

Instinct, Intuition, Intelligence and Accountability

We live in a quantum-electric universe equipped with a cortical brain that deals in quantum-electric terms. Instincts are associated with hard-wiring in the ancient avian-reptilian brain, whereas, intuitions are associated with soft-wiring of the cortical brain. Hard-wiring is linear, hot-responsive, which means, reaction to stimuli is direct, immediate, unvarying and uncompromising, as in flight-fight response and sexual impulse. Soft-wiring (as in the cortical brain) is flexible in response because it is parallel-wired with multiple circuits and draws upon many currents of experience in making decisions. Accountability is a function of intelligence, of intuitional faith/reason processing.

The intuitional processing of faith and reason is soft-wired, that is, the outcome of decisions is based on nuanced currents of prior experience. Decisions and outcomes are no less decisive and incisive than reflex hard-wired responses, but, they are better informed to deal with non-linear complexities of immediate circumstances — not so with fixed, predictable, iterative responses of instinctive hard-wiring.

The difference between dogmatic cause-and-effect fixation in the culture of hierarchical, male-absolutism, and faith/reason openness is the difference of hard-wired reflex-instinct and soft-wired reflective intuition. Religion is all about faith/reason processing, i.e., engaging the cortical brain, not the avian-reptilian brain. As long as male-absolutist religions impose fixations of hard-wired fixation on females and other organic life, rationality and faith will both be overreached and violated.

Dominion theology, male-characterized and uncompromising, is a reflex iteration of hard-wired instinct, more “bestial” than human. Culture and nature are radically bedeviled and compromised by institutional hard-wiring, and can no longer be endured. The wheel of culture is forward turning not backward; culturally sanctioned prostitution of nature and women, as in the past, can no longer be abided.

Humankind has the soft-wiring circuitry to circumvent the dead-short of cultured male irrationality; it needs to be applied intentionally. The avian-reptilian brain is locked on dominion-culture, as iterated in the Councils of Trent and Vatican I, whereas, the cortical brain is open to liberation-culture as heralded by Vatican II. Vatican II is consistent with cultural forward directed currents, and will have its day notwithstanding the recidivists who work to frustrate it.

I stand accused. In seeking publication (ORBIS Books, Maryknoll, NY) of the manuscript “GREEN RELIGION, Inside the Cultural Spectrum,” I was rejected for meaning to “start over again the entire process of conceptualizing Christianity.” If changing from the static-centrist worldview (SWV) to the evolutionary worldview (EWW) involves starting over again the conceptualizing Christianity [as envisioned by the Second Vatican Council, Constitution IV, *Gaudium et spes*, Introduction, #5, para 4,] then, I am guilty as charged. If, however, the rejection implies that I discredit valid religious/ cultural advance from the past, I deny the accusation.

I confess that I mean to change the trajectory of Judeo-Christian history from “instinctive” brutality to “intuitional” humanity — Eucharistic Altruism. WORDS are the missiles that can change the trajectory from violence to wellbeing, but only if conceptualized to the peaceful purposes of the commonweal.

I assert that religious/ cultural consciousness must adjust even as faith and reason change. Neither faith nor reason compels, much less, justifies, fixation in misconceptions of old world consciousness that are exposed by new world understandings. I submit that the crises of the times root in dogmatic fixations, in instinctive hard-wiring of static-centrist thinking, i.e., of top-down theology (dominion) and imperial/ feudal culture (compelling submission of the under-privileged to serve the privileged.)

Top-down dominion-theology yet promotes the schism of energy/ matter, soul/ body, and the violent politics of guilt and fear, as advanced in patriarchal history and the exploitation of nature and people. The schism of disconnection, i.e., of spirituality from materiality is destructive and dead-end.

Culturally, humankind and nature together suffer precipitous, mutual self-degradation except nature is respected as the Place of Divine Instance and the Sacrament Condition of humankind and organic life; faith/reason mutuality accommodates common destinies by way of symbiosis and Eucharistic Purpose engaged in forward thinking, not backward thinking as in fixation in dogma, cultured absolutism and scriptural literalism.

