Perspective

The New Metaphysics of Spirit (Part A)

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Abstract

This new term Consciousness is the key to getting the Universe right. The Universe is Enspirited throughout, awake, aware and intelligent and creative throughout. And in this Universe, intent, plan, and purpose, final causality is everywhere, and its true causalities belong to Consciousness, and not matter. This term Consciousness is the key to getting the Earth right. The Earth has Consciousness, the Earth is as conscious as we are, and so is every being on the Earth. This term Consciousness gives us new concepts for the truth of the Earth. It can be summed up in a single word, connection and connectedness. The Earth is Consciousness throughout, a continuum of many forms of Consciousness, of which our own is one, interconnected, interrelated, intersubjective, Oneness, and One, to harm one is to harm all. Every being on the planet is as conscious as we are, and the more we can see how like us they are the harder it will be to do them all in.

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Part A: The New Metaphysics of Spirit

Sketch of a New Outrageous Ontology, for This Present Moment of Historical Grace

I come revealing truth hidden from the foundation of the world - Jesus

Introduction

We are in deep trouble with the planet. We have caused a crisis for the Earth that is so great, we cannot begin to get our minds around it. All across the planet, coral reefs are disintegrating, fisheries collapsing, forests disappearing, artic ice caps melting, sea waters warming and rising, everything poisoned, the soil, the air, the water, weakening the vitality of every other species. And then, millions of species going extinct all the time, and all of those species are vital links, both in the life of the Earth, and in our own food chains.

Global warming, and climate change, are realities, and politicians can no longer lie about them. Everyone knows, with these great storms pounding the East coast, and the Mid-West, something is amiss with the weather.

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And all the destruction owes to a single source: Human arrogance, and human ignorance, and it originates with our ideas.

The Earth is the body of the world's Consciousness, and her ravaged state shows how diseased that Consciousness really is. We have never gotten the Earth right, and now we must, for the Earth is the true foundation for civilization. We must get the Earth right, get ourselves right with the Earth, and with each other.

And so, I am taking the crisis we have caused for the planet, as a call to radically rethink ourselves, from the ground up. The old paradigms have brought us to the brink of our own extinction, they have run their course, we need new ideas, and we need them now.

I am proposing Consciousness as the true fundamental term, and basic principle, of the Universe.

In part one of this work, I worked out this new theory of Consciousness. Consciousness has appeared as term, and a problem, in modern science. Most scientists think it can be accommodated, and explained, by existing scientific principles. But I say that it cannot, that Consciousness points completely beyond present-day science, to a whole new view of the Universe, where Consciousness, and not matter, or matter/energy, is the true basis of the Universe, and the right fundamental term, for science, all other disciplines as well, and for civilization itself.

I am, in fact, proposing a new Copernican revolution among our basic terms, that Consciousness, and not matter, is first and fundamental in the Universe. It is there from the very "beginning" everything has it, and all of the true causalities, and the explanatory principles are in it, they belong to Consciousness, and not matter. What then is matter? All matter is an expression of Consciousness, even the least little bit of matter contains Consciousness, and is an expression of Consciousness. In this new section, part two, I go on to work out what this means for a new metaphysics.

We need new principles for bringing civilization into balance with the planet, and so, here is the first of them. Consciousness is the new first principle for rethinking and reordering our relationship with the Earth, and with it, here are many other new ideas as well.

This new theory of Consciousness, is not some abstract academic theory, but it has both social and political implications, religious and theological implications. We are a scientific age, and scientific concepts inform every discipline, a new Copernican Revolution in science, is a new Copernican Revolution everywhere. Shifts the most basic concept of science, you put in a new metaphysics everywhere.

Re-conceptualize the most basic concepts of science, the concepts of matter, and then you also re-conceptualize the Earth, and our ways of relating to her. And so, with the Earth, we re-conceptualize civilization itself, since the Earth is the true foundation for civilization, and we have never gotten the Earth right, now we must. And so, I go on to rewrite four great aspects of the Real, the Universe, the Earth, Ourselves, and Spirit.

