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Stepping Out


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Thinking with Images

AXIOM:    *each image (model) shows you a limited number of things*

AXIOM:    *each image (model) can show you watever you want it to show you*

AXIOM:    *the image (model) you end up seeing is often not the same one you started out seeing*

AXIOM:    *each image (model) has a life of its own*

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what does a line show you?


        when it's slanted?
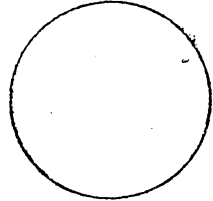
        with an arrowhead?

        extended indefinitely?

        contracted indefinitely?


what can you do with it?

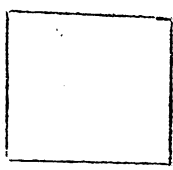what does this model show you?

is it a line?

does it move?

how big can it get?
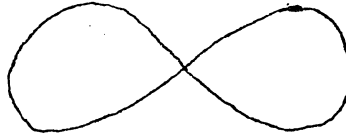
how little can it get?

what can you do with it?

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does this model say anything to you?

when did it arrive?

what is it good for?

is this image true?

what does it show you?

does it move?
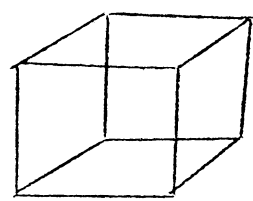
what does this model show you?


are you sure?

is there an alternative?

which is best?


when would you like it?
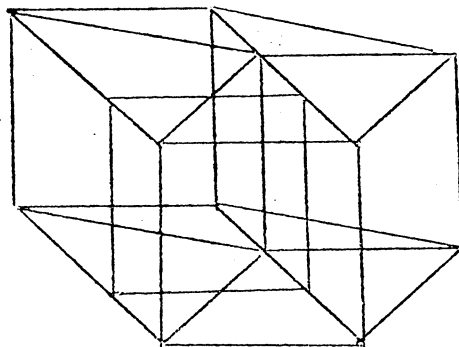
what does this image do?


how can you use it?


where did it begin?

Imagine the thin lines on one
plane and the thick lines on
another, parallel plane

Imagine the planes spinning
in opposite directions

Imagine the whole model, still
spinning, pulled in one direction

what possibilities do you see?
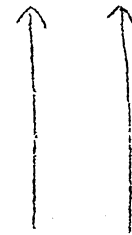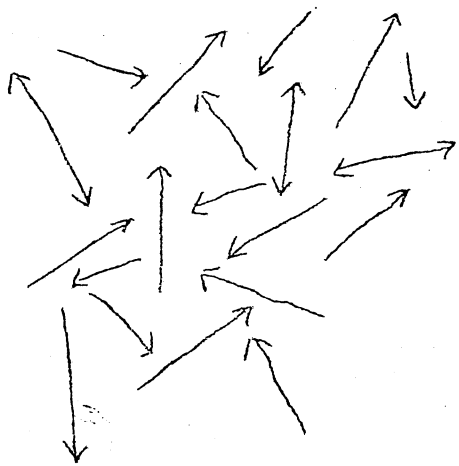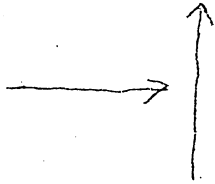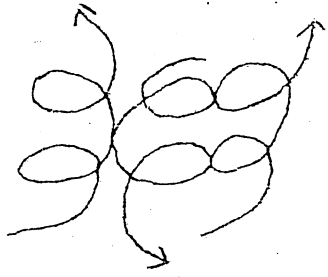
can lines signify energy?

what images (models) of your own do you like?

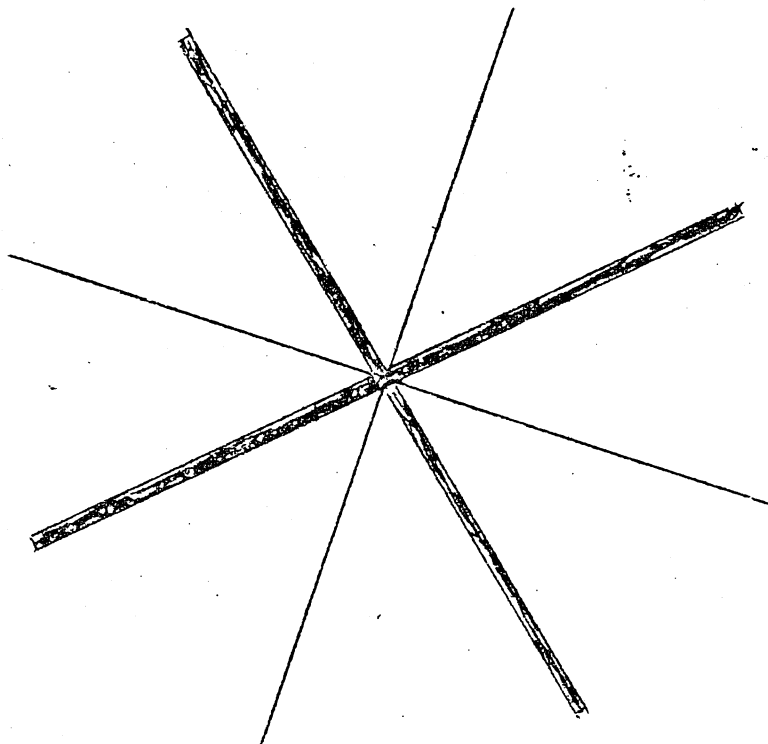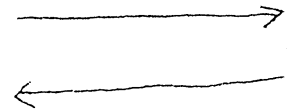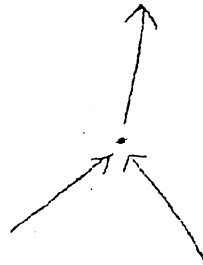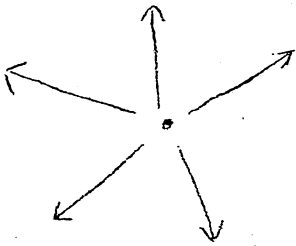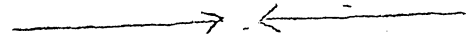b o u n d a r i e s


