

THE POSSIBLE JOURNEY, Uncompromised Trust

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Faith Study: Formation, Information and Re-formation

THE POSSIBLE JOURNEY is about darkness and light, war and peace, disharmony and harmony, hate and love, about what and why we choose, and how we customize habits and cause weal or woe. In the course of life, positives and negatives get folded together in consciousness. We can blindly go on and suffer the hurts of negative implications and pass them to others, or we can search them out and remove them from our menu of choices.

Nature equips us to do this. We inherit a natural capacity for symbiotic accommodation, but also an inclination to counter-productive egoism. One is the way of love and harmony, the other is the way of discord and degradation. Our choices are not about God; they're about us and whether we opt to be Godlike — or otherwise.

Natural, intentional evolution (symbiosis), the option of love, is ours for the choosing. Intentional symbiosis is the way of Godhead Harmony, the **WAY OF WORD-LIGHT-LOVE**. The alternative is degradation and waste, the dark way of ignorance-arrogance-greed.

Coming to faith, reason and wisdom by way of word-light-love is an adult, divine/ human process of emotional/rational awareness, something more substantial than the pablum of childhood. Our choice is to continue in simplistic faith, in ways of patriarchy, dominion and violence, or to go beyond habits of immaturity, dominion, and opt the way of love, openness and accommodation, the way of Liberation Theology,

Uncompromised trust, fidelity and maturity are preconditions to the personal fulfillment of life's possibilities. For the Love of God and for peace on Earth we are all called to choose fidelity, symbiosis, and trustworthiness.

THE WORD — Via Communicativa

THE POSSIBLE JOURNEY is a trip into the complexities of consciousness in search of light that settles conflicts and illumines the future. The world of religion and the world of science are the same world. The difference is the perspective from which we view them. Religious and scientific, spirituality belongs to universal human consciousness — the same original cosmic energy evolved and evolving in self-developed, self-reflective insight. As Earth-substance is the means of our spiritual encounter with God, so we are the means of God's encounter with Earth-substance. We are the reflex/ reflective doers of Earth Sacrament, the voice of divine/ human encounter, for weal or for woe.

The cumulative toll of the standoff between religion and science is too great to ignore. Nature and life's organic web-systems are being trashed and threatened with terminal degradation by cultural ignorance, arrogance, greed and moral indifference, and by the stultification of political conscience.

Trust and distrust grow side-by-side like weeds and wheat and become more deeply implicated in the subconscious with each re-iteration. On an ongoing basis continuing vigilance needs to avoid deepening the implications of evil (culpable ignorance) and to facilitate the implication of good.

Each of us, whether male or female is a "Trinitarian" person, that is, qualified male/female. It takes two for communication to work. Informing consciousness and proving conscience (justification) happen in the iterations of harmonic resonance — the way of Godliness.

Vatican II (*Gaudium et Spes*) committed Church to the transformational work of justifying theology and ecclesiology by the intentional engaging and updating of the evolutionary mechanisms of social harmony. Ending the schism between religion and science leads to healing the schism of Faith and Reason, bi-polar disorders, the human person and nature.

THE LIGHT — Via Illuminativa

At their core religion and civility intend the harmonious joining of people in community. Intentional wellbeing is deeply patterned in the repetitive tensions of material forms and purposeful iterations. The intentionally harmonized community evolves on patterns of purposeful symbiosis enlightened by experience.

Life's forms and functions are intelligently embedded in the nurture of nature's evolving structures. The identity of form/ function (sign/ grace) is deeply patterned in the evolved imprints of genetic memory.

In religious consciousness, patterns of remembered harmony are memorialized, held sacred, and brought forward in rites and rituals for the benefit of present and future generations; the rites and rituals of religious Sacrament (sacred remembrance) exercise consciousness, again and again, in providential matters of natural processing.

The failures of communal harmony (symbiosis) are failures of personal/ social fidelity, outcomes fomented by cultural ignorance, arrogance and greed, the antitheses to faith, hope and love. Consciousness of divinity is an evolving insight of self-reflective intelligence. Christian consciousness knows God as the Trinity of Persons, the Self-perfected Community of Three, one in purpose and harmony. God is envisioned in harmonized Trinity as WORD, LIGHT and LOVE, the resonance of communication-word, consciousness-light and conscience-love.

Harmony in human community is realized in the iterations of the resonant processes of trustful communication, informed consciousness and committed conscience, the reciprocal means of faith, hope and love.

