

“Creationism” and “Fideism”

Because of fixation in "isms" we are broken in community and in fidelity. Healing and health come with growth; fixation in "isms" is the frustration of growth, health and healing.

Catholic Christians are stuck in creationism and fideism, on which male hierarchicalism and dominion theology (top-down flow of grace) are rationalized. This is why Tridentine and Vatican-One types are in a panic over the future of institutional Catholicism. Creationism/ intelligent-design are fixations in the handed-down belief of direct creation by God (as presented in Genesis) and the preferential revelation of God.

The School of Creationism holds that God creates human souls, individually and directly, and designs (intervenes) in the intelligence of life-forms; while the School of Theistic Evolution holds that cosmic intelligence and life's designs are co-essential and co-identical, and develop "auto-expressively" (indirectly created by God) into conscionable complexities of energetic/ substantial forms and functions, essentially continuous and evolving from less subtle forms/ functions to more subtle (complex) forms/ functions.

In "quantity" (in quantum complexity) and in "quality" (in rationality, spirituality) creation continues its expansive growth, also in self-awareness and comprehension of human/ divine correlations. Comprehension advances in small and large leaps. The intelligence of the evolving cosmos is an interior dynamic (from the within) of energetic qualification, whose "perfecting" consists in ever increasing awareness of self-sustaining correlations - what is "truth". Truth is about relationships of wellbeing, of self-sustainability. The contexts of non-stop transformation continuously change as do correlations and working rationality.

The cumulus content of changing reality, of insight, self-awareness, truth, wisdom, is a weave of genetic inheritance, a perceived consciousness of certitude called "faith". In its very nature, faith is about openness to acquiring new truths, new insights that sustain and advance wellbeing in common and in concert. The awareness of faith, like reason, changes as the warrants of experienced complexity require.

Cultural entrapment in status-quo understandings effectively arrests reason and faith, and imprison them in a state of unchanging consciousness inside a changing reality-a totally conflicted and unworkable state of affairs. **Fixated faith in status-quo understanding is "fideism", the freezing of intelligence in a stand-still state.** "Creationism" is blind fixation in old intelligence, is concretized belief in primitive insights that reject changing consciousness/ rationality based on experienced insights acquired over time. Willful blindness flies in the face of intuitional wisdom, commonsense.

The evolution of changing contexts underlies the reality of changing consciousness. The School of Theistic Evolution is open to intuitional intelligence, to new lessons of transformational experience. Evolutionary consciousness builds on experiential intelligence and seeks to accommodate behavior to the lessons of experience. Cosmic intelligence changes forms and functions under influences of "intensional" energy (inner, unreflective energy) and "intentional" energy (human, self-reflective consciousness, conscience).

Denominational Christianity's fixation in out-dated ideology, in cultural fideism, is anachronistic and irrational on its face. In religious terminology, "ecclesiology" speaks to the "forms" of cultural religion, the corporate, institutional character (the "quantum"), while "theology" speaks to the energy, the spiritual consciousness that qualifies forms. Structures fail when their spirituality fails. Spiritual failure is now happening in Christian churches fixated in non-credible ideologies of the past.

The unity of universal consciousness/ conscience calls for all religions to find common health and healing in the handed-down intelligence of evolved conscience; an insight, an inner grace open to every person .