boundaries mean different things to different people

                    if you don't see them and if you don't feel them,
                    boundaries have a WAY of making you regret your omission

                    ever walked through a wall ? ?

what are boundaries??                    it's hard to say

            The wild geese fly across the long sky above
            Their image is reflected upon the chilly waters below.
            The geese do not mean to cast their image on the water;
            Nor does the water mean to hold the image of the geese.

                                        part of an ancient Taoist poem


boundaries are subjective and objective in nature at the same time.   boundaries
are a construct of whoever is perceiving them and also a construct of the
thing itself which is being perceived.   I lack a language to say both . . . .

I'd like to talk about boundaries in six ways


1.  Things have outlines            objects and subjects have outlines
    these outlines are one type of boundary

                    a tree has bark and root coverings

        at one point a tin can is and at another point a tin can isn't

also, up close a tin can has sharp boundaries; from far away it has vague
boundaries            the human optic nerve has an information capacity about
10% of that of the eye itself

boundaries of matter in space are a function of particle density: a
sandwich of reinforced concrete with a thick lead slab in the middle won't
stop cosmic rays

The electronic activity of a tree extends in space beyond its "physical"
boundaries        trees and ground-hogs and caterpillars have FEELINGS
they can make WAVES on an oscilloscope

            if I were a hologram image, I could walk through a wall

        my sensing devices determine the boundaries which are REAL for me

2.   boundaries have to do with the location and outlines of arteries,
      particularly arteries of transportation

             boundaries are where freeways end

             boundaries are where blood veins and vessels end

             the geosphere has fault lines, rivers, wind channels

transportation arteries and communication arteries often blend together

                Roman roads

transportation arteries tend to grow their ends rather than their sides
communication arteries tend to extend everywhere, all-the-time
ORTHOGENESIS: extending the ends so much that the effect is extending the
               sides.too

                Los Angeles

to use more communication and less transportation  -  -  a tendency of evolution
-  -  we'll need different ideas of boundaries

             electro/chemical COMPUTERS

3.   individuals and cultures make boundaries

the boundaries we build are realizations of our ideas/images/constructs

technology is not a product; technology is the idea behind the product;
technology is thinking

                  Customs        Sovereignty lines

    Morals          Skills        Laws        Myths

      Languages      . . . . . . they're boundaries

    is a fence across a prairie "natural"         YES

the fence has more specifying ability behind it than the prairie . . . .
evolution appears to be speeding up

a decision to go one way is a boundary against going another way

4.  we can discuss boundaries as the perigees and apogees of pulses of

CONVERGENCE  and  DIVERGENCE

(input and output in computer jargon)
(contraction and expansion in geology and
 physics)
(depression and inflation in economics)

the boundaries of a module, a locus of organized energy, are the apogees
of its divergence pulses and the perigees of its convergence pulses
these pulses can be phased together in many ways, with splendid effects

that's what rhythm is

in music          and spaceships

and trash cans

there are different WAYS of phasing convergence
and divergence:

two parallel lines pointing in opposite directions

a continuous ellipse
eight S curves joined together to
form an 8 pointed star (4 humps
and 4  90° angles

you can:    (a)  have TOO much divergence or too much convergence
(b)  cycle around on too few channels
(c)  generate a pleasing variety of balancing pulses

it's easier to get on a converging pulse than it is to get on a diverging
pulse      Western societies tend to favor convergence pulses      in 16th
century music, there's a cadence every four bars      composition students
know it's easier to make a cadence than it is to expand a progression

it's easier to shut off than it is to turn on

it's easier to come back than it is to go out

you need BOTH, of course.

can you imagine the marketing division of some corporation trying to solve
the following sets of problems:

> what is likely to be the phasability of the electro/chemical/
> aesthetic pulses of our product with the electro/chemical/
> aesthetic pulses of the environment in which it will be
> marketed?

> telepathic communication is possible across vast distances

> if the transceivers are in phase with the intervening environment

the sixties in the United States were a divergence pulse for young people
and artists        the seventies are becoming a convergence pulse for these
people        the changes demanded in the sixties will occur in the seventies

> When I'm on one pulse, I need to hear things from the other pulse

5.  the ideas/images in our minds have boundaries

I can buy bread because of ideas in my head about how to get to the store,
what I'll find and how to get back

if you dislike heights and slopes, you'll not enjoy shingling a high,
sloping roof

the parties to a peace treaty need an idea of reality which shows each
contributing to the other's well-being

