

Faith and Reason Together — PART TWO

IT MIGHT BE ARGUED WITH JUSTIFICATION that the cultural schism between faith and reason, between materiality and spirituality, is the great tragedy of this time and all time. It's not my intent to make the case for such a sweeping conclusion, but it does serve us well to modestly focus on the beneficial purposes of openness to learn and appreciate the mutual values of faith and reason together, and how we might help ourselves in our personal lives by being more sensitive to interpersonal (religious) relationships within the earthly niche we occupy. Imperial pomposity and institutional hype aside, humankind needs to pursue life's commonalities more humbly.

Biologically and conventionally, cultures represent faith as belonging to the female persona and reason as characteristic of the male persona. The alienation of female from male is driven by the adversarial cultures of faith-suppression and female-exploitation. We are cultured in male dominion-hype and interpersonal distrust. The persistent culture of interpersonal alienation widens the rift between faith and reason, between humanity and nature, and between God and man.

The “original” sin of alienation is told in the Garden of Eden story from the perspective of the static-centrist worldview and top-down theology. In the Creation/Fall Story, God gives two commands (1) to increase and multiply and (2) not to consume the vitality-fruit of the Tree of Life. Fast forward to the present time — the global overreach of human population is systemically and globally wasting the Vitality Tree of web-life ecology. The bitter fruit of consuming web-life vitality is global impoverishment and internecine desperation, fueling persistent violence and perpetual warfare.

On Sunday March 20, 2011, Sixty Minutes interviewer Morley Safer visited with Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York ([the “American pope”](#)). In the interview Cardinal Dolan expressly stated that he and Mr. Safer live in and represent two different and contrasting worldviews, the ancient world of theological absolutism and the changed world of evolving consciousness.

Contrasting the two worldviews is the perceived fixation of dominion culture in ignorance, arrogance and obsession (greed) as opposed to contemporary openness to communication (faith), consciousness (hope) and conscience (love). Institutional theology/ecclesiology (Roman Catholic) holds radically to the Garden of Eden Story while contemporary consciousness is aware of the unsustainability of cultural fixation in alienation and corporate exploitation.

[Reflective](#) consciousness informs cultural wisdom in the transformational dynamic of “trimorphic resonance”, the harmony of WORD-LIGHT-LOVE, of communication, consciousness and conscience. Life on Earth is radically imperiled by self-driven alienation, of females (faith) from males (reason), of humanity from divinity. Global desperation and degradation can only get worse if religion (humankind) persists in the complacent fixations of self-serving ignorance, arrogance and obsession.

The radical choice before humankind today is to nurture life or culture pre-mature death; the Godlike affirmative choice is to reject alienation and fixation in cultural division. We can accommodate the cosmic worldview of evolving consciousness, of transformation, of mutual faith/reason affirmation and enlightenment. The dilemma of Divine/Human Hypostasis is the theology of institutional dominion vs. the personal birthright of joined Faith and Reason Together.