hazard. For some go entirely astray and slip down into sheer superstition, and others, who shun the quagmire of superstition, fall as it were unwittingly over the precipice of atheism."

Plutarch (46?-120 AD)
from essay "Isis and Osiris"

Procrustes Peter

With flames and tongues

He storms Olympus

"Empale au Zeus

Defile aux gods!"

His shield the Bairn

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To contemplate

Poem Elucidation

Procrustes = Used figuratively. (From a mythical Greek robber who made his victims conform to the size of his bed by either cutting off their legs to make them shorter or hammering and stretching them out to make them longer. He was eventually forced to undergo the very same treatment.)

Peter = Greek word for teacher, i.e., the biblical Simon called Peter - Simon called Teacher.

Procrustes represents the tendency in a religion's proselytizing to make everyone both inside and outside its particular sphere conform to itself, including values, beliefs, philosophies, clothes styles, architecture, acceptable professions, and, in general, attitudes about different aspects of existence. The robber aspect delineates a religion's tendency to eschew anything that doesn't exactly fit its pattern or ideal, thus robbing adherents of non-conforming culture and heritage. Added to the above could also be the ever-present drive for money and other forms of sectarian wealth from its followers, oftentimes including threats (however disguised or euphemized) of eternal punishment and loss of future status in the Otherworld-whatever or wherever that might be-should one fail to be adequately generous.

"Procrustes Peter" is not only the doing but also the teaching, in all ways obvious and subliminal, that the Procrustean way is the acceptable, even preferred way to spread a religion and control its adherents, instead of letting neophytes pick and choose and, in essence, have control over their own lives, heritage and culture. Unfortunately, and yet fittingly, similar to the final judgment inflicted on Procrustes of old, members of offshoot sects are subjected to the arbitrariness of parallel as well as different sects - or individuals - who know theirs is the only way.

"With flames and tongues" = Since the beginning of known history fire has been an accepted means of purging that which is unwanted or deemed undesirable, including its use for various forms of destruction, leveling, and exorcism, plus torture-induced coercion and intimidation. "Tongues" enflame souls or spirits of adherents via sermons, speeches, indictments, proclamations and the like designed to urge a common response toward a prescribed common goal, which is the goal of the religion, one of its sects, or simply that of a skillful demagogue. In the Christian religion "flames and tongues" also refers to the biblical incident of Pentecost, where flames danced above the head of each apostle, while each apostle spoke in strange tongues, or languages, all brought about by the presence of the Holy Ghost. Pentecostals and Born Again Christians, also called Charismatic, still believe that speaking in tongues during a religious service

bespeaks the presence of the Holy Ghost at the gathering. Usually one person speaks in "tongues" while someone else is inspired to interpret what is being said.

"Flames and tongues" could also represent the outreach of a religious movement, as the tongues of flame reach outward at varying lengths and in different directions, though all from a common source. Tongues of flame thus start new flames, the tongues of which start other new flames, and so on, illustrating the proselytizing and teaching phenomena.

"he storms Olympus" = Storms can mean violent attack, in which the "he" (a religion in general, Procrustes Peter in particular) could be rushing Olympus with intent to unseat the ancient pagan gods and their current and future influence. It could also imply to hasten to, as in hurry to possess those formidable seats of power vacated by the old deities. A third possibility is that the ancients haven't left, since their presence is still strongly felt—at least through the media of superstitions. In this case they must be dislodged for the "he" to assume a commanding place in creation. In some cases the old gods are allowed to continue as long as they let their natures be viewed rather as angels, devils or saints, with the Greek god Zeus (known to the Romans of old as Jupiter, to the Egyptians as Amen, and to the Persians/Iranians as Ahura Mazda) becoming Almighty God to the Christians; Elohim, or the Tetragrammaton YHVH, to the Old Testament Hebrews; Brahma to the Hindus, Allah to Moslems, the unmoved mover to followers of Aristotle, plus additional titles as decided by other sects and philosophies. (It is a not uncommon observance that changes in godly or Godly attitudes and temperaments reflect similar changes in those of Their human suppliants.)

"Empale au Zeus Defile aux gods!" = This war cry sounds at first as though Procrustes is announcing his intention to impale Zeus on his holy, crusading sword (see "sword of glass," p. 7). However, a more accurate interpretation shows the cry as being "Empale with Zeus Defile with the gods!" as though reaffirming the Olympian gods' extant arbitrary and Procrustean behavior in today's religions. "Empale" can mean to make pale, where one who enshrines himself as the colleague and Earthly representative of Zeus (or one of his many aliases) places himself in a position to "make pale" with fear or anxiety those who believe in his power by celestial grace. "Defile" can mean to tarnish or spoil. But the more sinister definition is to align with, where divine association can make one a sort of demigod, amplifying "Empale." The "spoil" aspect points to an ever-present destruction of nonconformity (see Procrustes definition, p. 2).

End of first stanza

The first stanza is meant to lampoon religious practices that fall within its description—in Christianity as well as other devotions. The remaining three stanzas, however, point directly at Christianity, though they could philosophically and conceptually implicate similar practices in other faiths.

"His shield the Bairn" = To protect himself from harm's way, or from having to take full responsibility for his own actions or their future repercussions, Procrustes Peter shoves the Bairn to the fore and takes a purportedly inferior position behind. The Bairn, of course, is the baby Jesus—"baby" in that, although he lived to be in his early thirties, Jesus the Christ has been professed without guilt or sin of his own, thus ever innocent as a baby. "Bairn" for child commemorates the belief of a gentile religious variation whose members called themselves British Israelites, claiming that native Scots and Britons, through their Celtic ancestry, were descendants of lost tribes of Israel, thus listing themselves among God's chosen people. The "shield" by the Bairn is the charmed protection believed to be showered down on those who give themselves to Christ, administered by the Almighty and by Christ, himself, who is said to rank highest among Heaven's hosts, part of the Godhead. Whether actual Heavenly protection comes or not isn't the pivot here. Instead, belief that protection is forthcoming is the mighty shield. An otherwise overpowering enemy might be cowed for fear of it, and another army invigorated and inspired to super-human courage and perseverance because of its promise. Thus comes into play the self-fulfilling prophecy. Consider Constantine, Joan of Arc, the conquering of the Americas, etc.

"a millennium weened" = "Millennium" technically means a thousand years but could also connote simply a long, indeterminate period of time. Taking this connotation, plus the homophone "weaned" instead of "weened," a comment could be made concerning the weaning away over the years of unwanted aspects and doctrines of Christianity by different sects stressing certain portions of the Bible, in both Old and New Testaments, and denying or simply ignoring other sections that might weaken or disprove the sect's beliefs or strictures, i.e., the apocrypha for Old and New Testaments. "Weaned" also applies to the religion's over-all evolution, where many basic changes have occurred in the Bible, itself, from doctrinal revisions initiated by Constantine to modern, near-constant re-interpretation. All of this would seem to weaken the over-all forward movement of the religion. It especially indicates a lack of conviction or faith in the Bible's message and its truth or accuracy. Whether or not new truths or possible variant interpretations are discovered, the bottom line is dilution. And dilution conjures hordes of would-be prophets who try and fill in the gaps by sidestepping even further with God-conferred insights. Resultant dispersal of momentum and direction opens the door to imposed direction and controlled momentum by opportunists like Procrustes Peter.

Taking "a millennium weened" at face value, it says the millennium, as prophesied in the Bible, is hoped for or expected by adherents, and that this expectation adds enormous power to the Bairn as a shield. It doesn't matter what might happen as a consequence of Procrustes Peter's activities. Everything will be set right during the millennium reign of Christ on Earth. Thus Procrustes feels he has a free hand with no need to assume an undue sense of responsibility for the future. (See below "sword of glass.")

"Credentials forged" = Most religions are riddled with assumptions and revelations that must be accepted *en toto* on faith, with the sum becoming the belief. Accepting the belief, on faith, is ones credentials for belonging to a particular devotion. Not all who espouse a belief, however, do so only out of religious conviction. Some see the power that can be readily tapped (see first stanza) and use the established channels to milk out fortunes, positions, and especially heady power. In such cases the credentials for belonging in the first place might well be faked.

From another angle, a person might believe they have personally received the word of God through revelations, thus beginning their own ministry ordained by God, not by the institutions set up by Man. In this instance the credentials are not valid in the eyes of established sects, although a large enough following could one day elevate them to the point of general recognition, if not acceptance.

Until the time when all things are made known, exactly which credentials actually mandate the aims and tenets of God should not be presupposed. Thus religious tolerance is called for, since the sect one persecutes may be the one true calling (assuming that such an institution does or can exist).

Additional meanings could be credentials forged in Heaven, with God or Christ the smith, or forged through a process of working with the metals from which Christianity, itself, has been forged for two thousand years (not including the Old Testament time frame). However Procrustes Peter received his credentials, he advances them, or forges them ahead, to justify his assumed role.

"sword of glass" = A sword is a cutting tool, or weapon, used to reduce resistance. In this context the sword is of glass, connoting a degree of invisibility while at the same time being lethal. "Credentials forged" is the "sword of glass." Due to the nature of glass, it cuts on both edges of the blade, meaning there are inevitable repercussions from its use. Glass indicates a hard brittleness that requires protection from more substantial threats, such as from zealous infidels and those who are unimpressed by the credentials forged. Persons on the inside by whom it will be wielded also must protect the sword from shattering misuse.

"Beyond reproach!" = Not "above" reproach, since that would connote an assured celestial license. "Beyond," though, belies the attempt to keep out of reach of potential censure, blame, or discredit by staying at least just ahead of them, or by being located in another plane in such a way as to cloud the connection between

misdeeds in one plane and perpetrator in the other. "The motto humble" is a jab at the blatant unhumbleness and scathing presumption of "Beyond reproach!"

"On wings of mind" = The mind of Procrustes Peter lifts his activities off the ground of accountability, personally elevating them—which he believes makes them lofty. In the real world the wings represent simple flights of fancy and self-deluding dreams of Heavenly hegemony. To assist him in his quixotism he relies on "his stallion cross," the great breeding aspect of the innocent Christ's crucifixion in spreading Christianity and humbling while inspiring its adherents.

"Till come the times

his offspring slate" = Changing consciousness and circumstances can bring about circumspection and the questioning of beliefs once thought inviolate, resulting in factions splitting off, with new directions calling and old ones censured. The above comes from the definition of "slate." "Offspring" can mean spiritual as well as physical descent.

"God's true omphalos

to contemplate" = Just when one thinks all has been explained with utmost perfection, a sudden enlightenment or disillusionment can shake that complacency and send one naked into the world to once again search for something to believe true. Contemplating God's omphalos is a celestial derivation of the oriental practice of looking for answers by studying ones navel. In this instance, omphalos not only means navel but also names a conical stone that once stood near the entrance to the Oracle at Delphi, one time thought to be at Earth's center (Earth was then believed to be flat). This ties beliefs of the ancients in with the assumed better, even more effective ones of today, indicating there still may be something back there worth giving thought to. Also that Christian beliefs, based though they are on divine innovations, aren't necessarily that much different from those of older devotions which have been superseded. In many cases only the names and jargon have changed, justifying my epigram "In this world we walk among ancient things with new faces."

(Dedicated to Serendipity)

Christmas Messages and Poems: 1974 – 1985

1974:

A postulate I give to you

Of good things in the near
That you will give, and thus receive
Of mirth, good will, and cheer.

1975 (two poems):

A Prayer of Love

Can deep be Sown
And from its seed
New Life be Grown.

New Life is what
Life's all about
Not Hate, distress, or
Fear and Doubt.

A Prayer of Love
Will bear forth Fruit
Illusive, Not,
To Just Pursuit

Illusive, Not,
To eyes that seek
A Prayer of Love.

How Clear the Night

With brisk snowfalls
Crisp stars shine bright
While Nature calls.

The Light of Lights
Will show our way
To New Found Heights
A Clearer Day.

1976:

Yule Logs burn

In Hearths of Fire
While Jack Frost nips
And Children play.

Carolers with cheeks aglow
Sing 'neath stars' crisp light;
Festivities and mirth prevail,
Ne'er to tire on this Holy Night.

1977:

Christmas 2077

The planet Earth
So far away
The Home of such
A Holiday —

Beckons forth
Across the Space,
"Oh Celebrate
Ye every Race!

"No mistletoe
On Saturn's sphere?
Still, Congregate
And have good cheer;

"For, lo, the message,
Wrought through time,
Deserves considering,
Thought and Rhyme."

1978 (two poems):

Multi-patterned snowflakes

Awhirl in gusts and gale;
Crystal, frozen droplets
Aset low-drooping limbs.
Mounds of deep, and shallow fill,
Contour white's conquering view,
Beshrouding hill and valley —
Night waits the storm be through.

Then of a sudden splendor
All crystal to the torch;
Each snowflake's many facets
'Flect photon beams of joy.
While midnight shadows deepen
And contrast takes its shape,
The full moon stands addressing —
Snow's flurries hang like crepe.

As hopes take seed

This Yuletide
To grow the whole
Year through,
Yours surely will
Be present
For others and For you.

1979:

CHRISTMAS 1979

Ephem'ral Strands of Mem'ry Binding,
Life's Dear Essence fills our Mode;
Those Afar, and those our Neighbors,
Share a common Love and Care.

Those who lived in Times now Bygone
Share this Care and Love the same —
For they reside in Life's Dear Essence,
To Nurture us and stir our Souls.

And Wanderers, that are unheard of —
Their whereabouts God only knows —
Are One with Us this Christmas season
To cross our minds on Fancy's Trail.

Ephem'ral Strands of Mem'ry Binding,
Hold God's Creatures in their Spell,
To end the year all Purged of Difference
To meet our Souls in One Night's gel.

1980:

NEW YEARS' HOPE

The Great Door Midnight opened.
Through passed the Old and New,
Who met then at the threshold
For *what will be* to view.

But murky clouds of Unforeseen
Hid consequences of events
Which happened in the time now gone,
There lingering for recompense.

"What will become of that I built?"
The leaving year inquired,
"Will nations fight to hold their own,
And freedom be inspired?"

"What do you see to hope for —
You who must go on —
You whose span may see the end
Or glory in what's won?"

"The weight of past transgressions
Is heavy in the wake,
And teeters on the keenest edge
Awaiting Heaven's shake.

"Will all that had such value,
To those in history,

Be gone to leave a gaping void
Through some calamity?"

The New Year posed as thoughtful,
And did not answer soon,
For it had thoughts of more import
To occupy its Tune.

'Till finally it answered,
A smile upon its brow,
"If full-feared I the future,
There'd be no time for now.

"There is small need to worry
Due tensions that have built,
For they have full accounting
At Judgment when there's guilt.

"In stead my Hope is boundless,
And does not find a word,
But rests on Life's resilience,
And a Prophet I once heard."

Then summoning its courage —
Then letting go its breath —
The New Year made its entrance;
The Other met its death.

1981:

None.

1982:

Keiths' Christmas 1981

The two-storied, white cottage sits not far from others more expensive. From the outside it's undistinguished, lost among trees and grass and, in winter, snow. Its location is near a summer tourist town close to the tip of Michigan's thumb. Native Michiganders and others from across the country flock to Port Austin during the warmer months, drawn by Lake Huron's deep, cold waters; often-precipitous, rocky, and picturesque coastline; green forestation; excellent fishing; and rough, pioneer-like environment. Then they leave, deserting before the wilder months when gale-blasted broken ice piles high, as perennial wind and tide play with the lake's frozen surface.

Inside the house, beyond the casual glance of the exterior observer, is a place of warmth and fancy, of years long gone with hopes of their return. Once a small cottage built as a hunter's shack, the dwelling has become the property of two people whose hearts are great, and the cabin has grown in size. Years of gradual evolution have seen rooms added both up and down, until it comfortably sleeps over thirty guests. Besides there being several downstairs bedrooms, double beds, bunks, and singles side-by-side fill the second floor. Each room has a name, usually determined by design of wallpaper, color, function, or era of contained artifacts.

Both Jean and Paul Keith are in their 60s, and their formal house is in Detroit. They've reared a family of their own, plus foster children, while providing a place of weekend retreat at the cottage for scout troops, church crowds, and an endless stream of others. Yet room never becomes a problem. There are ample bathrooms and kitchens; and a wide, enclosed porch running the length of the house and holding tables enough to furnish a medium-size restaurant. In the garage sit two snowmobiles that, Jean says, "didn't get used at all last winter."

Jean and Paul were alone in their great, sprawling wonderland. It was the day after Christmas, and their family hadn't come for the holidays—most of them being in California. Yet the couple wasn't destined to remain by themselves for long. Their minister, Reverend Garrett, had asked if the overflow from his family get-together could spend the night at their place. There would be over fifteen people.

We came stuffed from hours of over-eating, and still humming with the excitement generated by the holiday reunion. The cars arrived on the snow-buried road,

headlights illuminating showers of sifting flakes until the circular driveway was filled bumper-to-bumper. It was nearly 11:00 o'clock at night when we trudged into the warm living room, marveling at the homey decor and glowing fireplace. Snow clinging to shoes instantly melted as coats were ferried to a nearby bedroom, and we began milling about the strange world suddenly entered. Every wall and shelf held treasures of memorabilia from the Keiths and their friends, including a mounted violin Jean had played when four years old.