> ideas tell you what to expect

> ideas are programs

ideas are means of getting jobs done

you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear

6. for those with understanding, all boundaries ultimately cease to be
   perceived

the distinction between subject and object, the perceiver and the perceived,

disappear for those with understanding     but this happens late and not

early       it happens when all boundaries are perceived


when all boundaries are perceived              there are no more boundaries


          solid sound

                    white light

                                        white sound


when you have EVERYthing you have NOthing


               no more pulses of convergence and divergence

               past and future are united
                                             N O W

many Westerners think of this condition as the elimination of the self
actually, it is the filling up of the self     not nothing, but everything

which is nothing

      MARRIAGE:        "one flesh"        psychosomatic unity

                    covenant

Man and universe are integrated

there is only one MISTAKE:  thinking you can locate anything anywhere

          e   p   i   l   o   g   u   e


I'd like to say a few things about dissolving boundaries and resolving
boundaries      we learn by joy and by fear       actually, we learn
through both simultaneously, but one is always behind the other
learning through joy is the process of acquiring richer and richer stability
for yourself


                    getting more and more together

you need to be comfortable to learn through joy

the boundaries of your ideas must not dissolve faster or more fully than
you deliberately make them dissolve      also, new boundaries must not
resolve for you before you're ready for them to resolve

destruction and creation must occur at rates and in amounts which do not
disturb your equilibrium, your maturing stability

the old theory is that creativity occurs in conditions of extreme stress
and imbalance
          Van Gogh
                         Beethoven


                                   Nietzsche

I think we'll find this theory to be partial and misleading

creativity is the process of dissolving and resolving the boundaries you
value -- comfortably

                         REARRANGEMENT

                         Growth


                              (a new economics)

m  o  d  u  l  e  s

reality is composed of modular units which are connected and disconnected

for different purposes


Apartment:   a thermal/space module
Phone:       an information module
Car:         a transmission module
Earth:       a communications module
Computer:    a decision module


A module organizes energy for a specific purpose . . . modules can

overlap, connect, disconnect    ...    CONJOIN


what is a culture

                there are many ways to organize

                        Energy


        . . . . .    ZONE modeling      . . . .

if you can see modules, you can see process for yourself

                    ... closed-circuit-video ........

                                            love yourself


A    module    is    a    nexus

                an integration point

                a locus of synergy/entropy

                a connection or conjunction point

it's where things get DONE

happen

Nodule means the same thing from a different perspective

Let's say, for fun, that

nodule denotes that the organization of energy
comes from elements

module denotes that the organized energy acts
with other modules

Modules    X    Modules    [transform]    Modules

sets of sets of sets of sets of sets

field logic

Would you like to hold in your hand an electrical generator
capable of running all the machines in the world

ZONE
modeling

modules can be either connected or conjoined

the differences:

when modules are connected, they're
bound together as with rope;  though bound
they're still separable;  they remain distinct
modules


addative


when modules are conjoined, they're
joined together as in marriage; they're
inseparable; they generate new modules
from the communion of themselves


multiplicative


modules must be at least connected else they don't exist . . . a

house with

its walls

on different

blocks


in a deeper sense, modules are conjoined, within themselves

and outside themselves . . . with other modules


What Boundaries are still vague for you?


In a sense, individuals (human, animals, plants) are modules

within universe.  Species are modules of these individual modules.

A species is, therefore, an individual, if you can dig it.

AXIOM *any module is free to try to connect or conjoin with other modules*

is universe a module?

by generating individuals, universe gets things done.  Without individuals, universe couldn't HAPPEN . . . . . . . . . .

if a module [substitute your preference: system, thing, person] is cut off from feedback it cannot remain self-correcting

a module will self-destruct if it is without feedback concerning itself . . . no feedback means no adequate image of reality . . . . . . so decisions are made which lead to self-destruction

A system which is cut off is UNbalanced

it is an obligation of each module to other modules
(but which other modules?)

to maintain

an environment for them which contains sufficient feedback

it is not an obligation of each module to make
certain that other
modules heed feedback coming their way . . .

each module is obligated to itself in this regard


AXIOM  *a module should not act to cut off the*

*feedback coming toward other modules of its*

*own type*


in other terms, one system should not be exclusive toward another

system of its own type


The G o o o o o d Samaritan


Peace is helping one another


What should be done with a system which is causing disharmony

among other systems in its environment?


AXIOM  *a system can be cut off by that system of*

*which it is a minute part*


if a system is cut off by that system of which it
is a minute part, it must have really been acting
dysfunctionally for the supra-system to have
recognized the need to cut it off


supra-systems only recognize their minute parts if
they're behaving badly

AXIOM *in cutting off a sub-system, a supra-*
*system's action is a-moral*

explaining further . . . . .

systems should not be exclusive toward

another system of the same type . . .

because:   systems of the same type are not supra-
systems one of the other

rather, the relevant supra-system in the

case of

two systems

is the

COMbination

of them both

--- plus many other systems
of the same and different
types

only supra-systems can be exclusive

and then only toward a MINUTE part of themselves

AXIOM  *supra-systems act a-morally*
*relevant to their own*
*minute parts*

*however, supra-systems act*
*either morally or immorally*
*relevant to other systems*
*of their type*

have you ever noticed how some people act as though they're the

supra-system to other people?


AXIOM  *an individual is a supra-system to himself*


there's another angle in these equations  —


   - there's the relation between a system and another system of its type

   - there's the relation between a system and the supra-system of
     which it's a part

   - there's ALSO the relation between a system and other systems of
     a different supra-system

   [- there's also the question of whether, ultimately, there's
     one supra-system          or whether there's an infinite
     regress of sets of sets              or both]


For instance, should men be exclusive toward animals and plants

and water?  Should men be INclusive toward these things?