1.<u>The Universe</u>. This new term Consciousness is the key to getting the Universe right. The Universe is Enspirited throughout, awake, aware and intelligent and creative throughout. And in this Universe, intent, plan, and purpose, final causality is everywhere, and its true causalities belong to Consciousness, and not matter. What are they? Stay tuned.

2. <u>The Earth</u>. This term Consciousness is the key to getting the Earth right. The Earth has Consciousness, the Earth is as conscious as we are, and so is every being on the Earth. This term Consciousness gives us new concepts for the truth of the Earth. It can be summed up in a single word, connection and connectedness.

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You might begin with the recent book "Beyond Words, What Animals Feel and Think." Let the barriers we have placed between ourselves and every other being go down.

A new basic concept in science, is a new metaphysical base for civilization itself. All present economies are based on the destruction of the planet, and we are now at a point in our history, where we can foresee, if we continue as we are, our own extinction.

Naomi Klein: This Changes Everything, Capitalism vs. the Climate.

And so, the System: The human race has lessons to learn, and it appears that we will learn them the hard way. The whole of modern world is the money changers in the temple of Jesus' times, and the Earth is about to turn over our tables. The System needs to be rethought, it is corrupt, it does not work, it does not respect the individual, Life or the Earth, it cannot last, and in fact are disintegrating all around us, and we must rebuild civilization along completely new lines, that do respect the planet and each other.

What I am really doing, is rewriting Descartes concept of matter, as simply the weighable, the measurable, the extended in space and time utterly devoid of any inner life of thought, feeling or emotion. Of Consciousness. This concept of matter is the lynchpin of all our destructive practices towards the Earth, and one another. We live in a deeply sick death centered world.

Jesus considered the love of money the root of all evil, and we are steeped in it. All present institutions are pathological, many CEO's so blinded by the demands for profits, they cannot realize their practices are destroying the planet.

The madness of the modern world, is the madness of capitalism itself, that depends on slave labor, and keeping Descartes concept of matter in place. When you intend to ravage and destroy the Earth, to turn into consumer items, first pretend that everything else is devoid of Consciousness, that way you need not have a conscience about it.

And we all having a vested interest in place, we like our delicacies and gadgets, all of our material possessions. Everything in our homes comes from the Earth, some part of the Earth either plundered or killed, but we refuse to give up our mania, for the making, selling, buying and owning of things. And given our vast numbers, the Earth cannot take it any longer. And

when you need slave labor, it helps to pretend that some of us are not conscious, not fully human, not real.

The solution to capitalism is that corporations start doing the "right thing," for their workers, and for the Earth.

This new principle, Consciousness, may finally allow us to get the Earth right and get Ourselves right with the Earth. The Earth is not "things commodities and resources" to be converted into money in the bank, but living conscious spiritual beings like ourselves who need to be nurtured and cared for, to be Loved.

This new Universe picture is the key to the true understanding of the planet. The Old Growth Forest, simply a cheap lucrative source of board feet?

In ways human beings can hardly begin to understand, the Old Growth Forest is like the Native elders, all of the wisdom of the planet is stored in it, it upholds and maintains the entire Biosphere, we cut it in our folly. But then, the human race has never known what it is really doing here, or what we are really here for.

We have not respected the Earth, because we think there is nothing there to respect; we do not hear the voices, because we think they have nothing to say. We have looked down on every other species besides ourselves. But the deepest truth is that no matter what high opinion we have of ourselves, and low opinion of everything else, we have simply proven ourselves utterly unworthy of all of the bright array of beings who share the planet with us.

And now, the Earth may have discovered she harbors a dangerous parasite, and may well withdraw her support of us, and with global warming may have found a way to get rid of us. We need to radically rethink ourselves from the ground up.

And so, the economy. When Governor Cuomo of New York was asked what defense there is against terrorism, he answered: There is no defense against terrorism, as long as there are the rich and the poor, the haves and the have not's, there will be terrorism. The only defense against terrorism is a more content world.

And so, we need to rethink our economies, these great disparities, between the rich and the poor, and our destruction of the Earth. Why are our systems of life so callous and cruel? Why do some people think other people have no rights to a living wage?

