



## **THEOGENESIS: Acentric Theology**

### **God-Like Consciousness—Conscience-Based Love**

Conscience is responsive consciousness. The cosmic whole is implicated in all transformation; all of cosmic order is subject to transformation. Form and function of transformation join in communication, consciousness and conscience, the way of divergence, convergence and emergence. Birth is new process-communication and consciousness. Self-reflection ascends faith's ladder on terms of credibility, reason, the authenticating ground of consciousness. Reason, like electrons, is potential; faith like the nucleus of atoms is positive grounding in which electrons locate and open potential. Faith is female-ground, reason is male, in the oneness order of faith/ reason.

Faith is the centered nucleus of family; reason is the energetic electron dutifully motivated and engaged by the positive formative power of the nucleus. In the Order of Natural Sacrament, all transformation is future-directed; (femininity) faith is gravity attraction of reason (masculinity). Authentic centering is "reason" giving his portion of centrism to faith, and faith giving her portion of centrism to reason — the way of overcoming dualism, centrism and sexism.

1. Commonly Endowed
2. Individually Talented
3. Purposeful Living

Before God, there is no difference between matters religious and matters secular; all relationships are of-a-piece in the Sacrament of Natural Order. Priority ranking of relationships is an artifice of custom, judgment and experience; self-interests prejudice artifices of culture and judgment. The deceptions of prejudice have a way of surfacing over time in their destructive consequences, as these times witness.

Short-term and long-term, if we don't realize the absolute dependency of economics on natural ecology, then we will continue to mindlessly destroy our economic future, which is critically happening now. Religious and secular realities converge in the conscionable common obligations of securing and restoring global ecological sustainability, beginning in the here-and-now of our own bioregion. The lethal spoiling of ecologies is criminal, and a direct offense against nature, God and ourselves.

## BOOK ENDS

### Giordano Bruno and Walter Brueggemann

The thinking I have come to brings me to recognize two historical figures whom I consider “Book Ends” to the **EVOLUTION / POETREE Trilogies**. These personalities are Giordano Bruno\* and Walter Brueggemann\*\*.

At the time of Renaissance, Giordano Bruno dared to challenge the conventional dogma of centrism by his insight into cosmic acentrism. The shock wave of his daring rocked the theology of Roman Catholicism, which made him a target of the “Holy Inquisition” and ultimately the victim of burning at the stake in 1600. The then presiding cardinal head of the Inquisition (now The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) was Robert Bellarmine, SJ.

In the present time, Walter Brueggemann links the wasting of nature and the religious/ cultural alienation of women as being of-a-piece, that is, both rooted in the hyped culture of male-centrism and the presumptive dogma of the all-male Godhead, *Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus*. Openness to acentrism can free cultures from hyper-fixation in ignorance (staticism), idolatrous pride and male-centrist (sexist) obsession.

My hope is that this **2012 Edition of The POETREE Trilogies** is vindication for the injustice church has perpetrated on Bruno, the unfortunate, onetime Dominican friar, for his acentric thinking. The Dominicans have a just cause against the Jesuits in the matter of Bruno’s vilification and death; but they have a problem too, for they were the agents in charge of the Spanish Inquisition (Witch Hunts) preceding the Roman.

The changed worldview of our time demonstrates how consciousness has evolved, and thanks to evolution, I have no worry now of being burned at the stake for advocating acentric thinking, notwithstanding the Jesuit oath of fidelity to popes that endures to this day.

**\*Ramon G Mendoza, PhD, “THE ACENTRIC LABYRINTH, Giordano Bruno’s Prelude to Contemporary Cosmology”, © 1995, ELEMENT, Shaftesbury, Dorset; Rockport, Massachusetts; Brisbane, Queensland**

**\*\*Walter Brueggemann, “Land, Fertility and Justice”, THEOLOGY OF THE LAND, Editors: Bernard F. Evans, Gregory Cusack, © 1987, The Order of St. Benedict, Inc., Collegeville, MN**

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