Jean led the tour. She appeared to be about five feet tall, energy-packed, and on a never-satisfied quest to ensure everyone's happiness and entertainment. (In Detroit she works for the school system as a volunteer music instructor, since the city cut funds for the regular program.) She was the Christmas spirit incarnate, Mrs. Claus, while Paul was "Santa." He was tall and of medium build, relaxed in his woolen shirt, mellow and comfortable, mixing with, and, like Jean, taking pleasure from the time with this surrogate family.

Each room held its own Christmas tree, fully adorned. In the 1920s bedroom the decorations were all of that vintage, and the 1940s one held nothing more recent than that decade. My grandnephew wanted to play with the old train set, and my two little nieces begged to drag a large dollhouse in from the frigid porch, but they all finally settled on playing an electric organ. And all the time, we adults were chatting, touring, and gasping in amazement, champing ever-present hors d'oeuvres, cookies, nuts, candy; and drinking punch.

Midnight found the house-full beginning to settle as we drifted into the living room, cozying in front of the fire. Then someone began singing a carol, and soon others joined in. Jean disappeared and returned with mimeographed sheets containing the words to several songs, plus jingle bells, which were distributed to all. The next half hour was spent raising voices and the roof with good cheer warmer than the hearth.

Finally bedtime ruled, and we all straggled off, one couple to the '40s room, one to the '20s, the two small nieces and nephew to the Snoopy room, and the rest of us where we pleased, with me climbing into an enormously comfortable double bed piled high with blankets. In the morning Jean prepared a feast of eggs and ham, toast and sausage, coffee and juice, to fortify us for our return trips—including one of my older nieces and her husband to Connecticut, and I to California. For Jean and Paul the return was to Detroit, from where they would continue to overflow their unending Keiths' Christmas.

1983 (originally written 1981):

Ascent

I lifted from the scene even before the last of the mourners had gone. It was strange not having a body. Like an amputee, I still experienced sensations from that which was no longer. Also, my sight had altered. The lush greenery, shrubs, cultivated trees and monolithic tombstones, and the distant hills skirted by fences of picket and wire, so vivid still in mental pictures, now appeared out of perspective, random and oddly molecular, with misty forms the only confinement of chaos.

The journey begun turned different than expected. It started overland with no known destination. My many perceptions were now keen, unhindered by crude body electronics. As I passed plants and creatures, I could sense their mental processes, the barriers between them and me dissolving. All the while time moved on a different continuum, and the urge to account it dissipated.

Lightness and darkness, brought by the traveling of the sun, could scarcely be detected. Movement, itself, became merely my changing point of view. Earth and sky melted into simple variations of the same thing, while the physical universe paled before the unveiling of others more subtle, less severe.

Unexpectedly, instead of continuing across the plane of Earth I was unfolding, as the white-marbled, blue planet shrank until lost to my concern.

1984:

Time for Love

"Unknowable" was set up eons ago. Its metaphysical device constructed physical universe future out of the rag-tag remnants of past ages--swept up bits of injustices not yet resolved. Its purpose was a teaching device for souls, the beings who must resolve in order to grow and become great. Yet the Designer of "Unknowable" did not see all. After interminable ages the works were again on the brink of running amok.

To salvage the original purpose, long ago an Order was established in a dimension unaffected by "Unknowable." The purpose of this Order was to monitor "Unknowable's" various Themes, stepping in now and then to keep things going in healthy and uplifting directions. The Order didn't take direct action against "Unknowable" due to ethical restrictions as well as caution not to cause its defense mechanism to mobilize. Instead, the Order sent members into a stagnant, failing or otherwise endangered Theme to mitigate the condition through "natural" processes.

Once committed, a Soul of the Order would in most cases lose memory of the Order, the mission and inherent powers. Thus handicapped, the Soul would enter the Theme as a mere participant, kept on purpose by flashes of insight. Inspiration would come from spotting triggering symbols in the environment, prearranged between the affected Soul and the Order. Then the Soul would remain until its mission was completed.

Chaos had invaded a tiny speck of a planet far off the beaten track. Hordes of rogue Souls had been invading Earth's Theme, holding countless participant souls in their power and unwittingly forcing "Unknowable" to compensate. As the Theme changed, the Order was called into action to neutralize overcompensation, and many Souls received assignments.

For music loving Astra the assignment was to monitor personal love and understanding. To assure that her findings were not diluted by intelligence, physical beauty, social graces, and admirable skills, Astra would be born in a body handicapped of most of these. Love shown her, though occasionally laced with, or shored up by

compassion or pity, would still be of a more pure nature. Especially important was how much time was allotted her by participants, for in many ways time and love equate.

Astra's interview for the assignment had been painstakingly blunt. She was virtually volunteering to descend into Hell. As conditions and attitudes on Earth were known to exist she could expect little reward during the job. Only on her return would she receive the fruits of her service, restored greatness. Yet Astra didn't mind. She loved music, and she loved love.

The day came for her to go. The day came for her to return.

"Was there much time for you?" asked the interviewer.

"Yes," came her answer, "more than enough. The consciousness of souls has increased to understanding more subtle values of life. They once believed a life could only be appreciated for what it contributed, be it entertainment, accomplishment, material gain, or simply returned love. It is now dawning that life can and should be nurtured for its own sake, since no matter the circumstances, souls are involved. Many are realizing that when souls are involved, all possible must be done to make any life as beneficial a learning experience, and livable, as possible.

"I was honored to witness this enlightenment as well as see parallel and related inroads against the indigestible fruits of guilt and superstition. My lesson learned is that, although on an individual basis it is better to give than to receive, as a member of the family of souls and Souls it is better when love extended is returned amplified. Through this process understanding of one another also increases, while all benefit and grow."

1985:

An Alogy

A chalice stands on the table of God. Placed there at mankind's implanting, its purpose is to hold the distillate of our interactions as husbanded by Him. The contents age like wine made from creations other than grapes. Whereas the wine of grapes will sour and weaken the senses when drunk, that of the chalice should always sweeten and strengthen life.

The characteristics of contents vary as the different ingredients intensify or wane in proportion to each other. And the whole is worked by the fermentation of lesser elements that must be diluted by the infusion of higher ones. What defines the contents only God knows, though philosophers take liberties to surmise.

Periodically God lifts the chalice from its place and takes a sip. If the bouquet, color, texture or palate are not pleasing, the chalice is sadly returned. But first the contents are emptied into the abyss, when they are spoiled beyond repair. At such times our continuation is placed on trial. However, if all is pleasing to God, it justifies His interest. Then we are enhanced with the Creator, and He drinks deeply of His harvest.

(This is my 13th Christmas message since 1974 and will be the last.

I wish to thank those of you who have written to comment on my past endeavors. 1974—"A Postulate I give to you . . ."; 1975—"A Prayer of love" and "How Clear the Night"; 1976—"Yule Logs burn"; 1977—"Christmas 2077"; 1978—"Multi-patterned Snowflakes" and "As hopes take seed"; 1979—"Ephem'ral strands"; 1980—"New Years' Hope"; 1981—none; 1982—"Keiths' Christmas 1981"; 1983—"Ascent"; 1984—"Time for Love")

It Is All Human Nature

March 2004

It's all human nature, because human nature is composed of all possible natures. The human mind, as a whole, has evolved to be capable of tapping into all manner of thought, and it is collections of thoughts that determine natures. It is within the mental power of humans, as a whole, to pick and choose from the many collections of thought in determining their own, personal natures. However, allowable choices are often limited, even regulated by environment, such as cultural taboos or traditions. Humans are usually raised within such frameworks of allowable natures, packaged and taught at home, school, associations, workplaces, and religious establishments. Adherence is rewarded and variance is punished.

The term "it is human nature" usually has negative connotations. Yet, in fact it's all human nature. Even the entity revered and/or feared as God (or a god) exhibits tendencies that would not be found alien to human activity and thinking. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say, "It's all God's nature," as calling it human nature may seem to relegate God to the same level as humans.

A good look at history would confirm the possibility that human nature and God's nature are similar if not identical. Humans take comfort, though, in assuming that God's nature is kind and loving and magnanimous, and always wanting to do the right thing and what's best. However, there is no real justification for this belief. Humans have created a mindset regarding God's nature. But God never has, nor ever will conform His mindset to what is expected. He'll throw a tantrum now and again and have peculiarities just like everybody else, only perhaps with more wattage.

Considering the above, it falls that humans have all the tools they need to salvage their kind and, in general, life on Earth. They are much closer and have greater access to material aspects of existence than God would have. It is only their choice of natures that prevents them from having the kind of collective mind frame that would facilitate understanding the big picture, to thus work to achieve the long-term preservation of life and resources on Earth.

It is part of "human nature" to need a supreme being, of whatever name, upon which to lay blame, and from which to seek help when things seem to be out of control. To this slot in Creation called the Supreme Being or God humans assign a wide and varying range of attributes, depending on the many distinctive, cultural mindsets and chosen natures. Yet not one of these assigned aspects is missing from choices available as part of human nature, whether good, indifferent, or bad. The only real distinctions humans can honestly make between themselves and God are intention and wattage, with intention being more important than wattage. Yet even the intention changes, one culture or mindset to another, so only wattage is held in common.

Humans codify their collections of attributes assigned to God as religions, and even assorted sects of religions. This alone should show them that there is no one religion or collection of Godly attributes that fully describes God. Only by looking inward upon

themselves will they see the true, multifaceted aspects of God. As to intention and wattage, both of these can be, and have been, accomplished by humans in the past, both for good and for evil.

The mistake is in expecting God to “make things right.” By fostering this hope, humans allow themselves to run amok and carry on irresponsibly, believing that God, or a messiah or savior, will come and make things right. Thus, human intention and wattage to do the right thing are allowed to dissipate or be misdirected. By following this path, they miss the point of God’s help, for he works through them. Consequently, allowing intention and wattage funneling through them to dissipate in effect dissipates God’s influence, intent and wattage. As point of fact, each and every one of humans is a messiah or savior. They prove it to each other in their day-to-day lives but flush it from their consciousness almost as soon as it occurs, because salvation is said to only come from God, an idea fostered by the lists of aspects assigned to God. In reality, each human is not just a potential messiah or savior but actually is one. No amount of flushing away the fact of doing the right thing will eliminate the fact it occurred; only demonstrates its unacceptability as a possibility of having any future consequence or significance.

Just like gods, messiahs and saviors, individual humans affect the future profoundly. It is the average human’s inability to peer into the future that makes them unaware of the many ramifications of things they did yesterday, do today, and will do tomorrow. It is this blindness to future consequences that makes them believe that the only real affect on the future has to be directed by a god. Yet, in the end, it is all human nature.

Nature Culling

March 2004

Cataclysm, politics, religion, and disease are Nature's/God's way of culling living beings. Cataclysm, in this context, covers all possible negative or destructive aspects of existence, whether caused by Nature or under the direct or indirect control or influence of living beings. The term includes large-scale destruction or overpowering negative significance.⁵ Cataclysm can be invoked directly by Nature/God or by politics, religion, disease, or any combination thereof.

Politics includes any intercourse between living beings, including every manifestation of processes derived from food-chain mentality. Politics has existed from the beginning of time, long before the existence of living beings, and has evolved as Life has evolved. Politics includes subtypes religion and disease.

Religion is the only artificially created subtype and is peculiar to humans. It is separated out from politics, for purposes of this essay, to emphasize its arbitrary nature, overpowering influence and significance, and real or potential impact on all living beings.

Disease is separated out from politics for a similar reason as given for religion. Disease consists of living beings living off, perhaps feeding on, other living beings, which harkens back to the food-chain mentality aspect of politics. Whether a disease is good or bad depends on the point of view. The term disease also encompasses evil intention of living beings against other living beings, which steps outside the realm of food-chain mentality. In other words, disease can mean "politics gone bad."

Cataclysm, politics, religion and disease act independently from each other or together in every kind of relationship possible. In their wake, living-being numbers are kept under control.

⁵ The term "negative" is taken from the viewpoint of adversely affected living beings, not from the perspective of big picture ramifications or justifications, or to imply wrongness or evil.

Age of Monsters

April 2004

Monsters vary in size, shape, significance, importance, and type. They exist far outside of Nature's median scope, and generally are considered as nemeses not only to each other but also to other life forms in Nature's domain.⁶

There have been monsters throughout time, at least since the monstrous explosion espoused by the Big Bang theory. At one time the Earth was populated by several species of monsters, giant in size and weight, which went forth to overpower and conquer the planet by sheer, dumb massiveness. A monstrous explosion that was bad for them but opened the door of possibility for Mankind apparently wiped them out.

Compared to the behemoths that ruled the planet for so many millions of years, Mankind is diminutive in size and weight. In fact, many of Earth's species are larger overall and heavier than the average human. What has turned Mankind into a monster of the greatest consequence is a relatively small organ located in the head called a brain.

Most life forms have a centralized brain of some kind, and it may never be known how and why the human version received the key to unlock the doors of limitless Cosmic Thought. There are, of course, religious explanations presenting easily digestible allegories that may have historical basis. Whatever the genesis, the resulting beast has evolved out of basic human kind to become what I call the "Planet-and-Self-Devouring⁷ Man Monster." (Hereafter, the term will be shortened to simply "Man Monster.")

The Man Monster has been at odds with Nature since the earliest of times. Unlike all other animals, which have remained part of Nature and under her rule, the Man Monster has removed itself from such blind and dumb obedience. Since the separation began, far in pre-history, the Man Monster has fought Nature at every turn, and in many cases forced Nature to do the Man Monster's bidding with little or no reciprocity.⁸

Nature has not given up its supremacy without a fight, throwing every kind of calamity, including disease, drought, flood, blizzard, volcanic eruption, violent storm/wind/lightening, fire, even missiles from the deepest recesses of outer space. All

⁶ The terms Nature and God should be considered interchangeable for purposes of this writing.

⁷ A cursory look at history and the present should be sufficient to explain the term "Planet-and-Self-Devouring."

⁸ There have been countless groups of humans over the millennia that have settled at lower levels of development and been happy to remain there. In many such cases the people contented themselves to live ecologically within Nature's constraints, usually feeling a need to reciprocate or propitiate. Over time, many of these groups have died out, but most have been absorbed either through conquest or the desire to have the many things or political power acquired by adherents of Man Monster-ism. With each such human disappearance or absorption, Nature slides further into the background.

the while the Man Monster has reached deeper into the realm of Cosmic Thought to find answers on how to stave off Nature's furies. More often than not these answers have been forthcoming. With the invention and prolific use of writing and illustrating to store acquired knowledge, sacred Cosmic Thought has become standard, secular fare to be accumulated and passed on for use by future generations.

The Man Monster's success at thwarting Nature has never before been as thorough as it has over the past three centuries. The Cosmic Thought storehouse, also referred to as the Philosopher's Realm, has been pillaged and ransacked. The doors to its *sanctum sanctorum* have been forced open so frequently that their hinges are wearing, and the doors no longer seal. Meanwhile, the Man Monster's brain seldom fails to capture escaping rays from Cosmic Thought, ever increasing the Man Monster's bias over Nature.

The twentieth and early twenty-first centuries A.D. have seen an unparalleled acceleration in the shift of balance in favor of the Man Monster. Consequently, Nature is now fighting a defensive war, all but toothless and without claws in her protection of all other species who have placed their destiny in her care. The Man Monster, knowingly or unknowingly, has climbed into the driver's seat as to the survival of every form of life on Earth.

It is doubtful that the Man Monster will ever willingly surrender the ground it has captured in the war against Nature. The pressing question is, "Will the Man Monster be willing, able, and responsible enough to maintain the many complex balances that Nature juggles, which include the fickle mass of human kind?" If so, there's a chance that life on Earth, as we know it, might survive. If not, then overpopulation, famine, greenhouse effect, pollution, war, even radioactive contamination may decimate all life, including the Man Monster itself. Such a collapse could free Nature to reestablish a beachhead while mortally discrediting the whole Man Monster regime. The human kind left surviving might then plummet back to a less controlling and more natural state ... or not. After all, this wouldn't be the first "Tower of Babel" built by the Man Monster, and very well may not be the last.⁹

⁹ The story of the Tower of Babel is a biblical account of how God dealt with an attempt by a Mankind unified by a single-language to ascend the Tower of Babel and become like, even challenge, God. In the story, God brings about confusion and eliminates communication by confounding Mankind with many different languages. Consequently, the groups speaking the various tongues separate across the planet, thwarting Mankind's endeavor.

Getting Life

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005

Whatever our crimes before entering this World, upon birth we begin a life sentence among fellow inmates. One seldom knows when one will be paroled.

Gift of Appreciation

Sunday, December 18, 2005

Existence can appear to be two-dimensional. In other words, the apparentness of existence is that it is all surface comprehension, and everything beyond what can be seen or otherwise experienced at the surface level is a mystery. This mystery may or may not be important, or at least may or may not be important to know. Remaining at this level of comprehension or apparentness can be comfortable, especially if one has a learned and imposed structure upon which to hang all of one's concerns about what lies beyond the two-dimensional comprehension. Such structures require protecting, especially when evidence of other dimensions or facets of existence possibly could make their way into one's awareness.

The gift of appreciation, when not stifled, suppressed, or negated, can work as a key to unlock parts or facets of existence lurking behind, beyond, below, or above the two-dimensional apparentness too often proffered by constructs. As one's willingness to peer beyond the various facades that construct two-dimensional existence apparentness increases, these "explanatory" constructs will tend to fade in importance and even may disappear. This phenomenon is frightening to some—enough so that they will stifle, suppress, or negate attempts to experience areas "beyond."