And how have we gotten ourselves into this unending spiral downwards into the destruction of the Earth, reason destroying its own life support systems, our very home in the darkness of space, a good indication of insanity? And so, Consciousness is the key to a new, and true economy.

All present economies benefit only a few at the top, and they are based on the destruction on the planet. Let economists design economies like the Great Economy of Nature, in which all are benefitted, nothing is wasted or lost, and the Earth is not degraded.

In ecosystems, every being interacts with, and is dependent on, every other being, and no one knows who the most important member is, the lynchpin that holds the entire ecosystem together. It could be some small insignificant little beetle, or some rodent.

We can never tell who the major players are. The same is true of human economies, everyone matters, everyone has a place, a role to play, and no one knows who is really most important, it certainly is not the apparent major players.

Trickledown economics has slowed to a small drip, and it needs to be rethought. It is a pretense and a sham. The theory might have seemed sound when it was first elaborated, give the rich tax breaks, reward the rich, and they will take the money and reinvest it into the system, thereby supporting the poor and the middle class with work. But this not what is really going on.

The rich these days take their money, their vast wealth, and hide it foreign bank accounts, where they do not even need to pay taxes on it. A recent meeting of many CEO's made quite clear that they will spend the money on themselves, that raising wages is the least of their concerns. Indicators of economic health have all gone up, but wages have not.

In countries other than America, Canada and the UK for example, the rich take much more for granted their responsibility for the welfare of the rest of us. There is plenty of capital out there, it just needs to be redistributed. They reinvest their money in social programs, and many forms of financial assistance, such as universal health care.

The rich cannot survive without the work of the poor and the middle class. We are all connected, Oneness and One. The wealth of anyone of us owes to the work of countless other unknown, and unsung workers. Even Alexander the Great, who conquered the whole of the ancient world, could not have done it without the army.

All corporations need to start doing "the right thing," giving workers decent work at decent wages. That needs to be our new precept, and it will change the cruel face that capitalism has always had here, forever. And then, they need to honor and respect the integrity and the truth of the Biosphere, the foundation of every human life on Earth.

And the human race needs to start doing "the right thing" for the Earth, respecting the needs of all living beings to be nurtured and cared for, their rights to their habitats, their nest sites, their den sites, their migration routes, and their lives.

We need new concepts for the Earth, organic concepts, like the *Gaia Hypothesis* of James Lovelock, the Earth as one living organism. In living organisms, every part is playing some role for the good of the whole, not simply for human beings, the reality of Earth is much greater than ourselves. There are many new disciplines emerging that are Earth based---ecofeminism, ecosocialism, ecopsychology, and deep ecology.

What is really Real on the planet is not the banks, the corporations, or the governments, it is the Biosphere, and civilization must align itself with the truth of the Biosphere as connectedness throughout, harm one, you harm all. And this truth of the Earth sets technologies its goals and its limits.

Technology has its own ethic: If it can be done, do it. Technologies have only been designed to serve ourselves, and now they are destroying us, and we need to rethink them. We need new technologies, green technologies, Earth sensitive, and designed with the health of the entire Biosphere in mind.

We need to redesign our own divinity. Is this what it means to "be made in the image of Spirit," to destroy every other living being? The god of Genesis is a creator god, who created billions of living species of every kind, small and great. Man, taking himself to be "made in the image of Spirit," has destroyed virtually all of it. And all of those disappearing species, are vital links in our own food chains. (But you know, as my artist friend and mother of four, Audrey, put it: Women are made in the image of Spirit...and thereby hangs a tale.)

We come out of a long history of taking ourselves to be "Lords and Masters of the Earth, the Earth must do as we say." Well, we aren't, and she won't. A long tradition of male Reason, has held the Earth in complete contempt, and pretended we have no connection to her.

We need to redesign our divinity in terms of absolute connection, and absolute dependency, as part of reality greater than ourselves, and find some new way to understand our role here.

3. <u>Ourselves</u>. This new term Consciousness is the key to getting Ourselves right, of who we really are, and what we are all here for. And it has place for reincarnation and the truth of human identity.

