

DNA, Life's Sacred Canon

Theological professionals understand "canon" as the body of literature that informs faith/reason. Before considering what life's universal canon is (might be) we need to consider faith and religion and whether they are theologically "open" or "closed."

[www.luthersem.edu/word&world, WORD & WORLD, Theology for Christian Ministry, "Canon," Fall 2009, pp 418-421] An answer may be found in the "scripture" of evolved genetics, what is "nature's pattern and God's plan."

<http://www.secondenlightenment.org/God's%20PLAN,%20the%20Evolution%20of%20Symbiosis.pdf>,
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Faith, religion, and reason, are intimately linked to the common objective of pursuing "truth." Just asking the question "what is truth?" doesn't escape the obligation to seek it, live it. What must be commonly admitted is that knowledge of truth is subjective even if also collective; which means, that truth is qualified by limits of human understanding. Understanding truth is not absolute (objective) because the content of truth cannot be exhausted, and consciousness of truth remains open and subject to the qualifications of new insights.

Enlightenment (Modernity) and the rise of secular humanism, notwithstanding their atheistic tendency, have succeeded in softening the heavy emphasis of theistic fideism and its trust of dominion theology. Postmodernity (Second Enlightenment) is now more amenable to the embrace of theistic pluralism and humanism from the perspective of theistic (Christian) altruism.

A statement of first principle by Thomas Berry gives to self-reflective consciousness a sense of grounding and authenticity in the common objective of pursuing truth. In "The DREAM of the EARTH", Thomas Berry says: "*Professional education should be based on an awareness that Earth is itself the primary physician, primary revelation of the divine, primary scientist, primary technologist, primary commercial venture, primary artist, primary educator, primary agent in whichever activity we find human affairs.*"

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE [<http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail.aspx?bookid=6577>] sees the encoding of canons, beginning with "First Lessons of Cosmic Religion" in natural sacrament, "the evolution of symbiosis, nature's pattern and God's plan." To close the book of faith's canons is to fixate religious consciousness in time-locked terms. To imprison consciousness in a closed framework is to frustrate faith/reason and impose dis-ease. The frustration of faith's grounding (by closing canons) is the disease of schizophrenia. It is not for humans to close reality from divinity's ongoing openness to the evolving purposes of symbiosis.

What is faith? What is religion? What is reason? What is purpose? What is the suppositional canon of universal consciousness? Except self-reflection gets answers right, it gets wrong its own sense of self, destiny and the purpose in life.

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