COVENANTS are means by which systems of the same type relate to

                                        one another


           modules (systems) conjoin, inseparably


COVENANTS cannot be broken because

the supra-system in the case

of a covenant is the totality generated by the conjoined

systems

that is    since only supra-systems can

cut off systems, it is not possible

for one of the conjoined systems to

disjoin the covenant - only the

supra-system can do that

but the supra-system wouldn't

do that because it would be cutting

off a huge rather than a MINUTE part

of itself ..... it would be self-

destructing    which is foolish

so . . . a system which tries to break a covenant is arrogating

to itself the status of supra-system

which it clearly is not

AXIOM  *breaking a covenant is*
*an act of suicide*

AXIOM  *only mature people should*
*enter covenants*

the world is made up of covenants . . . . a variety of them which

we don't understand

in other terms

the most important thing in your life

is the

strength

of

your

WORD

if your word is your bond, you will be successful

if your word is hollow, you will cause disharmony and bring bad

words on your head

Learn

Learning is the process of building up redundancy in your brain-body's circuits about bits of information.  This is true both for learning skills and learning broad intellectual generalizations.

Learning is the process of organizing and reorganizing what's already in your head -- and giving it names.  Also what's in your body.  Learning is becoming conscious of your self.

Like sensing, learning occurs panoramically. Your ear lobe, your pancreas and your little finger, left hand, are all involved in learning. Your brain is only part of your learning system.  You are a learning thing.

You can choose a great deal of what you will learn and what you won't learn.  Then again, you won't have much choice about a lot of things you learn -- and don't learn.

To some extent, those learning abilities you don't use will atrophy.  Not much is known about the subject.  The Hopi Indians of the Southwest believe you have a door at the top of your head which enables you to communicate with God.  But it you don't use it starting very young and keep using it, the door will close and you won't be able to open it again.

Learning is what you do for yourself.  It's all up to you.

Information is free.

Metaconcept

Metaconcepts are what's behind what you're doing.

They're the rules you use to write the rules of your life.  They're programs which are buried deep in your brain-body:  metaprograms.

Meta means before.  Metaphysics is the study of realities which occur "before" physical realities in a certain type of logic.

Metaconcepts have to do with more reality than concepts.  They're packed · ·· so that it takes many concepts in your brain-body to achieve the effect of one metaconcept.

Myths are metaconcepts.  They're packed with meaning.  For example, Peter and the Wolf is an economical way of describing some realities of nature, childhood, and power.  A myth says a lot with a little.

Metaconcepts elicit non-verbal and unconscious responses in us.  You can "control" the effect of some concepts.  But metaconcepts have their own life.  They do surprising things.

Attitudes are metaconcepts.  They come from way inside, way behind.  Your attitudes are what are behind your appearance.

What's really HAPPENING is your metaconcepts.  Your attitudes.

Linear

The meaning of this word is up in the air again. For several years, in commercial computer circles it has referred, primarily, to a type of computing machine, the digital computer. Most nervous system study has used this meaning also. In this sense, linear means sequential, cause and effect relationships, binary computing such as you get in digital computers. It was contrasted with "analogue" which is a different kind of computer that is often called "parallel" when applied to nervous system study.

Recently, linear has become the bad word for counter-culture types who find that the mentality behind the concept of linear is the industrial-age one of "by whatever means necessary." This is the way corporations, schools etc. act. The cybernetic understanding which permeates the young and young-thinking circles has made the idea of linear highly unattractive because, rightly, it is seen as a threat to the principle of homeostatic balance. People have therefore begun talking about "systemic" or "non-linear" life-styles.

Now, however, some people in the electronic environment have discovered similarities between the homeostatic principle and the massive application of the linear principle, particularly in the laser. It hasn't happened yet, but it seems likely that in the coming months considerable confusion will occur when people try to couple two uses of the word linear which are logically of different types, but nonetheless in the same knowledge continuum in a way which no one has the foggiest idea how to explain.

Religion

There are many complicated definitions of religion.

I tend to prefer a simple one which seems to have a lot of every-day usage to back it up: your religion is whatever you believe to be important.

Understanding

Understanding is perceiving the boundaries which are relevant to the
situation you have under consideration.  The boundaries which are relevant
depend on the goals you have in mind.

If you aim to sub-divide 100 acres, the relevant boundaries will be the
surveyed outlines of your land.  If you plan to understand the eco-system
of 100 acres, the relevant boundaries will include the physiology and
teleology of the plants, animals, bacteria and inorganic matter in that
and surrounding land.

Understanding itself, therefore, is not important.  What is important are
your goals.  What is it that you want to understand?

The first thing which it is important to understand if you wish to
understand the world is yourself.  Not that you are a metaphor for the
world, because you're not.  However, you are your own central metaphor,
and before you can get very far in the world, you have to know yourself.

Redundancy

Redundancy means that the same thing gets done many times at the same
time.  It is one of the characteristics of a system.

If pine.tree production depended on one tree, we wouldn't have any pine
trees.  If only one cell in your body knew how to grow skin back over a
cut, you'd stay cut.

Redundancy makes it possible for systems which have lost some of their
elements to predict what must occur even though the element is gone -- and
even to generate a new element, sometimes.  If A, B, C, and D all
contain the same information about how A and D are to work together, then
even though D gets lost, B and C will be able to help A either to create
a new D or to function as if D were there anyhow.