I have mentioned reincarnation. In this new Universe picture, reincarnation is allowable. This new Universe, based on Consciousness, has a place for reincarnation, a process whereby one soul or "Consciousness" takes on bodies again and again and lays them down. The prevailing view of physicalism does not allow for this.

Most of the world's great religions teach reincarnation. It was the center piece of Jesus' teachings, banned by a fourth century council, that decided the populous could best be controlled with fear, deleted all mention of reincarnation from the scripture, and inserted fear terms instead.

Most of the problems of the world stem from the fact that reincarnation has not been taught in the West. The scientific evidence for reincarnation is increasing on all sides, and the full picture is beginning to emerge.

Recent claim by a scientific friend: There is no truth for reincarnation. Well, there is no proof for physicalism, for physical realism, either, and in fact the near-death experience decisively refutes it. The field is open.

The evidence for reincarnation, comes from many sides. Michael Newton and Brian Weiss, are both mainstream physicians who were compelled to acknowledge the truth of reincarnation by what they observed in their patients, and their investigations into past life experiences.

There are also the testimonies of many channel sources, such as Seth (*Seth Speaks* by Jane Roberts) Emmanuel, and others, who have completed their cycles of earthly incarnations, are back in the Spirit world, now teachers from "the other side of things." Emmanuel: Death is like getting out of a tight shoe.

And then, Seth: When you die lifetime after lifetime, expecting imminent extinction, and find yourself back in the Spirit world, you begin to think some cosmic joke is taking place. Seth again: There is more evidence in daily life for the truth of reincarnation, than there is for black holes in science.

The real question is, for all of us: What does reincarnation really mean, for Ourselves and the for the Universe?

There are two images for human identity. Are we, as neuroscientists claim, an animal like any other, born into one short life, that ends in death, and that's it? Who has a lot of fantasies and illusions about a god, an afterlife, freedom, freewill, and such? Or are we immortal, eternal reincarnating beings, who can remember?

The reincarnational picture, the reincarnational framework, of human identity: It is the key to the truth of who we really are. We are not simply the victims of genes drives and childhood, but immortal eternal evolving spiritual beings who reincarnate in the Earth, for a series of Earthly lifetimes, and then we depart to continue our evolution elsewhere, in other physical or purely spiritual universes.

This is a very different view of ourselves from that of present day science. The identity picture of neuroscience is pretty dismal. And the prevailing religious picture is not much better: The soul is created at conception, we live for one short life, on the bases of which we are judged for all eternity, and sent either to heaven, or the dark regions of the Universe. One could get claustrophobia in either these limiting views of both Reality and ourselves. The truth is that we live Forever, now that is a very long time.

And so second, reincarnation gives us a breathtaking glimpse into the true causalities that belong to Consciousness. We come here with reasons for being here, abilities to be develop, goals to be achieved. We function under intent, plan and purpose, what Aristotle called final causality.

We are here with reasons for being here, and deep down, at the soul level, we all know why we are here, and what we are here for.

We all have free will, an original property of Consciousness, like Life, and like Love. We are not the victims of our parents, as Freud maintained, but we have chosen our parents for the strength and abilities we could acquire through them, in order to serve our life purpose.

And in this Universe Consciousness is organized by Ideas, Love, and Subjectivity, bedrock in the chain of causalities, in ourselves organized and focused around an "I," our spirit. And then terms not even in present day physics---self-development, self-fulfillment, and self-expression.

And so, third: The reincarnational framework is the most ultimate framework for understanding Ourselves, containing and including the partial answers of Freud and Jung, implying a much wider picture of human identity, and it is the basis for a true Bill of Rights. We all come here for the same reasons, to experience the Earth plane at all levels and depths in every culture, every climate, every race, in every social role, and as both sexes. If reincarnation had been taught in the West, there would have been no suppression of women, but the gift of both sexes would have been honored and developed.

Fourth, the human situation. Reincarnation puts the ground under ethics. There is only one law of the Earth plane, harm to none, but we forgot this, or are talked out of it. Reincarnation is the great equalizer. Justice prevails, what you do to another, that person will do back to you, in this or another life.