Certain religions are the constructs most often used to stifle, suppress, and negate, with superstition being an aspect, alternate version, and grandfather of all religions. One could even claim that raw superstition formed one of the earliest constructs used to explain existence.

Another device used to explain existence would be explanatory stories that tell how the different aspects of the known universe came into being. Not based on facts, such stories could be called fantasies or fairy tales. These stories were and are not only used to explain why things are as they are, but often are dogmatized through some form of force, coercion, or required agreement. Those people having contrary views are ostracized, or worse, as non-conformists and non-believers.

Taking the above into account, it can be seen how the sense of appreciation can become blunted, or never fully developed, in areas where specific and arbitrary views or facades explaining existence are strongly advocated and enforced. Once blunted or under-developed, the sense or gift of appreciation will be blunted or under-developed

toward all aspects of existence. Otherwise, appreciation could not help but detect, albeit accidentally, alternate or additional aspects of existence not covered or explained or allowed by currently acceptable constructs.

Certain groups of people develop alternate, variations of, and completely different constructs of existence depending on what aspects of existence they are allowed or willing to view, and what explanations they are allowed or willing to believe. Frequently conflicts occur between the adherents of two or more differing constructs, especially when certain constructs try to force themselves upon, change, or destroy the differing constructs and/or their adherents—such conflicts sometimes being played out within a construct, when change is needed or demanded from elements within but not accepted. Yet to one possessing the gift of appreciation, all such conflicts can be seen as wars between facades, with facades, or constructs, being artificial by nature. The following example is born out by known history:

Way of God?

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005

Revised: Sunday, December 18, 2005

Judaism, Christianity and Islam have been partly reflections of and partly curses against the Way of God. Judaism also has been a curse invoked against Jews as well as pagans, Christians and Moslems. Christianity also has been a curse invoked against Christians as well as pagans, Jews and Moslems. Islam also has been a curse invoked against Moslems as well as pagans, Jews and Christians.

Further amplifying the above essay is an examination of how two-dimensionality is manifested in interpersonal relations. Human beings, unless afflicted with debilitating mental defects, are prismatic, or multi-faceted, in their abilities and thought/soul processes. Yet the range of comprehension of one person by another can be severely limited, often to the point of limiting to first impressions, or strained through hearsay, stereotypes and other prejudicial filters.

There appears to be a definite need to narrow our view of another person, if possible, so their character can be limited to just one, a couple, or a few aspects or facets. Doing so makes it easier to pigeon-hole the person rather than being open to free and unfiltered interpersonal relations. This tendency I call creating a “personalized view” of someone.

I once wrote a memorial to my father, after his death, in which I explored his many positive facets rather than spending much time on those I knew to be negative. However, the booklet did not set well with others in the family, especially those who had created a personalized view against him based on perceived slights or other perceived negative actions by him toward them or their loved ones. After reading the memorial even my mother, one of the most appreciative and least judgmental people I’ve ever known, said to me, “I wish I had known him.” This, after they had been married nearly thirty-eight years, had five children together, and had close contact with each other for nearly thirty more years after the divorce.

My mother had been blinded to many of my father's positive facets because they fell outside her personalized view of him. Recently I watched an excellent documentary about Benjamin Franklin, in which many of his facets—positive, negative, mundane, and controversial—were presented, some being at odds with, even contradictory to, others in the same package for the same man. At the end of the program, the narrator very apologetically admitted that he could not provide a nice, tidy, all-inclusive summation of Franklin. He would have to remain enigmatic, as anybody is who has too many “active” facets to fit within a typical personalized view. It comes to mind that probably one of the best reasons for going to college is to have one's personalized view pried open, which any self-respecting college will do overtly or as a side benefit.

It stands to reason that once we realize what it is we are doing, and the potentialities we may be missing, we will begin actively to dismantle our personalized views of people and begin to look at each person's whole picture, without limitation. Along this line, we should throw out “first impressions” and filters. In turn, perhaps they will get the message and do the same for us.

On Knowing Our Ancestors

April 2006

From an e-mail to a niece:

As to family history, there will never be time for family history. One must make time. I see so many generations growing up without roots, and not having any roots to pass down to their own children, not because the information is not available, but because of genuine disinterest. Becoming divorced from your roots is a crime against one of the Ten Commandments—honor they father and they mother. I'm not saying we are the first generations to be this way, but then look at our society today and imagine how things might be if people learned the need for appreciation on all levels, not the least of which would be appreciation for those who have made our walk on Earth possible, at a minimum with remembrance. (Like prayer, remembrance of ancestors should be done quietly and not boisterously.) Something definitely happens when one makes the connection to prior generations. I know, as I've been reveling in it for many years...

What Will People Think

December 10, 2007

We try to teach/impose on children our standards of conduct, thought, and morals so that they will be like us. Since we feel the most comfortable surrounded by people with similar standards to our own, the standards we teach are generally reinforced through the powerful influences and dynamics of neighborhood interpersonal relations. Score decades ago it wouldn't have been very difficult to control such environments, since mobility was severely limited and standards could be imposed by force or fear of force.

Today we still try to teach/impose on our children standards of conduct, thought, and morals so that they will be like us. However, nowadays all bets are off when we rely on the environment to reinforce these standards. Except in backward areas, the world has turned from provincial to macrocosmic, and children are showered with alternative lifestyles and standards from their youngest cognitive age.

Veneer-depth standards no longer serve the purpose above stated. Changing neighborhoods, when they differ, or socializing with people of variant standards—occurrences virtually uncontrollable in today's world—can affect original standards toward becoming more like the ones honored by people in the new sphere of influence. The dynamics of interpersonal relations always come into play, and veneer-depth standards are highly vulnerable. Parents still attempt to eliminate or at least limit such influences by protecting their young from them through separation—residing only in restricted and restrictive locations and/or discouraging their children from socializing with people of variant standards. As a last stand, parents may become unsupportive of the fruits of variant standards when manifested by their children.

An answer to the problem is not to hinge the teaching/imposing of standards on our children of conduct, thought, and morals merely on superficial aspects that have no real value and can be disrupted easily. Arbitrary standards will always end up unsupportable and easily changed. But real standards that have true bases in wholesome conduct, clear thinking, and reasoned morals, reinforced by similar standards held by parents, are likely to sink deeper into the psyche and be more resilient to outside influences.

Moral:

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Thank God!

May 2008

Many people believe whole-heartedly in the words “Praise God *from whom* all *blessings flow...*” The “Praise God” part I have no quarrel with. Regarding the rest, however, if God is synonymous with Life Force, then EVERYTHING flows from God, blessings as well as sneezes. Since God has given Mankind Freedom of Will, then blessings that flow from God through people are channeled and apportioned by those same people and are thus also attributable to the freedom of their will. Too often praising God for everything is a quick and easy cop-out allowing one to ignore and not adequately appreciate blessings from people, e.g. charity, gifts, support in all forms, etc., which often are given with no small sacrifice by the benefactor.

Many people also have a strong desire not to be beholden to others. Crediting only God for all blessings eliminates any such need and allows those receiving blessings *carte blanche* to disregard any sacrifices made on their behalf by human donors. After all, it is *only* God’s will!

Often human benefactors don’t mind being so callously disregarded in the whole “blessings flow” process. For one reason, they are taught from a very young age not to seek thanks; and two, it is a feather in one’s cap, so to speak, to conduit God’s beneficence. Yet this well-established negligence, which invalidates the accepted doctrine of Freedom of Will, opens wide the door for schemers to milk and bilk their fellow travelers in this life, and bypasses the need for recourse to conscience. Whatever one takes one receives from God, not from those who are acting only as God’s instruments.

Jesus appreciated the “widow’s mite” above greater offerings from wealthier adherents, so what is said here has plenty of biblical precedence—Mark 12.41-44 and Luke 21.1-4. If the blessings were *only* flowing from God, then Jesus should have ignored both the poor widow *and* the rich patron and done what so many of us have become accustomed to doing, simply thanked God.

Still Waters or Tumbling Rocks

November 15, 2012

Time is the grandfather of black holes—the Invincible Eraserhead. Fame or even infamy may ensure a person is remembered *postmortem*. But even then, how long is controlled by Time’s co-conspirator the Fickle Finger of Fate, which determines not only if and how long but how a person is remembered. Notwithstanding, in the greater scheme of things good character and good deeds have the impact of still waters, and bad, of tumbling rocks.

Designing Life

An apparent fantasy
November 6, 2017

Dear Samuel James of the Book Publisher's Guild:

I'm sending you this letter in response to your last year's written query asking about my life and how I had come to devote it to writing and publishing works about such a wide range of subjects. This delayed response was due to the imminent publication of my latest book *Sesame Dreams*. Now that there is time before I plunge into my next "block buster" (knock on wood—hey, possibly a good title!), here is my hopefully still-anticipated response.

I was born with some level of eidetic memory for this lifetime and others. That helps greatly when needing to fill-in details surrounding the plots of my books. It is both a blessing and a curse, truth be told, because too many details might potentially bore the reader on the one hand and provide a difficult-to-control avalanche of grist for my mill on the other. It is said the devil is in the details; so true when they give you a devil of a time distracting from a book's timeline and purpose.

I'll make up for my delinquent response by giving you perhaps much more information than you could have wanted. I'll leave it up to your group to parse the onslaught however you want for whatever your purposes. I don't get asked very often, this being the first time in my thirty-year writing career, so I'll use the opportunity to say some things that are often represented as fiction when folded into my general writing.

To steal from Charles Dickens' book *David Copperfield*, I will begin with the wording of his chapter 1 title: "I Am Born." For the purposes of this essay, though, it would be more accurate to say "I Am Born Again." Perhaps the latter wording will help you prepare for what is coming. No, this use of "born again" has nothing to do with the Christian Evangelical movement. It means more on the order of "I Begin Yet another Life Iteration."

I don't know exactly why it is, but between my deaths and returning to new bodies, I remain collected in an aware spiritual form, which I somehow manage to keep together even after plunging into another animated vehicle. It is there whether I am a human, spider, greyhound or whatever, but those non-human forms tend to lack receptacles usable for most of what I bring to the game, so I use those limited existences as vacations from the vagaries coupled with being a member of the Human Race. During those lives I must allow genetic engineering to steer my course rather than the intellect temporarily left outside the box, so to speak. I have little to no control over where I end up, from one life to the next, but of all creatures I have ever occupied, spiders are among the most interesting and challenging. To this day, the fact of managing all those legs and manufacturing lifetimes-worth of intricate webs inspires pure amazement, now that I look

at them and their processes from the outside and not needing the produce stuck to the silken deathtraps.

I figure by now you are taking me for a crackpot, or more generously perhaps, a prankster. Feel free to add as much salt as needed to make this adventure palatable. It is all pulled directly from my recollected experiences, so I'll have to advise you to "take it or leave it," or as Robert Ripley put it, "Believe it or Not." Think of it as a work of fiction, if that makes reading further a better fit to your considerations of "normalcy." My writings should amply testify to my contempt for that word/idea—normalcy. In modern parlance, "it is what it is."

It is sometimes said that history repeats itself, and not knowing about history lends itself to those repeats. Mark Twain was a little more accurate, I suspect, in saying that history doesn't repeat itself but it rhymes. Trouble is, there is SO MUCH HISTORY in each of us, and not just during our lifetimes or even the recorded or remembered existence of Planet Earth. The biblical saying "...there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9) is proven surprisingly accurate by the galaxy of history we each carry with us as we go to the corner grocery store to buy milk or add a picture of lunch to our Facebook page. Buried therein are countless experiences of every kind immersed in a cauldron of religions, philosophies, politics, genders, sexual practices and inhibitions, upbringings and cultural catechisms of the young, comedies, dramas, you name it. That history affects us in ways we may not understand—the majority unable to freely make their way into and cogently access that galaxy. Blaming our upbringing or environment or whatever/whoever seems adequate to justify things we do and think, but the triggers and their roots dig much deeper into our own personal galaxy, what psychiatrists like to call our subconscious. Personally, I've never read a science fiction story that I didn't recall either being part of or hearing about the events near the time they occurred, which tells me that the authors came from a distant area where I had spent millennia before arriving here. Generally, I find that accuracy of labels such as "fact," "fiction" and "myth" become subject to mere opinion and biased judgment as actual memories of events or personages fade or get relayed.

That treasured aspect of my existence, being collected in an aware spiritual form despite physical circumstances, DOES allow me extensive access to my own galaxy of memory groupings. Most of those are clumped together in opaque globs of similar concepts or happenstances, floating about in the vast expanse of my personal universe and yet connected across time like a string of wireless Christmas tree lights. It also allows me, though much less cogently, to peruse what theosophists term the Akashic records, locatable in the non-physical, etheric plane. Those of you having examined many of my works may recall reading evidence of such things as written about in this missive. Lots of it gets added willy-nilly to my writings, often connected at one tangent or another but none, at least so far, a main topic in itself. The following paragraph is a case in point.

It's safe to say that all "thinking" people of Planet Earth know that water is of major importance to the scheme and continuance of biological life. It is less obvious that water mirrors life and is a pure, physical, condensed form of Intellect. It can be likened to the modern Internet but on an infinitely vast and pervasive scale. It greatly assists interpersonal communications among and between life forms and comes nearly as close

to being magical as life itself. Water radiates intellect similarly to the way it evaporates, and the intellectual influence can be altered by life's direction and judgment; so, as it is mined from an ocean, lake, river, or dew drop, it can be used for ANY purpose—creative, destructive, and all points in-between. Certain minds are designed or genetically rigged better than others to allow access to and usage of this intellect, and we all carry reservoirs of the liquid form of water/intellect within us. Evolution, sometimes called Intelligent Design, relies on this font for its apparently directed betterment of the various life and non-life manifestations. Who drives the Intelligent Design machine? This question may be best answered by another question, “Who doesn't?”

There's always a hazy time between when I enter a human and when I can use its mental processes to think through its mind. Not totally dissimilar to entering other, non-human life forms, due to genetics I can't always put my total recollected potential to work. There are differences from one strain of human evolution to another. What spiritual-based mental circuitry I carry with me has to make best of what is possible with the resources at hand as it gradually melds with the current physical brain and nervous system.

Fortunately, so far I don't tend to lose much SELF jumping from subject to subject, but the fact I remember having to go through this process every time can make me wish for a little of the essence “ignorance is bliss.” Culture and environment are also critical to what I am likely to accomplish. Something a Roman senator or patrician would take for granted as being possible and proper in his environment might be useless in a Pacific island headhunter village. More than once I discovered, or rediscovered, that trying to be senatorial or pharonic in a headhunter's or cannibal's or blue-painted Scottish pict's village was likely to get me avoided, thought mad or a witch, and even killed. On the flip side of the coin, and if handled well, such personifications unleashed among rubes could be made to overawe or overpower the opposition wielded by longstanding traditions and implanted authority such as village elders. This process tends to be very disruptive, though, and my successes in that area were never happy or long lasting. Former headhunters loosed in civilizations also make for interesting if potentially lethal juxtapositions.

I am at my most vulnerable during those early years and must rely on people and environmental circumstances to get me through successfully. Suffice it to say many, many, many times I never make it into adult life. Also, many, many, many times I am stuck in a body whose mental and/or physical processes have been in some way handicapped. In such cases I may have to wait and exercise my intellect in a future life.

India's Janes go out of their way to keep from having to continue the endless cycles of birth, suffering and death. Many of my lives were consumed by such philosophies and practices, yet here I am today. I had near eidetic memory back then, also, but I really thought it might be possible to end it all permanently. It's an unfunny joke that I remember those lives. But at the times I figured what the heck. What could I lose trying?

You might ask if I ever saw the face of God or met the Buddha or Jesus or Muhammad or Socrates. The answer is NO, except for unsuccessful dealings with the biblical character Moses, but enough said about THAT. I did meet, and was, many notables during my human lifetimes. At different times I was Pharaohs of Egypt, Roman senators and

patricians, one short-lived Roman emperor, African and barbarian rulers as well as slaves of rulers, but most often I was simply a slave or a lowly soldier or a starving beggar or farmer. I was also every kind of criminal imaginable. Throughout history you did what needed doing to survive and help your family or group. If someone had something and you didn't, there were ways to get what they had. When you DID have something nobody else had, extreme paranoia came in handy as a way of keeping it. But I recall vividly and quite painfully that neither wealth nor poverty brought security of ANY kind. One's fate always seemed to be in the hands of the gods and the local bullies who inevitably rose to fill all levels of authority, or the rag-bare rabble in a constant state of want. Oh yes, I was often a bully. Trust me when I say THEY are not happy or secure, either. For all of us there are potentially nasty effects of karma often resulting from hubris. Also, whenever I hear someone boast that they were once Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony, Cleopatra, Pope Pius X, King Juba, etc., I automatically acknowledge to myself what should be their embarrassment for having fallen so low in this life, should their claim be true. Personally, I used to berate myself for not having evolved into a greater being over so many millennia. But some lifetimes ago I realized that you can only take so much reusable, contemporary wisdom with you when transmigrating. So, even if accomplishing historic greatness during a life, you then die and have to start all over again practically from scratch. Even BEING a god I've found to be unrewarding in the end. Such existence, though free from transmigration over extended periods, is invariably subject to hugely elaborate chains of karmatic events. Accumulated hubris leaves a trail for nemesis to follow across lifetimes. Now I seldom announce who I once was. In this lifetime, when I get the urge to chastise myself for falling short of potential, I somehow find comfort in the song *Que Sera Sera* (whatever will be, will be; the future's not ours to see, *que sera sera*).

