

## **In Plain English: Symbiosis and Intentional Faith-Life**

New knowledge enables innovation and faithful living. The consequences of choices/ actions are a double-edged sword: one consequence is actions cut through the “jungle” and let the light in; but another consequence is, they destroy the “jungle.” As evidence of good and bad choices accumulate, it becomes clear that actions that once served good-faith become conspicuously inconsistent. This is today’s predicament, for Church, for humankind. Humankind has to change its attitude and conduct toward nature.

As the saying goes, “live and learn.” And so it is with faith-life and moral behavior. Human exploitation of nature has mangled “jungle” symbiosis to the point that large segments of web-life are being destroyed and threaten the sustainable human life.

Old-faith habits, if not refreshed by experience and new knowledge, become blind codes that are insensitive to the havoc they cause by their “darkness” of choice. Light and enlightenment continue to be the way forward in living true to self and other. We are the light and life of faith and symbiotic living, but also, the frustration of faith and symbiosis.

**The “Evolution of Symbiosis” is nature’s PATTERN, God’s PLAN.** We are called to enrich our faith-life with the freshness of new science and cumulative wisdom. Free self-help resource materials are available to refresh faith and symbiosis at [www.secondenlightenment.org](http://www.secondenlightenment.org) and [www.evolution101.org](http://www.evolution101.org)

### **“An ending is but a new beginning”**

**Human self-reflection flourishes in the awareness that an ending is the occasion for a new beginning—what the essential continuity of purposeful living is about. Evolution’s forward looking purpose gives us courage not to be discouraged in the face of endings (no matter how difficult) but to see them as opportunities for growing into newness; an extraordinary opportunity for “beginning new again” is now at hand.**

Life is a succession of new beginnings that pick up on successful and unsuccessful endings. Hope is the engine of new beginning and the virtue of trustful determination. Hope is the conscious virtue of communication and conscience working together, the natural virtue of success and the necessary virtue of failure. Distrustful communication and failed conscience frustrate hope. Hope is sustained in the insight and determination to **begin again**, no matter how many times. Evolved consciousness teaches the need to be ever open to beginnings and change, and to culture the affirmative determination to live symbiotically.

Investment in the past is the ground of a sustainable future. Anticipation of the future gives new purpose to the closed experiences of the past, and hope beyond the limits of past vision. Times calling for great changes are profoundly unsettling to presumed, past settled understandings. Hope is in knowing that experiences of the past are stepping stones into the future. Successful vision is acquired through collaborative learning and the application of learning to purposeful living. In this wisdom is found the recipe for grassroots enterprises rooted in the common ground of faith/ reason continuity, common humanity’s wisdom brought forward to the present.

Past wisdom brought forward finds encouragement in the present even in the face of uncertainty and confusion; the vision of hope opts for collaboration rather than competition, for continuing “analysis and synthesis” rather than fixation, for awareness of universal religious values rather than presumption in the fixed, past insights of cultural inflexibility and violence. Common humanity needs common religious wisdom if the cultural wars of religion and self-destruction are to be avoided.

Moral, ethical insights that facilitate universal analysis and synthesis need to be found by global conscience, and clarity of vision and consciousness needs to be put in place if nature’s and Earth-life’s final dissolution would be obviated.

**Grassroots Outreach Program:** Communities of religious men and women stand together at the threshold of global religious renewal open to and premised in the wisdom reality that *an ending is but a new beginning*. This statement of faith is a magnet of great potential, of global people coming together for common purposes of symbiotic community motivated in the universal vision of “grace supposition” in nature and of common wellbeing dependent on nature’s wellbeing.

New beginnings that are true and sustainable need to be premised in commonly true assumptions that root in universal experience and advance as premises for authentic faith/ living. If there is to be a sustainable grassroots strategy, it must be experience-based and faith-informed, not for purposes of conflicted self-interest but for purposes of universal wellbeing.

The moral imperatives of religion are true and sustainable when they derive from the experiential consciousness of universal imperatives, i.e., symbiotic nature. The reliability of knowledge, of “analysis and synthesis” is in question unless it grows out of informed knowledge of evolutionary nature and its purposeful strategies of sustainability. Human life is successful and sustainable when intentional living coincides with symbiotic nature.

**An ending now happening is to the closed mindsets of presumed religious absolutism, fixated in ancient cultures of dominion theology and patriarchal overreach. The new beginning calling all humanity is an inclusive religious future that sees beyond non-functional belief systems that war against their differences in defense of cultural dominion and patriarchal control.**

**SECOND ENLIGHTENMENT: Getting Nature Right.** Much of the modern calamity is humanly induced—a consequence of getting Nature wrong and acting arrogantly in relationship with Nature and each other. Nature is the supposition of all Grace, God’s way with life.

At the heart of failed relationship is a mistaken sense of Creation, specifically, the denial of the essential nature of Cosmic/ Earthlife Evolution. Dominion Theology and patriarchal overreach fuel the ongoing conflicts of religion and the corporate plundering of Nature. At its roots the global corporate predicament is “religious”.

The beginning of a cultural turnabout (to get it right with Nature) begins with religion, with a new “analysis and synthesis” of causes and remedies of Earth/ human crises. High on the list of priorities is a religious/ cultural commitment to get it right with Nature and to reckon with the evolutionary dynamic (wave/ particle relativity) that energizes and gives

form to all relationships, to transformational reality and the effective symbiotic purposes of self-reflectivity.

Women more so than men are psychologically and physiologically “tuned to” the deep consciousness of self-reflection because of the essential grounding of life’s dynamic purposes (wave/ particle transformation and intuitional awareness) in her very person—what is a signal contrast between understandings of 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> enlightenment.

Godlikeness implicates essential femaleness even more than maleness in every aspect of authentic vitality. Masculinity derives (evolves) from Femininity, not the other way around—which is a starting point to begin with getting Nature right.

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