The brain-body works on the same principle.  Learning works on the same
principle.  In effect, you have to learn the same thing  many. times before
it really sticks in the old brain.  Pianists know that.  Athletes know that.
You have to build up huge amounts of redundancy in your self before
you have learned a thing.

When I say, what you learn from me will be what you already know, I mean
that all I've done is given you the same stuff to scan that you've scanned
millions of times before and when you see  this  it finally sticks in your
head.

This is why learning is so difficult -- and why unlearning is so difficult.

Subjective/Objective

In the vernacular, objective means "factual", "truthful". Subjective means "opinion", "speculation". There is supposed to be a gulf between something which is a fact and something which is an opinion. The distinction is used particularly in the commercial news media where people scrupulously distinguish "reporting" of the news from "comment" on the news. The distinction never really satisfies anyone.

The reason it never satisfies anyone is that subjective and objective are really the same thing in two different aspects. The "fact" is that the world is what we see of it and there are therefore as many worlds as there are observers seeing it. This does not mean that the world is only there if you see it. It's there whether you see it or not. However, the only part of the world which is important for you is that part of which you are aware.

Therefore, our condition in the world is always objective. However our perception of the world is always subjective.

All "news" is editorial. What occured is objective. What gets told about what occured is objective in the sense that it, too, occurs. But the messages that come through about what occured are gleaned and put together by subjective processes. This is such a simple fact that it's surprising how much people argue about it.

I am the center of my world. But I am a part of the world.

Process


Process is what's happening.    NOW


The world signifies the on-going, n-dimensional interaction of things.


It can be used to refer to a specific process such as the growth of an
individual or the changing of a society.  Or it can be used to refer to the
process of life and the universe itself.


As I see it, the word carries the meaning of homeostatic balance.  In
process we see opposites united.  Yins and Yangs come together.  Opposites
are seen as linked together within a suprasystem.


As I see it, what's happening is a beautiful thing, non-compulsive,
impotent and gentle.  That's the description of the whole.  In small
sectors of the whole process, there is plenty of compulsion, power and
violence.


It's possible to live happily aware of both wholes and parts.  However,
decision-making and life-styles are different in each area.  More information
is needed here.

In the history of physics and mathematics this word has a fairly specific meaning. The meanings of the word in these disciplines stems largely from Aristotle's work. The meanings I attach to the word reflect the tendency of modern cybernetic theory to steer clear of these older, scientific meanings of the word.

In the past, the word has refered to the reality of linear sequencing of some sort. The basic scientific model as it has come down in the West assumes the possibility of tracing a specific cause and effect sequence for any given set of realities. It is often admitted that the sequence of a specific situation may not be known, but "given enough time. . . ."

Recent developments in mathematics, physics and cybernetcis have led to the recognition of homeostatic systems in which cause and effect sequences don't really exist in the old sense. Now we're more concerned with the balancing or phasing of mutually-inclusive on-going processes or energy flows. In effect, the old scientific model was useful as long as people didn't bother to look outside it for different patterns of relationship besides the cause and effect one. (All models hold up so long as no one peers outside them.)

The word cause won't be used here very much. It just doesn't occur to one thinking the way I do. Politicians and industrialists like the word. So do economists. These people enjoy "causing" things to happen.

I assume that a little more humility is not only desirable but harshly realistic.

Medium

Technically, a medium is a means by which we receive a message.  A message is anything we perceive and process in our brain-bodies.  However, the meaning of the term is more up in the air than that.

A medium can more or less distort a message.  Also, the medium is the message.

Media give us the information we wish to receive.  The information we wish to receive is the kind which will confirm our preconceptions about the kind of world we live in.  These preconceptions are formed by what we perceive of the world (the world is objective in itself).  What we perceive of the world is what we have an ability and a want to perceive of it.  Over a lengthy period of evolution, what we "want" tends to become hard-programmed, genetically, into abilities.  Thus it is possible, using a logic based on a very long-term view of things, to say that for the brain-body, the category "what is" tends to be the same as the category "what ought to be."

The media we use depend on the kind of world we perceive.  Video would not have occured if people had not already been seeing the world as a video camera sees it, rather than as a book sees it.

Behind each medium is a certain way of looking at the world which is more or less unique, logically and metalogically, to that medium.

The medium is the model.  Medium is a synonym for thing.  How many media are there?

Trust

Trust is the precondition for human relations.  It can be built up by
2-way communication.

Trust is a thing your mind-body has to decide to do or not to do.  It's a
thing which can grow and deepen over time or it can shrink and shrivel
over time.

Trust doesn't stand still,

What are opposites?

| | |
|---|---|
| alive/dead | in/out |
| apogee/perigee | input/output |
| aware/unaware | |
| | linear/systemic |
| bad/good | long/short |
| | |
| cause/effect | man/woman |
| center/edge | micro/macro |
| closed-system/open-system | |
| connect/disconnect | night/day |
| cool/hot | |
| couple/decouple | order/chaos |
| create/destroy | |
| | past/future |
| | positive/negative |
| damping/expanding | profit/loss |
| deduction/induction | |
| dialogue/monologue | rich/poor |
| direct/indirect | right/wrong |
| divergence/convergence | |
| | same/different |
| explosion/implosion | simple/complex |
| | subjective/objective |
| fast/slow | synergy/entropy |
| function/dysfunction | |
| feedback/feedforward | transmit/receive |
| | |
| health/sickness | up/down |
| high/deep | |
| humility/arrogance | yin/yang |

what if they're combined?

where is neutral?