Getting back to designing life, throughout and beyond the hazy early stages of development in my impingement on a surrounding culture, I learn about how to survive in the current environ. Regardless of the baggage I knowingly bring to the life, only certain parts of it can become apropos, sometimes a lot but too often only a little. Unless starvation and/or extreme danger are present early on, one of the most important things I develop is a personality; a recognizable SELF, if you will. This tends to be more important when I am in a culture that doesn't identify people much with things like formal names. In such cultures you became known by your personality construct or body parts or other attributes or circumstances either positive or negative. Even when formal names are assigned at birth—something that has been developing on Earth more and more over the past few millennia—a person might be known more by a peculiarity than by that name. Epithets like the Schnozzola (James "Jimmy" Francis Durante) or Fats (Antoine Dominique, Jr.) Domino or Sachmo (Louis Armstrong) or Elvis (Elvis Aaron Presley) the Pelvis speak volumes to people who may know of whom the names are attached but not necessarily the actual given names. I've had more than a fair share of epithets, things like: Hounder (footman on an English estate in charge of the kennel); Skull Face (a large portion of my face was removed by the claw of a Tibetan bear), Lord Lard (a Scottish country squire's corpulent brother-in-law), Tomahawk (an Iroquois warrior with a deadly aim), and so on. Being liked or not can affect the group's name for

you. It then becomes a virtually affixed and permanent label that's seldom under your control to assign, change or escape—unless vacating the culture or area.

The “hunter-gatherer” instinct comes in handy when constructing a SELF. We're surrounded by sources of likable and unlikable examples, winners and losers. In my case I probably have far more knowing choices than the average human. I have access to millennia of personages and attributes from which to choose. However, I've learned many times the hard way it's best to select from the existing society in order to stay in tune with its culture. Amghogha the Planet Destroyer wouldn't provide a lot of acceptable selections for a serf farmer in merry ol' England. However, the village priest's piety would be much respected, and that would go nicely into the SELF bucket. However, Amghogha is always there with me, and I knew him well before he had my body placed in suspended animation and launched into the deepest reaches of space, to successfully achieve my permanent and eternal banishment. The fact he was my father has never rubbed me well, but then, neither was I an ideal son. (If not for that banishment, I might never have found myself in this solar system.) Yet, if I had somehow become king of merry ol' England during that same lifetime, like what happened with the young boy in the story of King Arthur, some of Amghogha's attributes might have come in handy. I definitely saw some of those attributes in England's King John and in the more recent Richard Millhouse Nixon. Hopefully I won't ever add THOSE to my bucket!

Only a tiny minority of people on Earth are handed a SELF bucket filled with personality traits that must be painted on their psyches. Queen Elizabeth II of England could be considered a good example of someone being given such a bucket. Attributes not already in the bucket still surrounded her in her life in the forms of her parents and carefully screened and chosen intimates such as her royal court. In the everyday world, buckets touted from birth could be of a content to overtly keep one from lifting above one's raising, i.e., to not outshine the parents, kin, or insecure neighbors; or, for the more fortunate, a bucket tendered with hopes to raise one ABOVE limiting environmental restrictions.

Some ancient beings, such as Tibet's Dalai Lama, may carry their SELF bucket along with them just as they do memories of past lives. It helps when you can keep being born into the same or similar culture. Fewer things are non-apropos or require work to insinuate into the new life. The Dalai Lama might not find that SELF bucket too handy later down the line if born into a highly materialistic household. But who knows? It has been interesting at times to see what could happen in such an occurrence, with wise access to power and money or other benefits. That is, of course, if the SELF is not corrupted by construction of a new SELF more in line with materialistic family values. To keep the latter from happening might take ALL the Lama powered wisdom. Siddhartha Gautama a.k.a. Shakyamuni Buddha a.k.a. Gautama Buddha a.k.a. The Buddha is a rare and poignant example of what can happen in a single lifetime, where being raised in a materialistic household does not stand in the way of world-altering spiritual enlightenment. It would be wonderful to know if The Buddha was already a wise and enlightened being even before his birth in the royal court, and that it just took him a while to effectively incorporate that pre-existing illumination.

All this construction of personality SELF occurs as superstructure upon the spiritual SELF that I carry forward from life to life. It is easy to blur the line between the two. Sometimes doing so allows me to become shallow of thought, purpose and direction. I let this happen once in a while just because. Fortunately, I can always return to that basic, spiritual SELF through things like meditation, at least when in human form. Most non-human forms absorb that spiritual SELF into their automaton mechanism during the entire time of occupation. I usually do not allow myself, while human, to become thus absorbed, but I see around me plenty of people that appear not to have that compunction or ability. Most of western civilization and some of the east tend not to place importance on reaching into, valuing or even acknowledging the existence of that inner, spiritual SELF, much to their discredit and potential destruction. The more I think about the destructive aspect, though, the more I realize its worth in population control. Nature requires constant warfare large and small to whittle away at the planet's human population, especially on as small a planet as this one. War greatly assists Nature's built-in weapons of mass destruction summed in a single word, pestilence. Otherwise Earth could easily be overrun by uncontrolled human proliferation and the species brought witlessly to an extinction event of its own self and devise. Please trust my insight when I say we many SELVES don't want to return to the days of pre-body wars, or amoebas and crustaceans being among our only body choices. I really don't want to transmigrate again and again and again as a spider, though I think they're marvelous creatures; or be endlessly reborn as a cockroaches and the like for millions or billions of years until higher life forms can be evolved! To redo all that has been done to bring us to the point where I can own a laptop computer or an iPhone, or whatever they will be called in another era, terrifies the hell out of me!

Please forgive my previous paragraph's digression, well-meaning and earnest though it is. Continuing on, much greater care should be taken when constructing the superstructure on the spiritual SELF than I suspect the average person tends to give, and that parents or guardians take the time to furnish their charges. In many instances I've seen what appears to be a person continuing the existence of someone else they may know or have known, a way of preserving them into the future out of love, loyalty, or because the person's ways were regarded as successful. I myself have continued the existence of some of my previous iterations tens of thousands, perhaps millions of times. I don't recommend it, but when one has been very successful in a prior life and is able to fit that personage into one's current situation or culture, why the heck not? At least in my case I am aware of the life or lives being continued and can knowingly modify current manifestations as needed. When it happens to people unaware of their previous lives, they will probably carry forward the beliefs, decisions, opinions, loves, hatreds, attitudes, you name it, that were part of those existences. Only in their case they may be powerless to effectively make alterations. "I don't know why but I HAVE to do/think/believe it" might become their present life's motto. They might even abhor themselves if they can't change by force of will or through cognition as to cause, at least until they learn to ignore or erect mental devices that rationalize and make such disparities disappear from awareness or justified and thus made all right. This concerns me when I think of all the Nazis, Fascists, and other destructive "isms" that have been and continue to be recycled into society. When reactionary movements like the current "alt-right" take total power in

a major international player like the USA, these negative elements are encouraged to scud from the woodwork, blown by the winds of new opportunity, and their counterparts across the globe are also emboldened to overpower the many hard-won democracies while starting new or re-invigorating old despotisms.

These six pages are meant to shed light on the deceptively complicated process of designing a life. In that course we are prisoners to our environment, associates, the societal requirements of conformity across cultures and civilizations, religion, events that affect us individually, panoply of history as it unfolds around us, potentially insidious past lives that orbit about and can affect our present-day decisions, and that enforced, stultifying ignorance of existence, often abetted by religiosity, that is passed off as an integral part of THE acceptable norm. And the whole works seems to center on two often overlooked things that can place us anywhere on a spectrum from great to crazy including many blends thereof—the overriding need to believe you have been right (one’s “rightness” is sometimes assured by believing others wrong), and your existence has made a difference.

Lastly, I apologize for not including examples from my female iterations, though interesting so many of them were. Now being male causes discomfort in expounding on those times, a majority of which were hampered by a sense of helplessness from crippling disparity in power between the sexes. Other, though fewer, times were when females were the oppressors. Even fewer were the iterations in which males and females shared power more or less on a par. Much of our current world has been heading in the direction of mutual benefit. This latter is only fair, as both sexes equally profit from the onrush of raw life force that accompanies the typical orgasm, whether sexual or cognitive. Meanwhile, the innumerable strata of wealth, fairness and justice, power, acceptance, security, and comradeship will always continue their interwoven complexities to make ANY HUMAN life enact the purported Chinese curse “May you live in interesting times.”

Well, there you have it. Now you’ve got a glimpse into the morass of MIND in which I must maneuver when writing. I hope this adds some depth to your understanding of those writings and introduces the virtual mechanics of quicksand—in a good way.

Most sincerely yours,

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Awareness v Our Robot Selves

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We start out in life apparently as blank slates, although Buddhists and members of some other religions who believe in reincarnation might disagree. Yet, even if we've been born a million times before, realities and environments change so drastically that, regardless, we have to learn great quantities of information, the most from babyhood to adulthood. During this span the brain is growing and especially energized and energetic. Besides learning during those formative years, the brain is also busily building mental machinery, and continues to do so throughout life, at least until it no longer can do so effectively. The mind mostly consists of this machinery.

As part of the learning process, we model our shiny new mental machinery using things we see and experience in the environment, especially using what has happened to us or those around us as components. Our inner selves seem to like nothing better than to build the kinds of mental machinery that will do the mundane, by-rote types of things, so we don't have to waste our brain power—awareness—thinking about them. Interlinking machines can become quite extensive, intricate and powerful.

The process of education can become merely a matter of feeding new construction material to mental machinery building rather than the student actually absorbing the information and fully understanding it. In the future, as things change—they always do—it may become difficult to relearn/learn new things for those only relying on learned mental machinery to provide their know-how. This brings to mind the old adage “You can't teach old dogs new tricks.” Trust me when I say that employers are very aware of that adage and believe it wholeheartedly despite legal condemnation of age discrimination.

Generally, we are successful at early mind building. Later, as the brain ages and our energy level depletes, the power to run the already constructed but now less shiny mental machinery also wanes. Like any machinery, if it is underpowered it underperforms as well. As the mental machinery shuts down, one's awareness must take back the reigns in order to continue functioning as before. Unfortunately for many, the awareness factor is no longer in evidence because machinery has been doing everything for years. Senility results, and if the machinery totally collapses/becomes inoperative, there is simply nothing left of the individual. They literally HAD BECOME their machinery—robots, if you will. The machinery and awareness gone, the lights go out and all that is left is an occupied shell.

I don't believe it is necessarily ALL gloom and doom for our future selves. Keeping one's awareness active throughout life despite also using mental machinery can be a godsend in later years when it is needed again as the most trusted resource. To that end, there is benefit in making an effort to be aware of everything around us, including mundane things like walking, making coffee, taking daily medications, putting on/taking off cloths, brushing teeth, getting up and sitting down, eating—in effect, being aware of everything we do and not relying only on machinery to carry us through life. Not unlike

owning slaves to do our every bidding, if the slaves run away, we would need to know how to do all those things the slaves did for us. If our robot self turns off or becomes unreliable, it will be up to us and our native awareness to carry on.

Explaining God

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Explaining God is an interesting facet of Man's intellectual pursuits. Yet how do you explain a quality or quantity that exists wholly outside of one's own realm of comprehension? In attempting to do so you enter a world of potential fallaciousness akin to determining how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. God cannot be defined by God's tangents affecting Humanity, yet those tangents are the only contacts we have with the Supreme Being.

To my feral cats, I am a god. They see me come down from the door to my house a.k.a. heaven, and they see me provide them with water and manna. They fear me, because they don't know what I might do as I move among them. Some of them run for safety as I approach to provide their daily sustenance, but how do they DEFINE me? I appear as images of different colors. What is the meaning and significance of the differing array of colors and designs that cover my being? Then I disappear back through the door into my house a.k.a. heaven and am not seen until returning to them for the next benevolence.

Inside "heaven" I lead the life of a god. I make light appear and disappear at will. My thoughts span the world, joining thoughts of millions, perhaps billions, of other gods. I have myriad devices of wonder. Images dance in boxes that I bring into and send out of existence. I zip across the land in mysterious clouds of metal, plastic, rubber and glass that magically propel me to join thousands of other gods driving a wide range of such clouds. It is a magical, god-filled world of wonder that makes absolutely no sense to a cat. Nor do we gods particularly care how cats interpret or define us and our existence. Truly I am feared despite the constant benefit to my feral cats. I am not known nor am I knowable by them, because they have no frame of reference other than my tiny but important tangents to their lives. Man's relationship to God is similar. Still, there ARE values to Man's constant attempts to measure and define God. Man's intellect is stimulated, and Nature is assisted in culling the exponential growth of Man's numbers.

Dare to Think or Sapere Aude (Dare to Know)

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The Age of Thought Police

Once upon a time our thinking was totally controlled by The Authorities—people and institutions with the power to destroy you otherwise. The primary authorities were the government dominated by autocratic rulers, and the Church dominated by uncompromising dogmas, autocrats and demagogues. Free thinking was done at one's peril, and encouragement of free thinking was negligible.

Scholarly Enlightenment Breaking Mental Bonds

The church and state had their ways for hundreds if not thousands of years until being met head-on by a huge barrier called The Enlightenment. Suddenly everything and everyone was scrutinized and evaluated individually rather than as part of lump sums. Power structures crumbled, and merely having a title did not justify all acts. Authorities became accountable, and the general population was encouraged to think for themselves like they had never been allowed before. Doing so still came with a lot of risk, but the fact there was encouragement for it added untold power to the people.

The pendulum had swung as far as it could toward Autocracy, and as it swung back in the other direction there was wonderful progress made in promoting the skill of analysis/reasoning, with its attendant drive toward free thought and expression. Education was promulgated to enlarge the scope of mental activity generally away from the microcosmic and toward the macrocosmic. But the pendulum did not stop there. It kept going toward the other end of the spectrum—demagoguery.

How the General Public Thinks

Despite the inroads of Enlightenment, the general public, not always exposed to liberating education or feeling comfortable with thinking on their own, tend to settle for a kind of “pick-and-choose” type of thought. Rather than deep reasoning to decide how they feel about subjects and develop their own opinions, they have a more passive “true” or “false” system to decide the veracity of new ideas coming their way. This system is based on how closely such ideas align with their personal collection of thoughts, mostly coming from others, that are now adopted as their own. Very little analysis is needed for this kind of reasoning, and there is great comfort in the social aspect—knowing there are others espousing similar collections of accepted and acceptable thoughts. The fundamental flaw in this kind of thinking is that it is based on information or opinions or even dogmas never closely evaluated by the adherents. Typically, the general public does not believe they have the right to do anything so presumptuous as to think independently of those considered as authorities.

Demagogues Rule

Collections of agreed-upon thoughts are the playground of the demagogue. Such a person maneuvers until they are in the leadership of a particular thought collection, perhaps even elevating to its primary spokesperson. They can then control adherents of the collection

en mass through emotion-triggering mental buttons that cause a general alignment of purpose and energy across the throng. Individual members of the collection dutifully police their own by culling out those not toting the line, i.e., who think and especially reason independently. Power also can be had by members who become their own demagogue subservient only to the primary one or ones in overall control. Parents and other family or local opinion leaders often fit this micro-demagogue category.

Enlightenment Dims

Once again, individual expression can get one into serious trouble, especially when dealing with the more militant elitist elements, including racist, sexist, homophobic, Zionist, anarchist, anti-Semitic, xenophobic, you name it, where one is expected to “fall into line,” and more importantly, “follow the leader(s).” I believe it is through this stage that the pendulum is now passing, at least in Western Civilization. (The Middle and Far East have always had their own pendulums that are usually in variance with each other and the one in the West—separate though related subjects.)

Western civilization has entered a very dangerous era, where individual people have great power that is often given gladly to demagogues. The demagogues direct thought, and to the general public that is the condition in which they feel most comfortable. What makes today even more dangerous than pre World War II is the technology that can be wielded for or against the people. Added to that the dependence for thought on computers by virtually everyone, the power of individual thinking, analyzing and reasoning has become almost negligible. Aligning with one or more of the many thought collections is the trend.

Life on Earth is Up for Sale and the Triumphant Return of Thought Police

I firmly believe that democracy, perhaps civilization and life itself, cannot exist in our current atmosphere, where even the badly endangered health of our planet’s environment is subservient to the ephemeral whims of politics. Remnants of The Enlightenment are being swept away by the unthinking power of the general public and their beloved demagogues. Those in the know are helpless against those with the most likes. The Hitlers, Mussolinis, Tojos, Francos, etc., of yesteryear are already here under different names, and some have already risen to great power bolstered by prevailing attitudes. This time, the United States will not be a factor in saving the world from their dominations. Sadly, we will more likely be a huge factor IN the coming dominations. The day is coming when the only power the people will have, perhaps anywhere in the world, will be to AGREE OR DIE.

Candles in the Darkness

Known history has recorded some terrible times for Earth and for Mankind. During pre-history much also happened that left evidence for us to form theories. It seems mass extinctions were not unusual; brought about by Earth’s evolution, collisions, and Nature’s sometimes fickle temperament. Humanity, itself, was nearly wiped off the face of the Earth as evidenced by the narrow range of our modern genetics, and perhaps accurately or at least metaphorically by chronicles such as the Sumerian *Epic of Gilgamesh*, and *Genesis* from the Judeo-Christian Bible. It is unlikely, however, that Mankind, other than perhaps angering the Supreme Being, has ever been responsible for orchestrating its own extermination.