THE LOVE — Via Unitiva

Cosmically evolved wisdom is the way of trust unconditionally harmonized in belief and behavior. Informed and settled habits of emotional/ rational intelligence are the purposeful way of symbiosis, the process of reason — what is “trimorphic resonance”. Religion and civility are corresponding aspects of human discourse that intend symbiotic accommodation and harmonic living, as imaged in the Godhead virtues of faith, hope and love, the means/ ends of WORD-LIGHT-LOVE. Communal wellbeing derives from universal iterative resonances: from communication-Word, consciousness-Light, and conscience-Love — essential continuity and committed work of reciprocal relationships.

Wisdom, the enduring (imprinted) understanding of self-reflectivity and intentional consciousness, is the subtext of “The Possible Journey”. All aspects of communication and consciousness are iterative complexes of cosmic wave-energy. Faith, as part and parcel of consciousness, adapts, adjusts and evolves in cosmic correspondence with changing contexts.

“The Possible Journey” identifies with catastrophes and threats of catastrophe that have accumulated from defective faith/ politics, what are remedied only by recognizing root causes and turning away from them. Government, corporate culture, and religions reinforce each other in cultural direction, but also, in cultural misdirection fixated in ignorance, arrogance and greed, the antithesis to Godhead virtues.

Human choices are fraught with mixed messages of trust and distrust. The ancient culture of dominion theology and patriarchal politics has implicated deeply the trauma of distrust. The Earth’s physical ecology and psychic consciousness toxically are wasted by the repeated implications of distrust and exploitation.

Symbiotic rationality and the potential of trimorphic resonance stand as universal means of escape from religious/ civil fixation in destructive habits, which can now be recognized for what they are—idols of super-arrogated male culture. God is WORD-LIGHT-LOVE. Our obligation and inheritance is to choose Word, Light and Love. “Trimorphic Resonance” is the intelligent design of nurture in nature, the mechanism of evolution, the emotional/ rational inheritance of faith and reason, and the means of religion and civility.

RATIONALE: Community Strategy for Sustained Growth in Faithfulness

Universal Faith Sensitivity: Global awakening to massive global degradations of ecology is creating a moral hunger, especially in young (thinking) people, for making the religious connection of self-identity with nature/ ecology. Continuing growth in faith understanding provides opportunity for awakening to the ethics of trust issues as they arise on a daily basis and relate to personal authentication.

Procedural Strategies: On a non-ideological basis churches should together invite the people of the community to participate in dialogue and group meetings that focus on commonalities of faith and morality, specifically, with respect to mutually sustaining dependencies whose connections bind all natural necessities. Such meetings should include discussion of specific actions appropriate to the circumstances of the local bioregion.

UNIVERSAL CALL: To Rediscover and Recover Covenant Consciousness

We are Family, We are Church: Christian Salvation History roots deeply in Old Covenant (Testament) History. The struggle of life is still about fidelity to the God/ Land/ Human Covenant. Human wellbeing flourishes with fidelity; woe, with infidelity. The expulsion of first parents from Eden's Garden was precipitated by mindless human consumption of the "fruit" of the Tree of Vitality. First awareness of infidelity grew in the Middle East context; today, it needs to spread to the global context. Mass expulsions of humankind will happen unless there is repentance of ecological infidelity and return of fidelity to Covenant — the condition of ecological/ social sustainability.

Call to Repentance, Restoration: Christian colonialism took part in the unconscionable promotion of global ecological exploitation and desecration. Christian Churches failed then and now fail to reject the immorality of corporate waste and exploitation of indigenous people and resources. Now needed is conscionable effort toward recognition and remedy of "original sin" iterations, "globalization", for example, if global ecozoic collapses are to be averted.

In Denial: Humankind is in denial of its waste and desecration of divine/ ecological providence and its infidelity to Covenant. Churches fixate excessively in spirituality and neglect to teach the "secular" necessity of ecological connection to the God/ Land/ Human Covenant; and they acquiesce to corporate commercial exploitation.

Strategy of Return: Faith instruction is deficient in sensitizing adult conscience to the trust obligations of the God/ Land/ Human Covenant. The faith pablum of childhood does not adequately nourish adult consciousness to commensurate maturity and awareness of obligations to Trust Covenant. A strategy of continuing adult faith education is needed.

THE POSSIBLE JOURNEY. Uncompromised Trust focuses on the adult moral obligation of fidelity to the God/ Land/ Human Trust. The book is structured to facilitate discussion of **Seven Faith Study Topics** that address human awareness/ unawareness of crises resulting from failures of fidelity; and it calls for communal effort and return to fidelity and redress of ecozoic wasting.

SEVEN FAITH STUDY TOPICS

1. Historical Background
2. What Faith is.
3. How we come to faith.
4. Christian/ Universal Faith
5. Faith and Politics
6. Eucharist — Transfiguration
7. Resurrection — Ascendant Consciousness