Jesus ethical precepts become luminous when we realize he had reincarnation in mind. Jesus, "you reap what you sow." Karma is not a punishment, but a way to learn, to come to understand how our actions affected another, by having those actions done back to us, and so, Jesus golden rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

The human race is not good at physical causality, at realizing that the toxins we put down our sinks will end up in our drinking water. Even less do we understand moral casualties, but they are real, and the wellbeing of anyone includes the wellbeing of all. And so, reincarnation gives us a glimpse of the religious insight that this is a Universe formed in Love, and that we are all here working out our own life purposes, under the great Law of Love.

And when we realize the truth of what we are all here for, there is no reason to look down on anyone, because our identity includes membership in theirs, and who and what they are, we will have been or shall be in a future life.

And so, what are we all here for? Descartes thought the proper task of Mind was the analysis of Matter. We have now done Matter to death, and with it ourselves, and Mind needs to find something better to do. We are here to Love. We are not here to destroy and consume the Earth, or for some to amass great riches at the cost of the lives of everyone else.

We are here to learn, to grow spiritually, and to Love, to Love the planet, others, and ourselves. We are working out the lessons of Love, in the Earth plane, to co-create with Spirit something beautiful for all on planet Earth. We are Earthkeepers.

And if the human can finally pull it off, and bring Love here, and start helping the Earth rather than destroying her, then even our vast numbers, now at 7 billion, may not matter.

We are here to grow in Love, and with Love, Truth. WE cannot Love either the Earth our ourselves without knowing the truth of both. The Earth is not some vast engineering project, but living conscious spiritual beings like ourselves. Let the truth of the Earth guide us into Love for the Earth, and right practices towards her. We are here to Awaken, to let in the Light, to who we are, who the Earth is, and who what and where Spirit really is.

Reincarnation is the great equalizer, the level playing field, the common denominator of our shared humanity. All, and not simply the rich have the right to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and not simply human beings, but every other being on the planet, who shares and makes possible our earthly existence, the Earth and all of her little creepy crawlies.

The true overall human task on Earth is to realize in the Earth plane, a plane of fear and separation, the Love and Connectedness, the Joy and the Wisdom of the Spirit world from whence we all come.

And what does Spirit want for us? Simply to be happy, along with the happiness of every other being who shares the planet with us.

Perhaps there were "higher reasons" for banning the teaching of reincarnation in the West. We had to focus on really being here, working out the truth of the planet, not focused in past lifetimes. According to Seth, we are now at a place in our development where we can remember out past lifetimes, slayers and victims will change roles as reincarnational memories rise to the surface. The large silent areas of the brain will be used to accommodate these memories. Brain mapping will be possible for past lifetimes.

And the only real question now, for every one of us: Who am I? What am I here for? Now, in these tumultuous times? These are times of a great awakening, springtime after a long dark winter. At deep soul levels, we know why we are here, but these days, all manner of help is available, especially from channeled sources, to answer this question in conscious terms, and to really let in the Light, and the truth of our own identities, a new revelation of human identity as we now know it.

And so, I go on to spell out some of what is really happening on the Earth plane, so that you may know where to place your energies.

4. <u>Spirit</u>. This new term Consciousness is the key to Spirit, and of getting Spirit right.

This new Universe picture, based on Consciousness, has a place for reincarnation, and it also has a place for Spirit. And this term Consciousness, also enables a whole new revelation about who what and where Spirit is.

The last 300 years, dominated by Cartesian science, have probably been the most arid times for our Spirit in the whole of history. In the great technology view of the Earth, Spirit became simply "the god of the gaps," or a defunct physical hypothesis.

Tom Berry: Everyone makes religious experience in the Earth from time to time, and then their Cartesian Selves promptly deny it. Oh, the power of our ideas to keep the True and the Real out!

In the modern picture of matter, and the Earth, there is no possibility or place for true religious experience.

Materialism, and matter/mechanism, rule our day. The Earth consists of things, to be understood by technological ways of thinking, nothing more than a vast engineering project. What I have done, is to rewrite matter, the Cartesian view of matter as something devoid of Consciousness. There is no matter in Plato's, Aristotle's, or Descartes sense of it. "Mute matter, blind chance."