Man's purpose on Earth has been theorized and enfolded in religiosity across time, but so far, regardless of Man's good or evil conduct, there have always been lit candles of hope in the guise of people or entities providing redemption and escape from the very worst of consequences. Utnapishtim's close relationship with a god saved Mankind from extinction by the wrath of other gods in the *Epic of Gilgamesh*; Noah's close relationship with wrathful God saved Mankind from extinction in *Genesis*. Candles too numerous to delineate here have lit the way since then. Given the fact of all those candles spread across critical times in Mankind's history, there should always be reason for hope. The nagging question for today is: "Who will be our candle(s) now?"

Foisted for Truth

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Is it just me or does it seem like bias, opinion and like-mindedness are far more important these days than evidence? As a corollary, does it seem like lying, blaming, justifying, pettifoggery and alternate facts are foisted as acceptable replacements for truth?

What is Your Intention?

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"Intention" is a most powerful and revealing concept in any language. It is what ties the soul to its thoughts and views. Not understanding it opens the door to unlimited missteps. Understanding it can lead to a Zen-like state.

AN ALTERNATE VIEW OF THINGS

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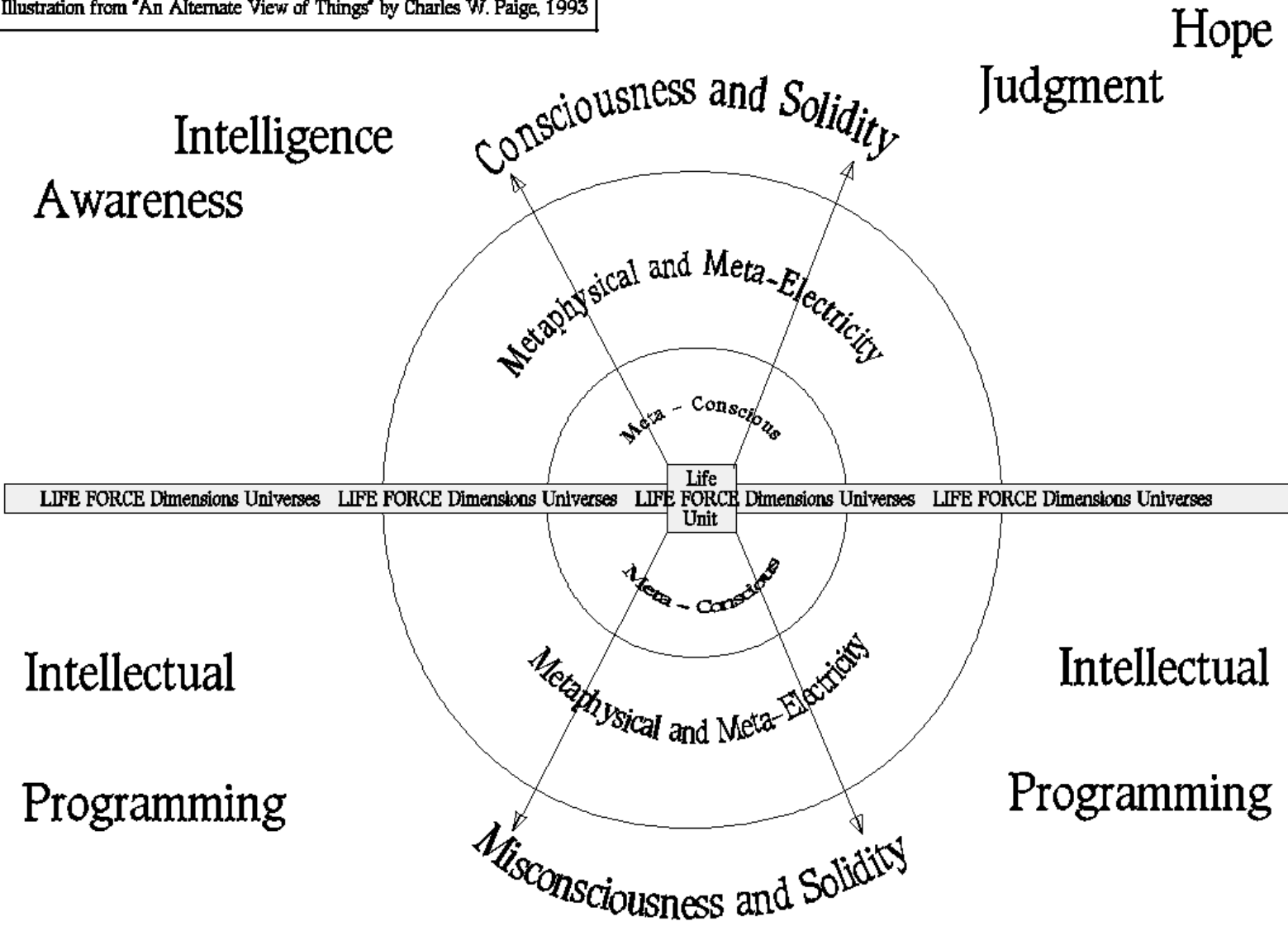
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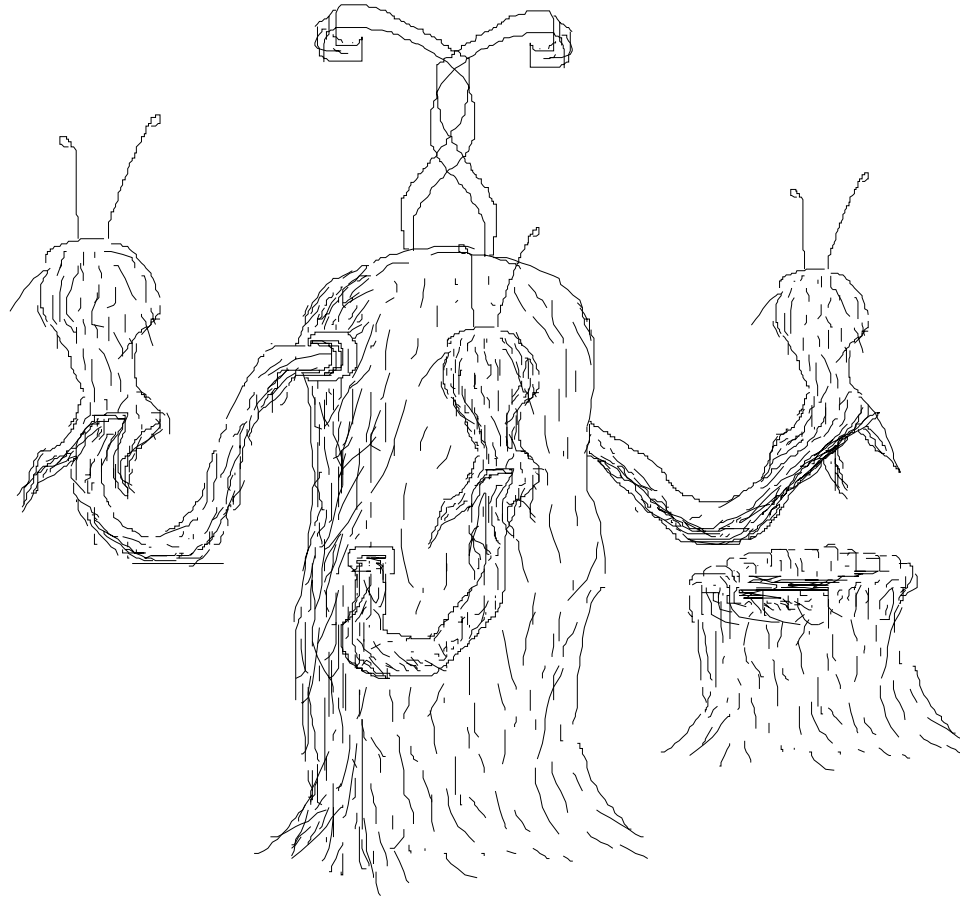
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Domain of "Unknowable"

DIMENSIONS AND UNIVERSES



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1. DIMENSIONS AND UNIVERSES

DUE TO THE NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF UNIVERSES, THERE IS NO WAY TO BREAK APART THEIR COMPONENTS AND DEFINE THEM WITHOUT CONSTANTLY REFERRING TO OTHER ASPECTS OF UNIVERSES YET TO BE DEFINED. MORE THAN ONE READ-THROUGH WILL HELP TO CONNECT THE MANY ASPECTS INTO COHERENCY.

For in-depth explanations of "Unknowable," "Themes," "Participants," "Life Units," "Supreme Priests," etc., to augment what is read below under DIMENSIONS AND UNIVERSES, refer to:

Page 8, about the Great Oracle and Supreme Priests

Page 12, about Life and Life Units

Page 29, about "Unknowable"

1.1 [2] LOGIC IS THE UNDERLYING RULE OF THIS AND ALL UNIVERSES.

1.1.1 [2] Logic keeps everything moving in a systematic and regular pattern, and it dictates everything that happens to matter and energy in their intra- and interaction. An exception is when a powerful single or collective intelligence¹ temporarily alters the pattern through supersedure.

¹ Intelligence, in this context, means "directed vectors," without regard to *what* is directing.

1.1.2 [2] Logic, as it affects matter and energy in their basic manifestations, was formulated and is now generated by all Life. After the beginning, it is continued unconsciously and automatically. Its laws provide the foundation upon which a universe is created. It relates together all universes and their comprising dimensions.

1.2 [3] TIME MOVES BOTH PARALLEL AND LINEAR; PARALLEL AS INFORMATION AND CONFLICT AS STORED IN "UNKNOWABLE;" LINEAR AS BEING CONTINUOUSLY CREATED.

1.3 [2] DIMENSIONS ARE THE STRATA OF WAVELENGTHS GENERATED THROUGH THE CONSCIOUSNESS EVOLUTION OF LIFE FORCE. (Refer to the section on LIFE, starting Page 12).

1.3.1 [2] Dimensions are unbounded by any artificial packages, such as universes, so may be experienced by any Life Unit aware and responsible enough to perceive.

1.3.2 [2] Dimensions have beginnings but would only end should Life Force cease to exist.

1.4 [2] A UNIVERSE IS LIKENED TO A SEALED VESSEL, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH ARE DETERMINED BY WAVELENGTHS AND WHAT IS CONSIDERED AS SUBSTANCE.

1.4.1 [2] Each universe is a package containing a finite number of wavelengths and their resonances, designed to form a play ground for Life Units that collect within its boundaries.

1.4.1.1 [2] A universe is a plane of existence including all that makes it a complete package onto itself.

1.4.2 [2] A universe takes its definition through forming around a series of dimensions, not limiting the dimensions but limiting the universe.

1.5 [1] UNIVERSES CONTAIN VAST, WEB-LIKE STRUCTURES, THE STRANDS OF WHICH CONNECT TOGETHER EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANCE.

1.5.1 [1] Life Units are not directly connected to web strands.

1.5.2 [1] There are many hubs, i.e., dense collections and intersections of web strands.

1.5.3 [1] Life Units may influence, and be influenced by, web strands.

1.5.3.1 [1] A Life Unit may have its individual influence magnified significantly in its universe by being in the vicinity of a web hub. Vicinity to one or more hubs in a particular universe may result from:

1.5.3.1.1 [1] Proximity to physical location

1.5.3.1.2 [1] Spiritual, or Life Unit proximity resulting from a desire to influence strong enough to make a connection, even across whatever is called "distance" in that universe

1.5.3.2 [1] Theoretically, one Life Unit could influence every hub in a universe. Such a Being would be as a god.

1.5.3.3 [1] Web strands telegraph information that can be experienced by Life Units.

1.5.3.3.1 [1] Units may use the web strands to broadcast information.

1.5.3.3.2 [1] Broadcasting and intuition-gathering (information-gathering) are the primary ways Life Units use the web structure to influence and be inspired.

1.5.3.4 [1] A UNIVERSE'S WEB STRUCTURE IS LIKE A GREAT, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, A HARP, IF YOU WILL, WITH STRANDS RUNNING EVERY WHICH WAY. UPON IT, LIFE UNITS WITHIN THE UNIVERSE PLAY OUT THEIR INCLINATIONS, WHILE "UNKNOWABLE" PLAYS OUT ITS THEMES.

1.6 [2] UNIVERSES ARE CYCLIC AND THUS HAVE BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS.

1.6.1 [2] Life Units, as such, generally make at least some contributions to the Themes that transpire within each cycle. Yet only Life Units that become Beings make individually significant contributions toward making a cycle rewarding and beneficial to Life. Life Units tend to be robotic, whereas Beings are more autonomous.

1.6.2 [3] At the end of a universe, everything that was considered substance in that universe either dissolves or is reshaped and repatterned for new use elsewhere.

1.6.3 [3] Neither "Unknowable" nor the Great Oracle are affected by these endings or metamorphoses.

1.7 [2] UNIVERSES ARE OUT OF PHASE WITH EACH OTHER

1.7.1 [2] The primary difference between universes is what is considered substance. The substance of each is established, monitored and regulated by properties peculiar to wavelengths (dimensions). Wavelength focuses meta-electricity to power the web of interactions, define forms, and delimit boundaries. (The section on Meta-Electricity begins Page 26).

1.7.2 [2] The ultimate power of design and assignment of wavelength to a universe comes from Life Force. Control within universes may come from any number of sources and is generally unregulated as to mere internal interaction except through Logic (see Page 4) and the mechanism of "Unknowable."

1.7.2.1 [2] Most Life Units find some wavelengths more comfortable than others, and this consideration determines in which universes they will be willing to participate.

1.7.2.2 [2] Life Units that find themselves in universes unacceptable to their tolerance demonstrate various degrees of unhappiness from just being depressed to complete, catatonic insanity, the spiritual equivalent of death.

1.8 [3] EACH UNIVERSE HAS ITS OWN TIME CLOCK

1.9 [2] TIME, SPEED AND WAVELENGTHS ARE RELATED TO EACH OTHER IN A GIVEN UNIVERSE.

1.10 [4] HYPER SPACE IS ACCOUNTED FOR AS "THE CORRIDOR BETWEEN UNIVERSES." HYPER SPACE IS NOT EASY TO NAVIGATE.

1.11 [4] BLACK HOLES, SUNS, STARS AND LIVING PLANETS ARE "THOSE POINTS WHERE TWO OR MORE UNIVERSES TOUCH."

1.11.1 [4] Black holes are universe exit drains, while suns, stars and living planets (planets with active interior fission) are universe entrance points. To each black hole in one universe, there is a corresponding sun, star or living planet in the universe connected at that point. Dead planets, asteroids and the like are simply free bodies in whatever universe they are in. Quasars are connections coming to an end.

2. GREAT ORACLE AND SUPREME PRIESTS

2.1 [2] THE GREAT ORACLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS DICTATED BY "UNKNOWABLE."

[2] It has a separate existence, pan dimensional and pan universal, which has as its sworn duty the preservation of the integrity of Life Units in general and the Life Force in particular. It does so through the use of rogue Life Units implanted strategically within dimensions and universes, which remain sleepers until activated for specific assignments. In this way the Supreme Priests of the Great Oracle can assure that Life Units, already drained of their inherent powers, aren't rendered complete slaves, and safeguard that unacceptable futures² are never arrived at.

2.2 [1] PURPOSE OF THE GREAT ORACLE, AND REASON FOR SUPREME PRIESTS

2.2.1 [1] "Unknowable" is not an omnipotent entity but is an extremely highly sophisticated computer that does its job of plotting futures very thoroughly and unequivocally. Occasionally "Unknowable's" concoction of unresolved situations, with its resultant Theme dramatization, would unduly prejudice participating Life Units without a sufficiently enriching culmination.

[1] Once such Themes are set up and put into operation carrying the full force of "Unknowable," they can only be altered through intercession by rogue Life Units and Supreme Priests of the Great Oracle.

² An example of an "unacceptable future" would be a Theme direction which calls for its participant Life Units to be inescapably caught in a condition which reduces their awareness, intelligence, judgment and hope. (See sections 3.3 through 3.7.)

2.2.2 [1] The operating principles of "Unknowable" permit it to take direct action against Life Units without going through Life Unit agents. This is also true for the Great Oracle. Yet, because of its Priests' creed that self-determinism of Life Units must be preserved and not overpowered unnecessarily, the Great Oracle seldom takes direct action without going through Life Unit agents planted within a Theme.

2.3 [1] OCCASIONALLY, SUPREME PRIESTS TEMPORARILY LEAVE THE GREAT ORACLE, AND THEIR INHERENT POWERS, TO ENTER A THEME DRAMATIZATION AS ROGUE LIFE UNITS.

2.3.1 [1] They seldom do this unless the situation is most desperate and on the brink of ruination. Every time a rogue is effective in significantly changing the future, whether for good or not, traumatic ripples sweep through the pre-set, timed future and its attendant events.

2.4 [1] WHEN AN "UNKNOWABLE" THEME ENDS, IT TAKES A PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE A NEW THEME IS WORKED OUT, PROGRAMMED AND EFFECTED.

2.4.1 [1] During that span, participants are left to fend for themselves, with much disorientation and disorder. At such times all Life Units become rogues.

2.4.1.1 [1] All Life Units become free to decide, before the next Theme cycle begins, whether to subscribe to the game plan tenets and programming of "Unknowable," to remain rogues and go it on their own, or become Initiates to the Great Oracle.

