Beyond Conflicted Religion COMMUNITY INTERFAITH ACADEMIES: Where Religion, Art and Science Meet

Needed is a civil strategy to get beyond conflicted religions. Religion and violence are antithetical to each other, to common-sense understanding. Proposed here is a rationale enabling the Trinitarian Way of living in Community, of inter-personal belonging/ processing; Trinitarian processing involves: WORD/LIGHT/LOVE, Communication/ Consciousness/ Conscience; Faith/ Hope/ Love.

In Christian belief, Trinitarian Godhead Presence is understood in terms of Word/ Light/ Love. 'Word' is means of trustful communication: trustful communication informs (enlightens) understanding/ consciousness; informed consciousness compels decisions of conscience ('con-science' meaning: intentional action, informed 'with knowledge').

RELIGION is faith at work; ART is hope's uplifted refinement of self-expression; and SCIENCE (informed processing of self/ other understanding) keeps 'Process of Trinity' grounded in Eucharistic necessities of Prevision/ Provision.

Rationale for home-based COMMUNITY INTERFAITH ACADEMIES: It needs to be affirmed upfront that home-based INTERFAITH ACADEMIES intend to work in collaboration with institutional religions, NOT to downplay or discredit their communal values. However, in the present context of global conflicts, the failure of interpersonal faith relationships, of religions, puts communities at odds and unsettle people with respect to socially important relationships, such as in prevision and provision, and avoiding mindless abuse of nature's Eucharistic gratuities. Authentic faith in-common is open to natural and cultural back-grounding that accounts for societal differences, which, however, does not excuse, much less justify wasting nature and violence premised in differences of religious belief.

Failure of a communal sense of interpersonal belonging wreaks societal havoc. A prevailing problem fomenting failure of community, of religion, is institutionally hyped ego, the politically arrogant presumption of selfness over otherness, of males over females as supposed in the Garden of Eden Creation Story. Nature, commonsense, and understanding the science of 'The Evolution of Symbiosis' can and need to take us to a very different place. Art, science and religion are authentically one with Eucharistic insight – belonging together on the same page with Life on Earth.

http://www.secondenlightenment.org/The %20 Evolution %20 of %20 Symbios is.pdf

The self-reflective intuitions of human DNA root in deep-history evolution

and are of a-piece with functioning symbiosis, which underlie and motivate communion, community and religion – the altruistic consciousness of living soul, of Godlikeness. Symbiosis challenges cultural violence, and engages everyone, cooperatively and collaboratively. Dare to start a Community Interfaith Academy: the need in our time is to grow life's safety net, not to trash it. Personal faith needs to be put to the challenge of Symbiosis and Eucharistic Conscience.

"Godlikeness" is in the nature of personal excellence, what is expressed in Eucharistic living, in communal self-giving with others. True Otherness, what is Divinity, insists in the Eucharistic belonging (com-munion/com-munity) of all life. The root meanings of the words com-munity and com-munion are from the Latin word 'com-munire'; 'com' meaning with, and 'munio', a verb with many meanings: http://www.wordhippo.com/what-is/the-meaning-of/latin-word-bf5ebb726acd49f30b8368cf815a0be7460f76b.html

We, The People are the human personification of Godhead Trinity. It is well for us to engrain in our consciousness and conscience a sense of Trinity/ Divinity by way of prayer, reflection and action, if ever we are to get beyond religion-based conflict and violence - "What Self-Donation is: KENOSIS, EUCHARIST & GREEN RELIGION Right as Grain" http://www.evolution101.org/newdownload%20(1).pdf

All necessarily are called to be part of the solution to world conflicts, whether religious or cultural. Presently, religions and culture are far afield of evolved Eucharistic potentials. In real-world expression, living must be aware and considerate of self-reflective psychology, whose soul-consciousness vitalizes common DNA. Vitalizing needs to happen in self-reflective community, communal and intentional, if human soul is to grow Eucharistically. The agencies of intentional vitalizing are 'Trinitarian' in communal/ conscionable engagement of Word/ Light/ Love.

To this end, we need to pray and work together; this prayer works for me: "O Most Holy Trinity, I believe, I adore, I love and thank Thee for those who refuse to believe, to adore, to love and to thank Thee."

Join with neighbors in a home-based COMMUNITY INTERFAITH ACADEMY. If there is none to join, dare to start one in your Community, in your Home.

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