All matter is an Appearance of something much more real, Consciousness.

I have rewritten this view of matter, all matter is an expression of Consciousness and with it, materialism itself. When you rewrite matter as I have done, you open a thousand doors into magic and mystery, and into deep connection with Spirit.

This new Universe picture has a place for Spirit, and it opens directly into the fundamental term of every religion, Spirit, as simply <u>Infinite Consciousness</u>, all universes, all worlds, formed out of <u>this</u> Consciousness, divine and sacred throughout. And so, for the first time in their long bitter antagonistic history, science and religion now share a common base. And who are we? We Ourselves, and every other being who shares the planet with us, are <u>Incarnations of Spirit</u>.

And so, the most fundamental term for the Universe is Spirit, that exists in two modes, Spirit in Form, Spirit Formless, there isn't anything else.

And so, here is a new revelation of Spirit, and of who what and where Spirit is, the basis for a new and true religion, where everyone can have their own direct relationship with Spirit. Religion is all about <u>re-ligare</u>, about re-tying the tie, about reconnecting with Spirit.

In the Earth, Spirit is everywhere. And so, the North Native American people had it right, every being has its own spirit, and is also an expression of Spirit. Native elder: Why would I build a temple to my god, when I can go out in nature and meet him face to face?

And this new Universe picture has a place for the Love that Spirit has often been said to be, not an emotion, but a great Oneness, both a possibility and a reality in this new Universe picture.

Spirit is Love, Spirit is everywhere, and Spirit is here, this is all anyone really needs to know for their lives.

And how is Spirit known? <u>Through direct experience</u>. Through a kind of attunement, and a communion, opening into the feeling experience of absolute connection, through small touches, glimpses, and glances, coming to us everywhere. "By thy sweet scents draw me." You cannot see Spirit, but you can <u>feel</u> Spirit, not really with bodily feelings, but through <u>the inner senses</u>, something like fine inner hands that connect us directly with divinity.

We have inner senses that can attune to Consciousness anywhere. And the deepest experience of Spirit comes through immersion. Walk out in nature, drop your boundaries, and open yourself through intent, and you can connect with Spirit everywhere.

This new concept of nature, and the Earth, as conscience beings, Consciousness throughout, permits a very different sense for what is happening in apparently empty space. The Earth is filled with intercepting, and interacting <u>fields</u> of Consciousness, of all different kinds, at different levels and depths. The pure Consciousness of Spirit itself laces every other field of Consciousness throughout. There are absolutely magical and mystical connections available everywhere, as we open our Consciousness to the Consciousness of living beings around us, who inhabit other dimensions.

And so, knowing: We have two ways of knowing. Our masculine forms of knowing know with a word, a term, a theory. This is not true knowing. Our masculine modes can take us to the threshold of true knowing, but they cannot go there. True knowing belongs to our Feminine modes. Eastern saying: Stop talking and thinking, and there is nothing you cannot know. True knowing comes to our bodies, our senses, our souls, our Spirits, our deep psyches, and our sex, far below the level of mind. And oh, that is where the bliss is!

The rational mind has never understood these modes, has despised, rejected them and put them down. But these are the rich soil and seed bed from which the rational modes themselves spring, and where male Reason, grows thin and bare, arid and bureaucratic, must go for its own renewal.

These are the modes of knowing, and experiencing, Oneness, that belong to the Native peoples, the shamans and mystics, and to the Feminine. And the moon has been known for eons more

fully and well, by the Native peoples of the planet, than by any amount of matter and mechanistic science.

These modes below to heart Consciousness, and they are accessible to all. You need to realize what is available in this new Universe picture. Spirit has never been so close.

Spirit is available everywhere. And in the West, Spirit has a name, the name given to Moses: I Am, a name also ever in our hearts and on lips. The gospels ring with the I Am of Jesus: I Am the good shepherd, I Am the way the truth and the life, I Am the true vine.

I take this name to indicate the profound Subjectivity out of which the objective Universe comes, and our spirituality has to do with connecting our small "I" with the greater I Am of Spirit that is within us. The true identity of every human being, sometimes translated as "I Am who am," and sometimes as "I Am who I will be." We are evolving beings, growing in Love and Truth, here on the Earth plane.