WHAT ARE THINGS?

There are two ways to see things as wholes, that is, synaesthetically

Speaking metaphorically

      one way is to see the dew drop slip into the ocean

      another way is to see the ocean slip into the dew drop

Environment is seeing things as wholes, that is, synaesthetically

When you do it to one of the least of these, you do it to them all

The important thing about things is what they do

Is a tadpole a thing or an agent in a process    ?

Should a tadpole be seen discretely or synaesthetically    ?

Is the dew drop in the ocean or the ocean in the dew drop    ?

CONSEQUENCES

If there is one set of realities of which I wish people in the ecology
movement were more aware, it would be feedback.  Otherwise known as
consequences.

Consequences occur because somebody tries to solve a problem.  They're like
side-effects but more important.  In medicine they're called iatrogenic
effects.  When you use a lot of penicillin to cure some disease, additional
penicillin will lack effectiveness when used for other diseases. · The
Aswan dam created farm land up river but by slowing the flow of the Nile,
it let salt water seep into the farm land in the delta.

Any good biologist is aware of the reality of iatrogenic effects.  So
too any good doctor.  And any good ecologist.  Iatrogenic effects are
karma twice removed.  Consequences.

But in practice, the people in the ecology movement seem to rarely use
this awareness of consequences.  If you use courts to halt land development,
you reinforce the type of thinking which leads to the ecology crisis in
the first place.  You may halt the development, but you perpetuate the
attitudes which make development desirable.

The trouble with GM is not that it exists but that it has the attitudes
about itself and its environment that it does.  But it's not possible to
force GM to change its attitudes.  GM has to want to change its attitudes.

If forced, GM will simply retrench its present attitudes -- in deceptive rhetoric.

That's the meaning of karma.  Feedback.

In the old militaristic language (which it likes anyhow), the ecology movement tends to want to win the battles instead of looking at how it can win the war.

Look behind everything.

Can we -- and should we -- avoid iatrogenic effects, karma?  It's a good question.  I can't really answer it.  However, I can suggest a means by which, in specific situations, it might be answered.

Think in terms of homeostatic stability.  What's that?  Well, it's where the well-being of each specific thing depends on the continuing well-being of everything around it.  In systems terms: A is conditioned by B which conditions C which conditions D, etc.  And each of these elements conditions all of the others less and less directly.

Jesus:          he who would seek his life will lose it, and he who would
                lose his life for my sake will find it

Lao Tzu:        the sage never strives himself for the great and thereby the
                great is achieved

Buddha:         the source of unhappiness is desire

Confucius:    the superior man does not set his mind either for anything or against anything; what is right he will follow

Never strive for the thing you're striving for.  Make indirect progress toward your goals.  Those are the ethical insights which derive from an awareness of homeostatic stability.  If A is conditioned by B which conditions C, etc., then the most likely way to affect A is to deal with D or maybe even K.  Can you dig it?

In most situations, feedback occurs through circuits other than those originally used.  If you input directly through circuit A, you'll get feedback through circuit Q.  Surprise.  That's karma twice removed.

Advice to state and federal highway departments: before putting down your slabs, consult the toads, worms, mosquitoes and antelope along the proposed route.  See whether what you have in mind fits with their plans for the area.  They have plans too, you know.

Advice to ecology people:  if you want to stop pollution, learn to dance

if you want to limit population, learn to cook

if you want to restore natural beauty,

learn to make love

The problem has plagued people for years.  I can't suggest fully adequate solutions.  However, some very tentative thoughts on the subject can be put down.

The question, what to do about the evil man, may be the wrong question.  Perhaps we should ask instead, how do we learn to combine opposites, yins and yangs?  Or we might ask, what are the relevant boundaries of the unified system we are trying to get together?

Put that way, the problem becomes one of rearranging our attitudes, our metaconcepts regarding the problem of evil.

However, if we ask the question, what to do about the evil man, here are some suggestions.

1.   Have zones of tolerance as in Mexico and the ancient Near East.  Have certain legal or metalegal procedures for ensuring that people who do certain things only get to live in these areas.

2.   Remove scarcities and other stimuli which tend to help people become antisocial in the many ways that are possible.  Americans tend to be blind to this alternative.  An American tends not to trust himself enough to be able to trust his fellow American.

3.   Encourage decentralized communities, that is, self-organizing communities which have their own means of handling those who don't fit.  A metarule of the society would be that individuals should be part of some community -- even if it is a community which is a zone of tolerance.  This metarule cannot apply in situations of shift from one type of civilization to another.

Centralized governments have no jurisdiction over de-
centralized communities.

The real issue here is, what is a community? Tentative
answer: a community is where redundancies in life-style
and beliefs are self-evident and synergize. A community
is a system which generates and stores more energy than
it expends.

What makes a person evil? A tentative answer: constant, omni-directional
overriding of other people and other systems.

I think of something which is evil as 2-dimensional. It has one of its
two parallel circuits switched on at any one time. It switches back
and forth between these parallel circuits without the appearance of
pattern. Actually, the pattern is paranoia: when on one circuit you
feel someone will get you on the other circuit, so you switch to it,
which leaves the first circuit "exposed", etc., etc., etc.

The two parallel circuits never cross to synergize. In other words,
schizophrenia. Never getting yins and yangs together.

THREE ZONES OF ACTIVITY

People are often saying, "what can I do?" Usually, the answers to that
question are out of proportion to the problem. Lots of answers today are
of the same logical type as King Canute beating back the tide with a whip.