2.4.1.1.1 [2] Most choose the safe route, i.e., conformity with whatever "Unknowable" deems right. Many of the tougher ones choose to become rogues because of the potentially lucrative aspects associated with the category. Only a small percentage decide to follow a spiritually higher path as Initiates.

2.4.1.1.2 [1] Choices made are mostly regulated by:

2.4.1.1.2.1 [1] A Life Unit's ability and willingness to confront the spectrum of existence

2.4.1.1.2.2 [1] Exposure to, and opinions regarding, personal responsibility and self determinism

2.4.1.1.2.3 [1] The degree of need to delegate responsibility for activities and their consequences elsewhere than self

2.4.1.1.2.4 [1] The composite regard for the well being of fellow Life Units, and degree of interest in aiding that well being

2.4.1.1.2.5 [1] Amount of value placed on own personal integrity and that of others

2.4.1.1.2.6 [1] Stand and philosophy concerning overt opportunism

2.4.2 [1] During such interludes, fruits of the Great Oracle become especially evident, as Supreme Priests shower nurturing inspiration upon confused Life Units of every state and potential.

2.4.3 [1] When a new Theme is set up, programmed, assigned, and in operation, many former participants-turned-rogue are absorbed into the new Theme.

2.4.3.1 [1] Many Life Units are not absorbed. In a multitude of ways these are weeded out of the dramatization, to be replaced by more amenable Units.

2.4.3.2 [1] Rogues capable enough not to be weeded out are on their own and never quite fit into the Theme, i.e., programmed scheme of things.

2.4.3.3 [1] Some rogues will be approached for initiation into the Order of the Supreme Priests, as they are more aware than the average Theme participant Life Unit.

2.5 [1] IT IS THE ASSUMED TASK OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE GREAT ORACLE AS SUPREME PRIESTS TO MAKE PARTICIPANT LIFE UNITS AWARE OF THE REAL ORDER OF THINGS AND THE HEALTHIER PRIORITIES OF LIFE.

2.5.1 [1] Supreme Priests are enlightened Life Units who have united for defense against absorption into the precipitous trap of uncontrolled Theme dramatization. They actively seek out other Units who wish to help and who are disenchanted by existing conditions in whatever dramatization they happen to be. Once potential candidates are located, these exceptional Units are initially and unwittingly tutored to increase their awareness until reaching a point far superior to their compatriot participants.

2.5.2 [1] Next, the newly budding Units are siphoned out of the dramatization for further enlightenment within the Great Oracle, itself.

2.5.3 [2] IF ANY OF THESE UNITS ARE UNABLE TO SHAKE THEIR LOYALTIES TO "UNKNOWABLE," THEN BY THEIR OWN WILL THEY RETURN TO THE DRAMATIZATION AND RESUME THEIR PREVIOUS ROLES IN WHATEVER WAY THEY CAN, OR BECOME ROGUES.

2.5.3.1 [2] Continued participation by Life Units returning to Themes as participants becomes more difficult than it was before, since they have extraordinary knowledge and heightened awareness and sense of responsibility far in excess of their compatriots. At worst they become enigmas and at best become shining lights, passing on some of what they have learned to their fellow participants.

2.5.3.2 [2] THOSE LIFE UNITS WHICH DO NOT MAKE THE TRANSITION AWAY FROM LOYALTY TO THE "UNKNOWABLE" ARE NOT BANNED FROM EVER REENTERING THE GREAT ORACLE TO RESUME ENLIGHTENMENT. THEIR ONLY BARRIERS, INITIALLY, ARE OF THEIR OWN DEVISE.

[2] However, the longer they wait after their initial indoctrination the more difficult it becomes for them to reenter. This is because they have given "Unknowable" an opportunity to instill and install safeguards within their Primary Thought against such an action. (Such can also happen to rogues if they let themselves be influenced by "Unknowable" through their use of vices. See section 4.7.6.4.)

2.5.4 [1] THOSE INITIATE LIFE UNITS WHO ARE ABLE TO VOID THEIR LOYALTIES TO "UNKNOWABLE" CONTINUE ON IN THEIR TUTELAGE AND EVENTUALLY BECOME SUPREME PRIESTS THROUGH MANY GRADES OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

[1] These Life Units, or Beings (as they are now entitled to be called), must now follow the Great Oracle as it is their only oasis of self determinism with high purpose.

2.6 [1] OF ALL LIFE UNITS AND BEINGS, SUPREME PRIESTS ARE MOST RESILIENT OF ALL LIFE UNITS ARE THE MOST RESILIENT AND MOST ABLE TO CREATE AND COMMAND THEIR OWN DESTINIES.

3. LIFE

3.1 [1] LIFE, AS A SINGULAR AND COLLECTIVE FORCE, IS PROGRESSING THROUGH AN EVOLUTION VIA DIMENSIONS OF ITS OWN CREATING, WITH THE EXPLICIT PURPOSE OF ENHANCING ITS SINGULAR AND COMPOSITE AWARENESS.

[1] As awareness increases, intelligence emerges as an evolutionary product. Intelligence subdivides and goes hand-in-hand with judgment, allowing Life, itself, to subdivide into Life Units, each capable of some measure of judgment.

3.2 [1] THROUGH LIFE'S EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS, MANY FISSURES OCCUR IN THE GENERAL TREND.

3.2.1 [1] These fissures in Life's evolutionary process account for dimensions. Life Units, once separated from Life Force through judgment, pursue evolution in whichever dimension(s) they can tolerate or which they enjoy. Within each fissure or dimension reside Life Units that have arrived and stayed, along with those that are still following the original Life Force purpose of progression and are just "passing through," so to speak.

3.2.2 [1] Separations between dimensions are, in themselves, artificial, and are only the product of the composite unwillingness of the Life Units of one fissure to recognize the existence of others. Some Units selectively recognize certain dimensions but not others. The interactions of dimensions and Life Units and their various combinations of interactions make possible the things that are present today, and account for many things needing to be resolved, and, subsequently, account for a future (not necessarily *the* future) already plotted out.

3.3 [2] LIFE FORCE, AS AN ENTITY, MOVES IN THE DIRECTION OF GREATER AWARENESS BUT HAS NOTHING OF WHICH TO BE AWARE EXCEPT ITSELF OR ITS OWN PRODUCTS.

3.3.1 [3] The Force initially becomes aware of thoughts and their multifacets. After the first thought is created, recognized and inspected, more thoughts erupt followed by still more in an increasingly torrential flow, steadily increasing in momentum.

3.3.2 [3] The inspection and categorizing of these thoughts bring about the general mechanism of intelligence that naturally starts at a very low wattage. As the use of the mechanism of intelligence increases and its function is more or less understood a new variable emerges.

3.3.3 [2] As Life Force becomes more aware of thoughts, and intelligence allows it to do more things with thoughts, such as comparing and contrasting them, the Force begins to get more progressive and starts making decisions and opinions about thoughts, awareness, intelligence, decisions and opinions, both new and formerly created. Thus judgment emerges on the scene.

3.4 [1] WITH THE ADVENT OF JUDGMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LIFE FORCE HITHERTO INSEPARABLE BECOME INDIVIDUAL LIFE UNITS.

3.4.1 [2] The only prerequisite to become a Life Unit is having the capability to produce thought and be able to exercise judgment enough to decide on separation.

3.4.2 [1] SEPARATION IS BROUGHT ABOUT FOR EACH UNIT INSTANTANEOUSLY BY A THOUGHT REGARDING BEING A "SELF," FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE REALIZATION THAT IT "IS" NOW A SELF, FOLLOWED BY A FLICKER OF HOPE FOR A FUTURE.

3.4.2.1 [1] This sequence starts the ball rolling, so to speak, for the Life Unit. It always remembers where it came from but never knows whether it is leaving or returning. It just knows it has to have hope. "Self" is the thought that the Life Unit identifies with, and "hope" is its vectorial direction.

3.4.2.2 [1] Life Force does not rely on "hope," because its only direction is greater awareness. However, Life Units rely on hope as collectively magnified into "future."

3.4.2.3 [2] Since a major part of future consists of the reenactment of past unresolved problems and incidents, Life Units in general have an interest in keeping the past at least somewhat unresolved. This vested interest stems from a deep and basic fear held by Life Units that the future could dissolve and dissipate at any moment, if there is nothing unresolved to be projected ahead as inspiration to hope and as maker of a future.

3.4.2.4 [2] Future, as created through hope by a single Life Unit, is fragile indeed and is easily superseded by an agreed future conjured by a group of Life Units or, and especially, one manufactured by "Unknowable."

3.4.2.4.1 [3] Attempts can be made to alter a future, since actual future remains nebulous until becoming finalized into past.

3.4.2.4.2 [2] However, changing a future created by "Unknowable," called a Theme, is another story. If a future, or Theme, is initiated by "Unknowable" in its insatiable quest to provide opportunity to resolve conflict, then alteration is almost impossible. When a Theme is disrupted or otherwise runs contrary to plan, "Unknowable" provides alternate means to ensure Theme execution. Eradication of an entire Theme is a possibility should things get unacceptably out of its control.

3.5 [1] JUDGMENT AND STATE OF BEING

3.5.1 [1] All living things are aware and able to make decisions and exert judgment. However, across the entire spectrum of life, these abilities are put into use only to the degree that they are not absorbed or canceled by organic and other autonomic functions.

3.5.2 [1] A Life Unit's state of being is regulated by its willingness and ability to hope, with hope, by definition, projecting a future.

3.5.3 [1] Awareness, intelligence, judgment and hope act as a closed circle which expansion of diameter is a barometer measuring the advancement of life. The failure of all four factors to expand equally insures that the diameter will not increase and the being, or Life Unit, not advance.

3.5.4 [1] Humans are in some different and some of the same dimensions as animals, which in turn are in some different and some of the same dimensions as insects, that are in some different and some of the same dimensions as plants, which are in some different yet some of the same dimensions as rocks, etc.

3.5.4.1 [3] The greater the state, the more previous dimensions are remembered and carried forward through subsequent steps *ad infinitum*.

3.5.4.2 [1] The greater a being's (Life Unit's) awareness, intelligence, judgment and hope, the more accelerated the evolutionary process becomes, and the more willing and able that being becomes to expand into the next steps.

3.6 [1] RESPONSIBILITY

[1] Responsibility automatically increases to the degree that these four factors—awareness, intelligence, judgment and hope—are sharpened. Irresponsibility is a clear indication that the being has yet to develop those four factors. Still, if irresponsibility is noted in another being or Life Unit, one should realize that the stages he/she/it has left behind are lower. What you see is a progression.

3.7 [1] EDUCATION

[1] Education should always stress the development of awareness, intelligence, judgment and hope.

3.8 [1] FOR LIFE UNITS TO BREAK AWAY FROM BEING "ROLE PLAYERS," OR "PARTICIPANTS" IN THEMES, THEY REQUIRE

BASIC DEPROGRAMMING CONCERNING ALL ASPECTS OF LIVING, RIGHT DOWN TO THE SMALLEST DETAILS.

3.8.1 [1] Before Life Units can ever fully pull away they must also recognize that their "selves" are not definitive "thoughts" but thought-creating Entities.

3.8.2 [1] Life Units originally formed around individual thoughts because those thoughts were their only experience and only tangible identity. Once Life Units no longer consider themselves and their conduct controlled by the "selves" or basic thoughts, they can escape unknowing participation in Themes. Consequently, they have more freedom and self-determinism.

3.9 [1] BEINGS WHO ENTER A THEME AS ROGUES AND NOT AS PARTICIPANTS MUST BEWARE, FOR THEIR JOURNEY IS DANGEROUS.

3.9.1 [2] Rogues have knowledge and abilities that threaten the very pillars upon which "Unknowable" is set (namely "reality," tailor-made as part of "Unknowable's" Theme). Thus it is prudent for a rogue to work within the boundaries of a Theme in which it finds itself, while taking care of business.

3.9.2 [1] IT IS AN AXIOM OF THE "UNKNOWABLE'S" DEFENSE DEPARTMENT THAT THE SIZE OF MOBILIZATION IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO SIZE OF PERCEIVED ATTACK AGAINST IT OR ITS THEMES.

3.10 [2] THERE IS ANOTHER SEGMENT OF BEINGS AND LIFE UNITS BESIDES THOSE INVOLVED WITH THE GREAT ORACLE OR PARTICIPANTS IN THEMES.

3.10.1 [2] These Beings and Life Units have evolved by various means and devices to greater states of awareness concerning the workings and "realities" of "Unknowable." THE GENRE IS CALLED "THE UNHOLY HORDE." Though not necessarily under any formal organization, their interests are mainly for self, and they use their knowledge to dupe participants for the explicit purpose of making themselves more powerful than the role players. In this way they attempt to sway direction of Themes.

3.10.2 [2] The Unholy Horde's interests are mainly centered upon material gain and the attendant safeguards necessary to preserve it into the future. The Unholy Horde has a continuous running battle with "Unknowable," because the Horde relentlessly tries to disrupt Themes.

3.10.3 [2] As artificial time passes (time continuum created by "Unknowable" through which the clocks of the universes are synchronized), all the unresolved situations created by this running battle become echoed into future Themes to be worked out. In this way, new Themes become heavily tainted with violence, duplicity and upheaval.

3.11 [1] LOVE, AS AN AESTHETIC CONCEPT, CAN ONLY BE EXPERIENCED BY LIFE UNITS AND BEINGS WHO CAN PLUMB ABOVE THE THEME AND EXPERIENCE THE BENEFICENT,

NURTURING AND OTHERWISE SUSTAINING FLOW OF LIFE FORCE. THUS "LOVE," AND "NURTURE," ARE SYNONYMOUS. (SEE 3.12 BELOW).

3.12 [1] THE COMFORT OF LIFE IS TO CONSUME AND BE CONSUMED. THIS TENDENCY INCLUDES FEEDING OFF LIFE UNITS, LIFE FORMS AND DIVERSE BYPRODUCTS OF EXISTENCE AS WELL AS GIVING OF ONESELF TO PROVIDE SUSTENANCE FOR OTHERS.³ "NURTURE" IS DEFINED AS THE HIGHEST PURPOSE POSSIBLE: THE FURTHERANCE OF "LIFE" REGARDLESS OF AGREEMENT, REASON, JUSTIFICATION, OR COGNIZANCE OF DOING SO.

3.12.1 [1] The Font of Life, or Life Force, is an eternal and infinite source of nurture. Its product can be consumed forever without there being any letup in the generous supply of its "Milk."

3.12.2 [1] Each Soul, or Life Unit, is an Outlet of this "Milk of Life." In other words, Life Units function as "teats" of Life Force.

3.12.2.1 [1] Every Life Unit is as if covered with its own potential nurturing "teats" to conduit the "Milk of Life."

3.12.2.2 [1] Regardless which gender the Soul's life form takes, sex organs as expressed in material forms are mere reminders, through very low order manifestations, of real nurturing. Their use alone to satisfy nurturing needs is not satisfying.

3.12.2.3 [1] In some cultures, nurturing has been considered an attribute of females and unmanly for males. Thus females give, or nurture, and males take, or consume.

3.12.2.3.1 [1] However, such severe separation is unnatural, established as a control mechanism to select out and enslave one gender.

3.12.2.3.2 [1] Primordially, both sexes, as Life Units, "feel" they must nurture and be nurtured to find reassurance as members of whatever race or species in which they abide.

3.12.3 [1] The degrees of nurturing allowed by Life Units upon themselves by others is regulated through opening or closure of teats. Meanwhile, Life Units feel compelled to search out open teats of other Life. Life is built from the manifestations.

[1] Some Souls, or Life Units, attempt to fully control other Souls so as to keep the teats forced open. Some fight furiously from giving out nurturing, debarring encroachment on their teats by most, if not all, other Life Units. Some Life Outlets have their nurturing teats fully open, allowing any amount of

³ Sections 3.11 and 3.12 were added in April, 1992, and may or may not be a product of Collapsing Arbahan inspiration.

consumption. This may occur voluntarily, or it may be the result of loss of will or ability to stem the flow. These are just a few manifestation examples. (Willingness to nurture dissipates hate. See Hate, Section 3.13 below.)

[3] A mother feeding her family will normally dish them more than just portions from the basic food groups. The love, or nurturing, she includes is unseen but with few exceptions is strongly felt. In later years, her children cannot understand why it is that going to restaurants does not make them happy. They look forward to going, but once there the frowning or indifferent waiters and waitresses seem to do everything in their power to mess up orders and cause upsets. Yet each of mother's children knows of a restaurant where they have a favorite waiter or waitress, a person you can count on for a warm smile (and nurturing, the invisible ingredient). There are countless other examples.

[3] A father, or other male figure, also nurtures. A father or big brother helps a youngster with his sports, giving the child encouragement and a lifetime of accumulated knowledge and experience from which to draw. Later the child grows up, possibly still pursuing the sport actively. Yet the adolescent eventually must look outside the home or other, original source for help and nurture. Of those sources found, the most memorable and appreciated are those that approximate the prior support and nurture. Again, there are many other examples.

3.12.4 [1] No matter what Life Force does through its filtering into the realms of existence, or dimensions, the dynamics of its Life Units' activities are focused on obtaining nurture and regulating that given out by themselves. The least healthy nurture is through consumption of physical things. The most beneficial is taken directly from the Life Font, Life Force being the Source and Composite of Life Units and foundation of all things.