And the true question of ethics is: How do we develop into the very fullness of the incarnation of Spirit that we most truly are? Most previous spiritualities edit: Some of us are good, others aren't; some parts of us are good, others aren't; and Spirit only likes you if you are good, and only likes the good parts, everything else is to be repressed.

We are large. We are built like an iceberg, ninetenths of us are underwater, out of sight, and I daresay that is where everything interesting about us is.

Repress nothing. Where do things go when they are repressed? Down into the depths of the soul, where they gather energy, and then erupt quite suddenly at an inappropriate time. Much of what is taking place in the modern world, is the eruption of all that has been buried in us for so long, by religious traditions, what Jung called our shadow side. Repress nothing, you can only accept and embrace all that is within you, our true power, that is the power of Spirit itself. Hear from all of yourself, but you do not need to express what you find in your own soul over other people, choices have to be made about this.

Perhaps we are better described as a cone. We are built like a cone. At our tips, we are adapted to our niche in the physical plane, but we are vast on our inner sides, we go down into the hidden depths and web works of the Universe, our inner beings are in eternity, and at this point, for our long repression of our self, and our true powers, are in the depths of our own souls.

And so, the basic precepts, within the principle of Love is allowing: Allowing, that you let yourself be who you really are, and others be who they are, because at this point, no one knows what a full incarnation of Spirit would look like. We are divine throughout, we have a divine light side, a divine dark side, you can only accept and embrace what is within you in order to become the fullness of Being that we are meant to be.

And so, our present task on Earth. The human race has spent centuries gazing Heavenwards. We will all end up in heaven, back in the Spirit world from whence we come. This is not our present task, our task is to bring Spirit here, to return to the Garden of Eden, and to recreate the Garden of Eden the Earth once was, and was always intended to be, where we could communicate freely with all beings, and walk and talk with Spirit face to face.

We need to remember: Only the human was expelled from the Garden of Eden, the animals we have despised for so long, and held in contempt, the trees, the flowering plants, are all still there. And they will show us the way back, back beyond a relentless male logic of Either/Or, them or us, enemies or friends, into a new inclusive Feminine logic, both....and, the receptive Love-Consciousness of the Feminine, that can hold and contain all of the opposites, in a higher, wider and richer inclusive view of things. And into the great Oneness, that Spirit essential is.

Nietzsche, the philosopher who declared that "god is dead": The old god isn't dead. He is only sleeping, and will one day reawaken and return on the other side of beyond good and evil. Only Love is beyond good and evil, only Love can contain and include all of the opposites in a higher, wider life-giving soul nourishing synthesis.

The Earth makes possible to us a fathomlessly deep and rich experience, a relationship, with Spirit. Earth is the domain of Spirit, the fine fresh things that Spirit, and not human beings has made. Indeed, that Spirit is. And when you realize the fullness of what is really available to us in and through the Earth, that is Oneness at all levels and depths, every day. When you step out of your back down, into nature, you go into ever deepening realms of awakening, and with it, the deepest romance of your whole life, the romance of your relationship with Spirit.

"Lose yourself in me, and you will find yourself." And when you want to know who you really are, do not consult a book, or a philosopher, but go out into the fields, under star lite sky, feel your Earth connection, and ask for the answers you most seek.

And now the question of life after death. The near-death experience is a wedge between matter and Consciousness that separates them from one another. Clearly, matter can disintegrate, the body in the bed can die, but Consciousness is independent of the body, and so we open a window into the survival of Consciousness after death.

And so, friend of consciousness, you said you cannot connect with dead friends. Yes, you can, but to do so requires opening up to the deep powers that belong to Consciousness, powers that human beings do not yet realize that they possess.

An academic life, for the most part, is not the place to do this. Academia selects for verbal, left brained abilities, our true powers belong to right and whole brained modes, our deep souls, our deep Consciousness, well below the level of mind.

And so, I go on to spell out this new metaphysics, in even more radical ways: Of the Feminine. Stay tuned!

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