Really, "what can I do?" has to be answered in each situation when a
problem is seen. It's better to say, "what can I do?" than to say, "what
can we do?" or, "what can they do?"

However, behind the question, I think there are a few useful distinctions.

It seems to me that for any problem there are three general zones of
possible activity. For some it might help to think of these as three
types of causal patterns. I don't know.

The first zone of activity is reaction to events. Individuals are involved
here and so are institutions. This kind of activity happens constantly.
It's what we relate to most easily. Events are what's real because they're
in the paper and on TV. Right? Well, depending on how you want to look
at things, not really.

Events are fleeting reflections of underlying processes. In a sense then,
events aren't that real. At least, other things are more real.

The second zone of activity is organizations, institutions and the like.
It's hard to say what these are. But for sure, they almost always have

a life of their own, apart from the individuals in and around them.
They're necessary though, for without them each person would have to
create the world all over again each morning.  Institutions are what's
up front.  They're what appear.

You're an institution to your organs and your blood.  But you're an
individual to your bank and your hospital.  Can you dig it?  Your blood
does.

The third zone of activity is your attitudes.  Otherwise known as your
metaconcepts or your meta-programming.  Your attitudes are behind what you
do and behind what you appear.  Your attitudes are what you reflect.  If
you really want to change yourself, you'll start changing your attitudes.
It's hard.  It's called getting your head together.

I think that we tend to see our problems in terms of the next zone of
activity beyond where we are ourselves.  For example, those concerned with
their personal attitudes tend to see today's problems in terms of misfeasant
or malfeasant institutions.  I'm thinking of liberals, conservatives and
reformers.  Those who say to stick within the system and change it for
the better.

Those concerned with maintaining and preserving existing institutions see
today's problems in terms of revolts, rebellions and conspiracies which must
be put down or provoked.  I'm thinking of reactionaries, officials and
revolutionaries.

In other words, we tend to push the problem one step beyond ourselves and where we are personally. Defense mechanism, of sorts.

Anyhow, I believe that the real problems we're having today are in the third zone of activity. Attitudes. Metaconcepts. The problem with America is not that it exists but that it thinks of itself the way it does. America needs different meta-programming.

Maybe there's a fourth zone of activity. Self-meta-programming. That is, behind your attitudes even, behind your meta-programming is your SELF. You can choose to grow and enrich your self. That's where it all begins.

Behind what's behind what's up front.