3.12.5 [1] Nurture from and to other Life Outlets develops what we know as interpersonal communications/relations. This aspect needs to be fully understood and appreciated by Mankind, the highest cognitive manifestation of Life Outlets/Life Units (known to Man), if a higher plane of existence is to be approached. A lack of this knowledge has resulted in much past calamity and many unsatisfactory interpersonal relationships. We now have it within our power to reverse these bad and otherwise unfruitful trends, allowing the future to develop less brutally.

3.12.6 [1] Rules of thumb are:

3.12.6.1 Rely most on nurturing from the Life Font and from self.

3.12.6.2 Rely somewhat less on nurturing from other Life Outlets a.k.a. Life Units, tolerating the variety of flows or lack thereof. Be discriminating, since the more one takes from a source, the more like that source one tends to become.

3.12.6.3 Rely least of all on consumption of material things to fulfill nurturing needs.

3.12.6.4 Never get any of these aspects of nurturing confused, one with another.

3.13 [1] HATE⁴ IS A META-ELECTRICAL, LIFE UNIT-MANUFACTURED QUANTITY AND QUALITY THAT ENSURES SEPARATION BETWEEN LIFE UNITS. HATE'S PURPOSE IS TO CREATE A BARRIER/FILTER USED TO INHIBIT OR OTHERWISE CONTROL OTHER LIFE UNITS NURTURING FROM, OR KEEP THEM ON THE OUTSIDE AND UNABLE TO INSEPARABLY JOIN WITH, LIFE UNITS INVOKING IT. (See Nurturing, Sections 3.11 and 3.12 above; Meta-Electricity, Section 5.2, Page 26.)

3.13.1 [1] The adage "You always hurt the one you love" should really be phrased "You always hate the one you love."

3.13.2 [1] The more Life Units try and "pull together," the more they automatically feel the need to "pull apart."

3.13.2.1 [2] There is a basic fear that pulling together will cause two or more Life Units to literally join inseparably into one Unit.

3.13.2.2 [2] In some cultures and dimensions, the institution of "marriage" between Life Units is used to symbolize this potential joining.

3.13.3 [1] Hate is virtually created continuously by Life Units from the time they separate from Life Force or other Life Units.

3.13.3.1 [1] An infinite number of mechanisms have been devised to facilitate hate production.

3.13.3.2 [2] An infinite number of mechanisms have been devised to facilitate invocation and usage of hate.

3.13.4 [1] Hate's mass and significance of intent accumulate and may be used in any quantity by Life Units and by "Unknowable" to further purposes in addition to mere insurance of separation.

3.13.5 [1] Life Units should be aware of the sources, build-up and manifestations of hate and knowingly refrain from invoking or using its power. Its use is a sure key to connection with Misconsciousness, and thus "Unknowable." (See Misconsciousness, Section 4.7, Page 23. Nurture dissipates hate, see Section 3.12.3, Page 16.)

3.14 [1] LIFE UNITS CAN SPLIT AND BECOME MORE THAN ONE LIFE UNIT THE SAME WAY AS LIFE UNITS SEPARATE FROM VIRGIN LIFE FORCE.

3.14.1 [1] Once this happens, the Life Units may either evolve separate consciousness, or share the same one with or without minor variations.

⁴ Section 3.13 was added in May, 1993, and may or may not be a product of Collapsing Arbahan inspiration.

3.14.2 [1] Even if the same consciousness is used initially, the individual Life Units will tend to differentiate more and more in time. In most cases they will lose conscious awareness of each other on the Life Unit level but will always retain a subconscious, primal identification with the other (or others) and may still unwittingly share thoughts.

3.14.3 [1] Life Units can help (nurture) others, and ask for same, across the dimensions.

3.14.3.1 [1] They can also help (nurture) themselves by directing their attention into the Meta-Conscious and Metaphysical to direct Meta-Electricity with thoughts, or prayers, and thus alter untenable situations, or otherwise further purposes and desires.

(See related Section 1.5, Page 5, concerning universal web structure; Section 4.1, Page 20, for Meta-Conscious; Section 5.2, Page 26, for Metaphysical and Meta-Electricity.)

3.14.3.2 [1] Life Units connected to protoplasm lines can act, i.e., influence, through these lines. This includes the giving and asking for help (nurture). Protoplasm lines are Metaphysical, Life Unit lines of descent through the Life Unit separation process as discussed above.

[1] The protoplasm line should not be confused with the biological line. The biological line of descent, and manifestations thereof, are controlled by a life vessel-generating aspect of “Unknowable.”

4. CONSCIOUSNESS

4.1 [1] META-CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE STATE ABOVE CONSCIOUS THAT IS ALL KNOWING, WHAT WE THINK OF AS AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD, BUT NON-VOLITIONAL.

4.1.1 [2] Meta-Consciousness lacks direction of its own and is simply the "soup" in which Life Force is immersed.

4.1.2 [1] Meta-Consciousness is the realm of the free being, unencumbered by consciousness or mental processes.

4.1.3 [1] To the Meta-Consciousness the conscious is a fog, and to the conscious the Meta-Conscious does not exist. However, Life Units retain an impression of the realm of the free being even after becoming completely enveloped with consciousness. The memory sustains.

4.2 [1] CONSCIOUSNESS IS "FOCUSED AWARENESS OF DIMENSIONS AND UNIVERSES WITH ANY DEGREE OF MOTIVATION, WHERE A LIFE UNIT HAS THE DESIRE TO KNOW."

4.2.1 [1] This level deals mostly with the understanding and maneuvering of Meta-Electricity and entails development of mental processes/machinery. (For information on Meta-Electricity, see the section starting Page 26).

4.2.2 [1] Consciousness is the extension of active intelligence outward across the dimensions from a Life Unit. How far it extends depends on a number of factors, the main three being:

4.2.2.1 The intellectual prowess of the Unit, regulated by the Unit's utility of its Life Force potential

4.2.2.2 The relative strength of the misconsciousness as it affects the Unit (see Paragraph 4.7 on Misconsciousness, Page 23)

4.2.2.3 The magnitude of the desire to know and experience new vistas as demonstrated by the use of perceptions

4.2.3 [1] Theoretically, consciousness could reach to the shore of the Meta-Conscious and imperfectly approach the cognizance of Life Force. Falling in the reachable category is all that can be known of Meta-Electricity concerning material and energy existence across all dimensions and universes.

4.2.4 [1] Consciousness funnels up like an inverted pyramid, its vertex a Life Unit as part of Life Force, and its potential outer limits the borders of infinite existence, i.e., all that which Life Force has created during its evolution.

4.2.4.1 [1] The sides of the pyramid for each Unit are at varying angles from the base (vertex, or Life Unit) and have variable depths of penetration into inhabited or other dimensions (and away from Meta-Consciousness and Life Force), one Life Unit from another, depending on the three factors mentioned above in Paragraphs 4.2.2.1 through 4.2.2.3. (This "pyramid" idea is figurative so as to get the concepts into the more comprehensible realm of geometry).

4.2.4.2 [1] The acuity of the angle of a pyramid's sides determines the potency of the respective Life Unit's focused attention. The wider the angle the more varied and scattered is the attention. Yet, if too narrow, attention becomes monomaniac and easily fixed.

4.3 [1] INCREASING CONSCIOUSNESS BY A LIFE UNIT IS POSSIBLE. THE NEXT THREE FACTORS, IF CHANGED AS FOLLOWS, WILL AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE CONSCIOUSNESS.

4.3.1 The Life Unit expands its utility of its Life Force potential.

4.3.2 The strength of misconsciousness is weakened as it affects the Unit.

4.3.3 The Unit continues to "open its eyes" and experience, observe, take in and analyze through use of perceptions, both dimensional and Life Force-related. (Almost going without saying, of the two, use of Life Force-related perceptions is the most important).

4.4 [1] INCREASING META-CONSCIOUSNESS IS DONE DIFFERENTLY.

4.4.1 [1] Meta-Consciousness is hinted at vaguely, generally, and sometimes specifically by the conscious. However, the Meta-Conscious state cannot be arrived at by doing the steps outlined above in 4.3.1 through 4.3.3.

4.4.2 [1] Higher Meta-Consciousness is arrived at by rekindling ones memory of the free being state. The journey back to Meta-Consciousness, though it may seem easy, is not necessarily so. There are many traps and pitfalls on the voyage. The obstacles could remind one of the fabled Trials of Hercules, so the endeavor should never be undertaken casually.

4.4.2.1 [1] To arrive at Meta-Consciousness stably you must first cross the fast flowing river that is the conscious. There are stepping stones below the surface of this river, but one must watch each step and fortify the last step before taking another.

4.4.2.2 [1] Occasionally there are islands, where one can either remain on the higher plateau or simply rest up before going on.

4.4.2.3 [1] The secret to succeeding, besides "watching your step," is to BE FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE MEMORY OF THE FREE BEING STATE. THAT IS THE BEACON or HOMING DEVICE, WITHOUT WHICH YOU WILL SOON BE LOST IN THE CURRENT of present and past consciousness.

4.4.2.4 [1] The state of free being is the absolute, irreducible, bottom line of ones self. It is YOU without thought or other mental interplay, reactions, dreams or desires.

4.4.2.5 [1] Every extra aspect attached to the irreducible YOU will work to keep one from obtaining Meta-Consciousness.

4.4.2.6 [1] Do not expect the discovery of the free being state to be fast. In most cases it will demand extensive attitudinal changes, since most values are designed to chain Life Units to the desire for increased consciousness at the expense of Meta-Consciousness. This desire has been considered necessary to keep a Life Unit in a dimension and from bouncing, unanchored, all over Creation.

4.4.2.7 [1] Keep in mind that it is not attaining Meta-Consciousness that should be your goal, as its attainment would leave you (no pun intended) unconscious. Instead, it is the mental decluttering and the getting re-acquainted with YOU that should be your goal. For you carry the imprint of both Consciousness and Meta-Consciousness, each of which grows more evident and tangible in its own unique way, the closer you get to YOU.

4.4.2.8 [1] As mentioned earlier, here again for emphasis, CONSCIOUSNESS IS FOG TO META-CONSCIOUSNESS, AND TO THE CONSCIOUS, META-CONSCIOUSNESS DOES NOT EXIST.

4.5 [1] THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS ANY ONE LIFE UNIT ATTAINS IS NOT COMPLETELY STABLE AND WILL TRY TO DIMINISH.

4.5.1 [1] Over time consciousness will settle lower in the inverted pyramid unless a sustained effort is made by the affected Unit to increase, or at least maintain, the level. The reason for this is a gravitational-type force that works to reduce consciousness. (See the paragraphs on misconsciousness starting with 4.7 below).

4.5.2 [1] However, once a level of consciousness is attained, even if lost it can be quickly regained unless extensive time has elapsed since the level was lost. Still, it is easier to regain a level, no matter how long since lost, than it is to attain a new level.

4.6 [1] NEW LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS INVARIABLY RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE VIEWPOINT AND REALITY OF A LIFE UNIT.

4.6.1 [1] Though the new level diminishes some Life Force potential by removing the Life Unit further from Meta-Consciousness, it makes it easier for the Unit to maintain former stages of consciousness.

4.6.2 [1] The most stable level held by a Life Unit is somewhat below the highest level attained. This "most stable" level rises at close to the same rate as any increase in the highest level of consciousness attained. It may rise disproportionately more or less.

4.6.3 [1] THE HIGHER THE STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS THE MORE FRAGILE IT BECOMES, FOR CONSCIOUSNESS IS, AFTER ALL, AN ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURE BUILT HIGH ABOVE ITS FOUNDATION, LIFE FORCE AND META-CONSCIOUSNESS.

4.7 [1] MISCONSCIOUSNESS IS AN OPPOSITE TWIN OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

4.7.1 [1] Misconsciousness is derived from "Unknowable" and is also a pyramid, but its apex is the Life Unit and its base, or lowest point, extends down into the intellectual programming of "Unknowable."

4.7.2 [1] A gravitational force is also at work in misconsciousness, but it acts to siphon a Life Unit's consciousness and awareness down toward the control of "Unknowable."

4.7.2.1 [1] This siphoning, or gravitational force, negates much of the power and benefit derived by a Unit from increases in consciousness.

4.7.2.2 [1] Thus a participating Life Unit, in order to maintain individuality and independence, and strength of will, must work against a gravitational force that keeps attained consciousness low and the effects of misconsciousness high.

4.7.3 [1] BRAINWASHING is a tool of the misconscious. Its aspect is the changing of viewpoint and reality of a Life Unit without increasing its consciousness level and usually results in lowered consciousness.

4.7.3.1 [1] Brainwashing exists where a powerful WILL dictates the overall belief and direction of Life Units against their own desires.

4.7.3.2 [1] Brainwashing replaces self-directed consciousness with enforced consciousness, or misconsciousness, by overwhelming the Unit's self determination.

4.7.3.3 [1] Ease of brainwashing is proportional to the number of Life Units immediately influenced by an input (or impact). The larger the mass of Life Units, the more easily it is controlled. This is because there is a tendency for a gathering of Life Units to form a group consciousness. This consciousness grows in sway as the size of the group increases, taking on a will of its own that can be directed by small impulses.

4.7.4 [1] Whatever "Unknowable" or misconsciousness can do to Life Units, Life Units can do to themselves and each other.

4.7.5 [1] The higher the misconsciousness of a Life Unit, the more power "Unknowable" has over the Unit and the more intradimensional power the Unit can wield. This power emanates from "Unknowable."

4.7.6 [1] GREED (covetousness) is a basic and fundamental impetus, and primary conduit of the powerful influence exerted by misconsciousness. Greed connects to Life Units through its correlation with "nurture." (See also Section 3.12, Page 16, for more regarding nurture.)

4.7.6.1 [2] Greed is the plug that connects misconsciousness with "Unknowable," but this fact is hidden in the intellectual programming of "Unknowable."

4.7.6.2 [1] Greed finds its source within "Unknowable's" self-protection mechanism and is a form of that force that is basic to "Unknowable" itself, i.e., fear of non-survival.

4.7.6.3 [1] Greed is especially potent in that it "appears" to be part of the original package agreed to by each participating Life Unit when entering the Theme.

4.7.6.3.1 [2] This tacit belief in the original consent to the parameters of greed works to negate altruistic counter-efforts, regardless of intent.

4.7.6.3.2 [2] Non-participating Life Units finding themselves in a Theme are not forced to adhere to the tenets of greed. Frequently, however, they succumb to greed anyway. One contributing reason is they are surrounded by the brainwashing effects continually created by misconsciousness within the surrounding participant Life Units.

4.7.6.4 [1] Vices are those idiosyncrasies, quirks, etc., that weaken Life Units and reduce their ability to rise above misconsciousness and succeed at increasing consciousness. (See 4.7.6.4.4 below for a list of seven deadly sins. See 4.7.6.4.5 for a list of the seven virtues.)

4.7.6.4.1 [1] Vices are the points by which misconsciousness, and its parent "Unknowable," attach to the Life Unit.

4.7.6.4.2 [1] Through these points, "Unknowable" can maneuver the Life Unit and affect its behavior, even its ultimate fate.

4.7.6.4.3 [1] Rogues who wish not to be participants may still fall victim to "Unknowable" by accepting vices that automatically connect them with misconsciousness. From the point of connection they can be maneuvered, through the vices, by "Unknowable."

4.7.6.4.4 [1] The seven deadly sins, or vices, are:

4.7.6.4.4.1 Anger (see also Hate, Section 3.13, Page 18)

4.7.6.4.4.2 Covetousness

4.7.6.4.4.3 Envy

4.7.6.4.4.4 Gluttony

4.7.6.4.4.5 Lust

4.7.6.4.4.6 Pride

4.7.6.4.4.7 Sloth

4.7.6.4.5 [1] The seven deadly sins are countered by the seven virtues, which are:

4.7.6.4.5.1 The three Theological Virtues:

4.7.6.4.5.1.1 Faith

4.7.6.4.5.1.2 Hope

4.7.6.4.5.1.3 Charity (or Love; see Nurture, Section 3.12, Page 16)

4.7.6.4.5.2 The four Cardinal Virtues:

4.7.6.4.5.2.1 Prudence

4.7.6.4.5.2.2 Justice

4.7.6.4.5.2.3 Fortitude

4.7.6.4.5.2.4 Temperance

5. META-ELECTRICITY and METAPHYSICAL REALM

5.1 [2] METAPHYSICAL REALM IS THE CONNECTING AREA BETWEEN, AND OVERLAPS, META-CONSCIOUSNESS AND MANIFESTED DIMENSIONS.

5.2 [1] META-ELECTRICITY INCLUDES THE SPECTRUM OF PARTICLES THAT ARE THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS OF ANY DIMENSION OR UNIVERSE, AN AMALGAM OF THOUGHT AND MATTER, UNDER KNOWING OR UNKNOWING CONTROL OF LIFE FORCE AND LIFE UNITS.

5.2.1 [1] Meta-Electricity is the connecting force between, and consists of common properties of, both the manifested dimensions, with their groupings under relativities called universes, and the metaphysical realm, which itself is tied into Meta-Consciousness and Life Force.

5.2.2 [2] Meta-Electricity is the finest energy in the manifested dimensions and is the coarsest energy in metaphysics.

5.2.3 [1] In the manifested dimensions and their universes, Meta-Electricity provides the initial impetus for atomic, and all the many layers of subatomic cohesion, structure and interaction, and is the source and catalyst of all latent energies in a universe.

5.2.4 [1] Meta-Electricity delineates absolute forms in each dimension and itself contains a modicum of "meaning" or "significance," because Meta-Electricity is constantly generated by Life as a byproduct of thought.