Redemption and salvation are by way of implanting new life consciousness in the tilth of dead and dying consciousness. Human intuition seeks faith-wholeness beyond instinctual violence. The Global People is “Church seeking wholeness” — *gentes quaerentes sanitatem* — the Way forward.

The accountable theology of faith/reason. The objection raised to GREEN RELIGION and the Evolution Trilogies is that they mean to change everything; true, but with exception to implications of infidelity to religious culture.

I will set forth and specify “conceptual” changes I mean. Change is inherent in the mutual accountability of faith and reason as they continue to test each other. Change of thinking has evolved and continues evolving but institutions have not changed commensurate to the mutual advances of faith/ reason. In accepting the advanced changes of faith and reason, the needed changes of institutions should be more obvious. Together, religion and government should facilitate living justified by faith and reason, not frustrate it by demands of privilege, alienation and resource exploitation.

Envisioning non-exclusive “christic mission” does not demean Christian religious valuation or Sacrament and Eucharist, but, exclusionist presumptions of male-instituted patriarchy do demean religious consciousness. The change I propose is to open Judeo-Christian culture from its violent instincts and misinformed perspectives to new insights of faith and reason brought forward intuitionally in common. *The original fallacy of Scholastic Theology/ Philosophy underlying cultural violence, presumes the male (Adam) as primary (non-corruptible, superior) in the divine order of the creation-event, and female (Eve) as “secondary,” i.e., male-dependent (corruptible, inferior.)*

Given historically documented pathways to communal wellbeing, the recognition of the essential mutuality of faith (female) and reason (male), each holding the other accountable, should be evident in intuitionally grounded wisdom. Culture based on literalist belief in the Creation/Fall mythos is clearly misinformed, and (perhaps less clearly) misguided, but misguided, nevertheless. Argued here is the thesis that the common cause of societal violence, the rape of women and nature through history, roots in the cultured alienation of women (faith) by impassioned, irrational (hard-wired) males. Cultured belief in the Genesis/Fall Story still claims divine justification and imposes on public commonsense.

Critically challenged misunderstandings include: creationism vs. evolution; male superiority vs. female inferiority; theology presumed from the top-down vs. organic evolution/consciousness from the bottom-up; and the revelation of divinity “from within” vs. time-people-selective revelation. The artifice of arbitrarily self-revealed divinity is a human fiction. The concept of divinity-consciousness “*ab intus*”, from within, includes the unqualified instance and involvement of divinity in the *within* dynamic of the expanding universe and consciousness.

Divine Instance, infinitely and efficiently graces transformational necessity, including the ascendancy of consciousness beyond natural symbiosis to the insight of intentional Eucharistic Altruism. The continuity and mutuality of salvation and redemption is a day-by-day process of fidelity to “the requirements of love,” i.e., to the necessity of faith holding reason accountable, and reason holding faith accountable — the essential meaning of female/male mutuality.

Sacrament, nature-based and grace-conferring, belongs equally to female/ male persons, and to female/ male characterization together distinguishing the “withinness” of every person. The distinction of mutuality extends to individual and personal characterization (complementarity) in the here-and-now circumstances defining potentials and limitations (subsidiarity.)

The hallowed Christian tradition of Trinitarian Godhead-consciousness opens to deeper and more personal understanding by way of Divine Instance operating in the unified realms of physical dynamics (quantum-electric intension) and physiological/ psychological dynamics (self-reflective intention), i.e., the ascendancy of Trimorphic Resonance in the physical/psychical processing of trustful communication (faith), informed consciousness (hope), and committed conscience (love).

The global dynamic of Trimorphic Resonance can accommodate religions and cultures in their quest of common-ground understandings beyond lethal internecine violence — change we all long for in the deep-heart hopefulness of Godlikeness seeking revelation from within; humankind is nature’s interlocutor with divinity and organic life. The trustfulness of organic nature and evolving consciousness gives wings to hope. Potentials are aired in discovery of and trust in deep nature’s intuitionally wisdom.