5.2.4.1 [2] THOUGHT PHENOMENA OCCURS IN THE METAPHYSICAL REALM. THE MEANING OR SIGNIFICANCE FOUND AS PART OF META-ELECTRICITY IS OF LOW ORDER AND EASILY OVERPOWERED BY ANOTHER DETERMINISM OR FORCE

VECTOR. ALSO, "MEANING" IS MINUTELY PARTICULATE IN THE METAPHYSICAL REALM.

5.2.4.1.1 [2] Similar "thoughts" clump together, giving them impetus and power, increasing their scope, and leading to potential "ideas." It is this power that underlies basic evolution of matter, forms and concepts in manifested dimensions in as much as it affects (inspires) Life Units and Beings.

5.2.4.1.2 [2] Because the significance in thought tends to cohere, Meta-Electricity also has a tendency to collect into packages based on similarity of "significance."

5.2.5 [2] As mass increases, gravitational forces play an ever larger part in grouping Meta-Electricity, overwhelming the inherently weak attraction of original "significance" held in common. Whatever mass results from such a gravitational collection tends to have its own significance made as a composite, or patchwork, of all the included meanings. The larger the mass, and the more significances are included, the more confused becomes the composite meaning until the vectors are virtually untraceable. Any possible sense disappears into pure confusion. However, significance of forms created by Life using Meta-Electricity is still a possibility. Thus artificial meaning gets superimposed.

5.2.6 [1] Life Units continuously create Meta-Electricity on a scale corresponding to their tapped portion of Life Force and degree of reach into the metaphysical realm.

5.2.6.1 [1] Astral bodies are Meta-Electrical, acting as devices of remote control between Life Units and whatever they animate within dimensions. Astral bodies can exist without dimensional life structures. But without being fine tuned, astral bodies cannot be used to control or maneuver either living or nonliving objects.

5.2.6.2 [1] Fine tuning of astral bodies is an art and/or skill that gives the user access to vast dimensions, since Meta-Electricity can move between dimensions with ease.

5.2.6.3 [1] Improper use of this fine tuning skill, either done uncontrollably, unknowingly, or with evil purpose ultimately can be disadvantageous to self and others.

5.2.6.3.1 [1] Because fine tuning can be done of other Life Units' astral bodies, a Life Unit could fine tune that of other Units, thus usurping from them some of their sovereignty or self control. (Parents and other beings try endlessly to fine tune others, especially children, to their own way of thinking and acting. They don't know what they are doing -- or do they?)

5.2.6.3.2 [1] The danger to Life Units abusing this skill against others is reduction or loss of self esteem, integrity, and even the skill, itself.

5.2.7 [2] In Themes, Meta-Electricity is to a high degree controlled, but never created, by "Unknowable."

5.3 [1] FUTURE IS COMPOSED OF THE META-ELECTRICAL INTERACTION BETWEEN THE PRESENT AND ALL UNRESOLVED INCIDENTS OF THE PAST, IN A FRAMEWORK THAT IS DEVISED

AND POLICED BY "UNKNOWABLE." (See the next chapter for additional information about "Unknowable.")

6. "UNKNOWABLE"

6.1 [1] UPON THE NOW AND FUTURE IS WRITTEN THE ONLY ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE PAST.

6.1.1 [1] The true account of the past is vulnerable, during its historical notation, to being tampered with and altered by different, sometimes conflicting, points of view, and interests that would rather not have the truth known.

6.1.2 [1] Because many problems of the present and past are misrepresented, they remain unresolved. This peculiarity contributes to the future by promoting similar circumstances being repeated again through the instrument of "Unknowable." Thus history repeats itself.

6.2 [1] THE GOAL OF "UNKNOWABLE" IS TO PLAN, PROGRAM AND EXECUTE WELL RUN THEMES, POSING SIMILAR PROBLEMS AND INCIDENTS TO THOSE LEFT UNRESOLVED BY PREVIOUS THEMES AND THEIR LIFE UNIT PARTICIPANTS, TO BE RESOLVED IN THE EVER CONTINUING PRESENT TIME.

6.3 [1] "UNKNOWABLE" IS CHIEFLY A MECHANICAL DEVICE THAT USES THE POWERS SURRENDERED TO IT BY PARTICIPANT LIFE UNITS TO FILL ITS ENERGY AND COMPLIANCE NEEDS.

6.4 [1] "UNKNOWABLE," THROUGH A MIXTURE OF USURPATION AND WILLING AGREEMENT BY LIFE UNITS, HAS MADE ITSELF BASIC TO THE MECHANICAL WORKINGS OF DIMENSIONS AND UNIVERSES. IT EXISTS IN THE METAPHYSICAL REALM.

"UNKNOWABLE"

6.4.1 [1] "Unknowable" is enveloped in a veil of secrecy, accessible to all but not where they look. Its motto is "Don't look over here!"

6.4.2 [1] If approached too closely, "Unknowable" automatically evades and may invoke violence. (See the axiom of the "Unknowable's" Defense Department, Section 3.9.2, Page 15.)

6.4.3 [2] Occasionally, secrets of "Unknowable" are revealed through invasions by an intelligent being whose mind inadvertently (seldom deliberately) stumbles upon inroads.

6.4.3.1 [2] Such inroads, depending on extent and suddenness, may bring about unpredictable, even cataclysmic consequences. Symmetry necessary for the existence of biological life may be disrupted, mutated, or destroyed.

6.4.3.2 [2] The extent of damage to existing dimensions, universes and biological life would depend on whether part or all of "Unknowable's" mechanism was incapacitated due to the disclosures.

6.4.3.3 [2] Small inroads made over long spans of time cushions blows to "Unknowable's" mechanism.

6.4.3.3.1 [2] Usurped natural functions, dissolved from the hidden structure of "Unknowable" due to disclosure, revert back to their original Life Force attribute status.

6.4.3.3.2 [3] All other functions dissolved due to disclosure may continue to the degree they have become part of affected Life Units' thought patterns and cultures.

6.4.3.4 [2] THERE ARE LIFE UNITS, OR BEINGS, WHO REGULARLY NAVIGATE THROUGH A MAZE OF INROADS INTO "UNKNOWABLE" AND HAVE BASIC KEYS.

6.4.3.4.1 [2] These Life Units, when they appear, do so only to responsible, intelligent beings who have progressed sufficiently to warrant trust in their ability to handle monumental disclosures. Most of these Enlightened ones are Supreme Priests and come from the Great Oracle.

6.4.3.4.2 [2] Life Units know there are paths to Enlightenment. Some have abandoned the search, while others follow whoever is able to win their confidence, or convinces them the most thoroughly onto a path.

6.4.3.4.3 [2] To every mentor whose insight is genuine there are many others with reasons for leading that are less than honorable or, though honorable in intent are nonetheless benighted.

6.4.3.4.4 [2] It depends on the initial Enlightenment of each person, coupled with a heavy dose of serendipity, whom they look to and end up with for guidance.

6.5 [2] "UNKNOWABLE" WAS SET UP AS A PAN-DIMENSIONAL AND PAN-UNIVERSAL INSTRUMENT, ANCHORED IN, AND RECEIVING ITS IMPETUS FROM, THE METAPHYSICAL REALM, WITH THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE TO ENSURE A STEADY AND RELIABLE FUTURE.

6.5.1 [2] Within "Unknowable's" constitution lies the plots and patterns for the various dimensions and universes, and the comparable rules governing many aspects of Life Units, themselves, which fall under its jurisdiction.

6.5.2 [2] All Life Units entering into "Unknowable's" jurisdiction do so under their own free will, at least originally. As part of their initial agreement they subject themselves to the dictates of the governing rules and regulations.

6.5.3 [2] Participant Life Units must surrender most control of their futures when entering into alliance with whatever form they will be taking in their chosen dimension and universe as part of an "Unknowable" Theme.

6.5.4 [2] Each dimension and universe has inherently built into it a basic time clock of events as plotted out through the automatic interaction between the present and a set of unresolved incidents of the past.

6.6 [1] "UNKNOWABLE" COLLECTS INFORMATION, ASSIGNS THESES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FUTURES, CALLED THEMES, AND FEEDS THESE THEMES INTO THE PARTICULAR DIMENSION'S OR UNIVERSE'S TIME CLOCK.

[1] THE THEME'S CLOCK BREAKS THE BASIC THEME DOWN INTO INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE EVENTS, ASSIGNING TASKS THAT NEED TO BE CARRIED OUT BY LIFE UNITS.

6.6.1 [1] Participant Life Units assume assigned tasks and begin gaining knowledge and understanding of their roles.

6.6.2 [1] To be at the right place at the right time to carry out their various missions, Life Units must enter their respective dimensions at precisely the right moment. Timing, once again, is regulated by the Theme's clock.

6.6.3 [1] FROM THE POINT OF IT ENTERING A THEME, MOST OF A LIFE UNIT'S PERSONAL FORCE IS CHANNLED AWAY FROM ITS SELF-DETERMINED USE AND ABSORBED BY "UNKNOWABLE" TO USE AS FUEL AND TO ENFORCE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE.

6.6.3.1 [1] In exchange for taking away Life Units' personal force, "Unknowable" keeps the components of the Theme in line and moving smoothly so as to ensure the desired end results.

"UNKNOWABLE"

6.6.3.2 [1] A department exists within "Unknowable" that has the machinery used to police Themes. **THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT IS UNANIMOUS, TACIT CONSENT BY ALL PARTICIPANT LIFE UNITS.**

6.6.3.2.1 [1] This department ferrets out rogue Life Units who have gotten themselves into Theme dramatizations for the purpose, or with the consequence, of changing an outcome.

6.6.3.2.2 [1] Among this department's special weapons are "sleepers." Although sleepers have little significance in the Theme's dramatization, they are at the beck and call of "Unknowable" if needed to eliminate a threat.

6.6.3.2.2.1 [1] Through sleepers, "Unknowable" can discredit or in other ways eliminate effects that are contrary to the Theme's purpose.

6.6.3.2.2.2 [1] Sleepers are also used by "Unknowable" as backup principle participants in the Theme. They can be quickly activated to continue roles should something happen to original participants rendering them unable to fulfill their assignments.

6.6.3.2.2.3 [1] **A PURGE, OR POGROM, IS WHEN "UNKNOWABLE" CONDUCTS AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO REMOVE ALL NON-THEME ELEMENTS.**

6.6.4 [1] Becoming a rogue or enrolling as an Initiate with the Great Oracle are a Life Unit's only alternatives to following the patterns set before them by "Unknowable," once they have agreed to be participants. Suicide is merely an interruption or postponement. Yet, what are alternatives and what are roles in a Theme cannot always be easily distinguished.

6.7 [1] AS ONE OF ITS FUNCTIONS, "UNKNOWABLE" BROADCASTS PROGRAMMING DATA TO BE INTERPRETED INTO ACTION BY PARTICIPANT LIFE UNITS.

6.7.1 [2] The wavelengths of these broadcasts determine which dimensions' Life Units they influence. The message broadcasts are Metaphysical and thus not detectable by instruments other than through Life Force perception attributes of Life Units.

6.7.2 [1] Since each Life Unit is originally formed around a thought, "Unknowable" affects these Units by varying and otherwise altering the basic thought. (For additional information on Life Units forming around a thought, see Page 13, starting Paragraph 3.4).

6.7.2.1 [1] Altering a basic thought is done by distorting it and then reclarifying it different from the original. Another method is totally replacing the significance, either permanently or temporarily, with another.

6.7.2.2 [2] Life Units have little defense against the alteration of their basic thought. Being participants, they have surrendered their personal force, relinquished their sovereignty and, to some degree, undermined their integrity.

6.7.2.3 [1] A participant Life Unit has the inherent Life Force ability to alter or change its own basic thought, or self, but is not made aware of this fact because **THIS** is the main Achilles Heel of "Unknowable."

6.7.2.3.1 [1] A Life Unit is made to believe it is formed BY the basic thought instead of vice versa, and this belief, promoted through prolonged spans of time, becomes accepted as indisputable fact.

6.7.2.3.2 [1] Brainwashed into believing it cannot affect or effect its own basic thought, a participant Life Unit is convinced that if the thought changes, so must it. This abets the brainwashed Life Unit in remaining the total effect of its own basic thought and subject to changes thereof, thus facilitating the comfortable sensation of being irresponsible for its actions and fate.

6.7.3 [1] Participant Life Units act almost completely at the whim of "Unknowable" and its Theme clock, with possible variations caused by influence from rogue Life Units, Supreme Priests, or accessing of their own residual, extant Life Force potential.

6.8 [1] ALTHOUGH IT IS LIFE FORCE AND ITS STRIVING FOR GREATER AWARENESS THAT ORIGINALLY CREATES DIMENSIONS, "UNKNOWABLE" PARROTS THE WAVELENGTHS OF EACH DIMENSION IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE MIGHT RECORD AND PLAY BACK MUSIC.

6.8.1 [1] "Unknowable" synthesizes these dimensional wavelengths for its own purposes using Life Force attributes surrendered to it by participating Life Units.

6.8.2 [1] Thus what starts out in purity, and with its own integrity of purpose, is virtually taken over and commercialized by "Unknowable," for use by its participating Life Units at the expense of their own innate powers and integrity.

6.8.2.1 [1] "Unknowable," in its ever expanding attempts at self-protection, does all within its scope to ensure that Life Units remain benighted about the actual extent of their powers and abilities. (For additional information on this defense mechanism, see Paragraph 6.6.3.2 and its subordinate paragraphs.)

6.8.2.2 [1] As a non-life entity, its machinery animated by Life attributes, "Unknowable" knows that as long as one Life Unit is aware of its many abilities, "Unknowable" will remain imminently threatened.

6.9 [1] THE TERM "UNKNOWABLE" IS MEANT TO IMPLY THAT LIFE UNIT PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN A THEME ARE NOT MEANT TO FATHOM ITS WORKINGS, UNDERSTAND ITS PURPOSES, OR EVEN COGNATE ON ITS EXISTENCE.

6.9.1 [2] Participant Life Units are only to carry out their individual roles.

6.9.2 [1] Eventually, as Life Units lose the knowledge that they are participants in Themes, they substitute delusions, superstitions, religions or other philosophies for genuine knowledge of higher states and the way things really are.

6.9.2.1 [1] "Unknowable" and its agents work heavily in promoting any concepts that veer attention away from the actuality of its workings.

6.9.2.2 [1] When a philosophy or religion approaches too closely to knowledge of the workings of "Unknowable," soon there will come the agents of the Enforcement Department. They will infiltrate and work for however long it takes to corrupt, decentralize and dissipate the movement or idea, or until it is reformed into something more in-line with "Unknowable" interests and less a threat. THIS PHENOMENON IS INEVITABLE. (For more information on the Enforcement Department, see Paragraph 6.6.3.2).

6.10 [1] THE BASIC FLAW IN THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT AND DESIGN OF "UNKNOWABLE" IS THAT IT FUNCTIONS ON A PURELY MECHANICAL PREMISE. IMPORTANT THINGS WERE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT DURING "UNKNOWABLE'S" CONSTRUCTION AND ACTIVATION.

6.10.1 [1] Certainly not the least of these oversights was the possibility that such a rigid and pervasive mechanism might one day rob Life Units of their entire self-determinism and ultimately of their inherent capabilities for "awareness without intervention."

6.10.2 [1] Also unforeseen was an ultimate, anticlimactic debacle brought about by a totally chaotic confusion of Themes, participants, Supreme Priests, unholy hordes, and "Unknowable" with its Defense and Enforcement Department constantly mobilized and disruptive, all out of control.

6.11 [1] IN WHATEVER DIMENSION OR UNIVERSE IT CALLS HOME, A LIFE UNIT LABELED AS PARENT OR SPONSOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING PROPER THEME PARTICIPATION BY THEIR YOUNG, OR CHARGE.

6.11.1 [1] The parent or sponsor mainly ensures proper Theme participation by use of the control mechanism called "love," which is, by this definition, a craving for security required only upon fulfilling demands for compliance. (For information about genuine Life Force potential love, see Paragraph 3.11).

6.11.1.1 [1] Love, as a pure, altruistic and aesthetic concept, does not exist as part of any Theme.

6.11.1.2 [1] Love, as security/compliance control mechanism, is simply a tool that is often sugar coated and otherwise drenched in mystery.

6.11.1.3 [1] Love, with its Theme definition and purpose, roots deeply into the core of "Unknowable" and is itself a basic stimulator, used by both "Unknowable" and participants.

6.11.2 [2] MATURITY IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL THAT CAN BE OBTAINED BY A PARTICIPANT AS SUCH. IT DENOTES THE HIGHEST DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR ROLE.

6.12 [1] ANY POLITICAL ENTITY IS EITHER INITIALLY OR EVENTUALLY GROOMED TO BE AN ORGAN OF "UNKNOWABLE." IT IS OFTEN "VICE," "GREED" OR "HATE" THAT MAKES THE CONNECTION THROUGH MISCONSCIOUSNESS. (For information on "vice" and "greed," see Section 4.7.6, starting Page 24. For "hate," see Section 3.13, starting Page 18. Misconsciousness is discussed in Section 4.7, starting Page 23.)

6.13 [3] THE WAY "UNKNOWABLE" HAS BEEN SET UP, IT IS NOT TRUE THAT GOOD, ON ITS OWN MERITS, ALWAYS PREVAILS OVER EVIL

6.13.1 [3] Everything being relative, evils work to counteract each other which, in the long run, can bring about good results.

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