# Social Change Diagram

Present trends

expended
Stored energy
of conservatism

new energy
of revolutionary
ideas

actual direction

course of evolution
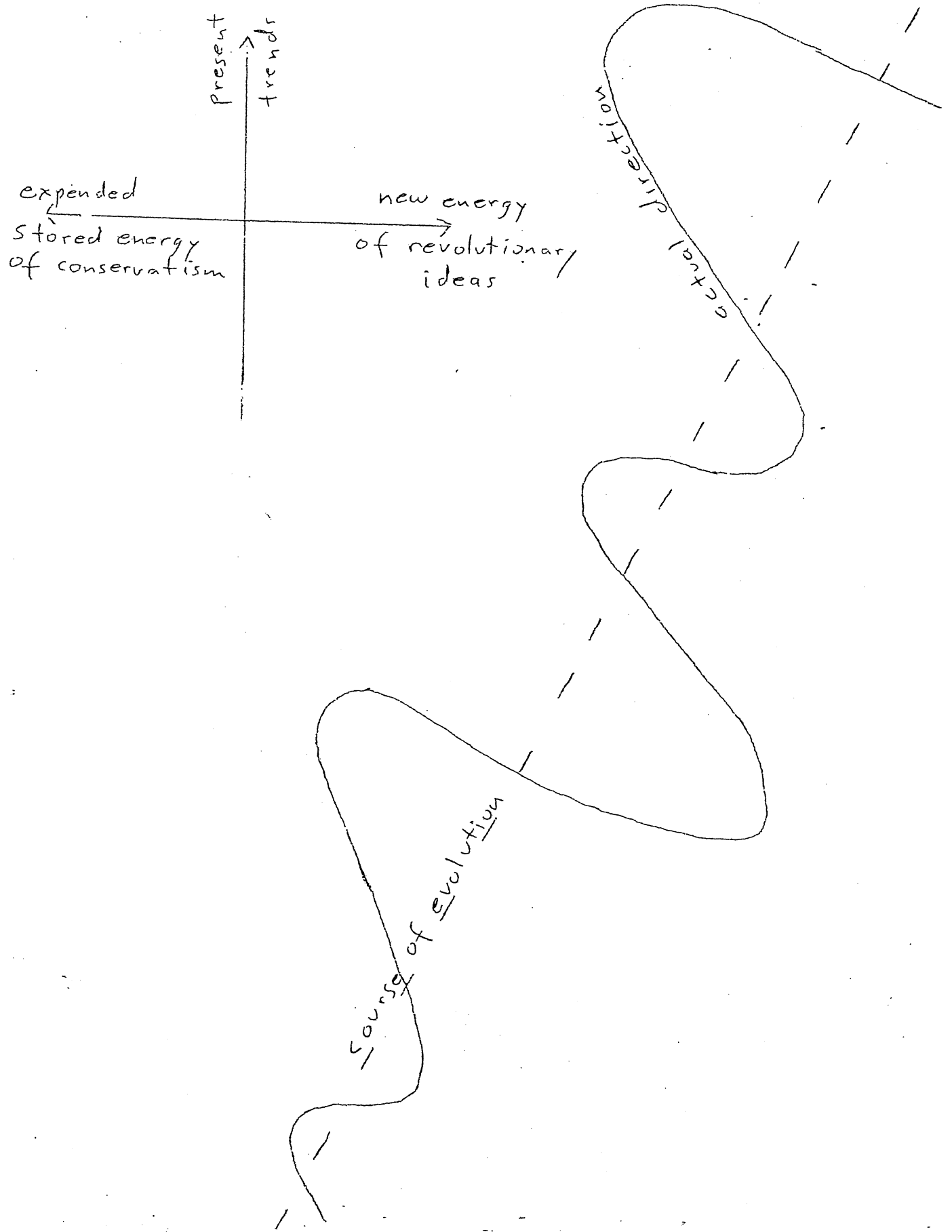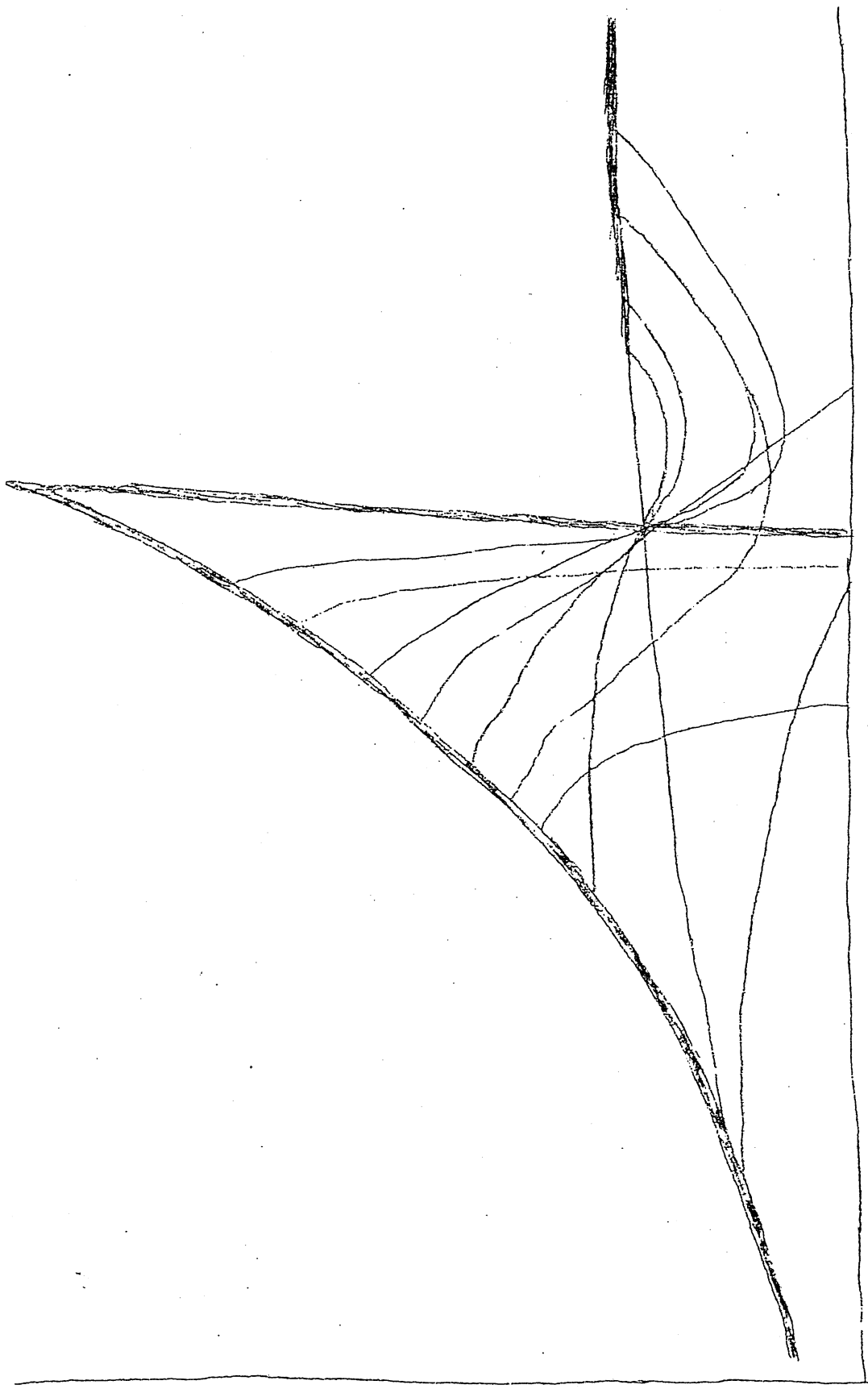
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route of society

routes of people
seeking alternatives

PHILOSOPHY

I'm a young citizen  of this zone of the planet.

I think a lot of dead wood in our society needs to be allowed to DIE.

I think we can lower our standard of living a long way and still be happy.
This seems about our only choice, given our ecological situation.  Where
we live can be naturally beautiful.  If we are.

The key to it all, I believe, is our treatment of the land itself.

I like people who like themselves.

I think we should be unhurried.  The desert is not hurried.  It is very
patient.  Listen to the harmonics.  Why be in a rush?

When I'm asked who one should talk with to learn about living, I say
talk with those who appear weak and are quiet.

I like people who are able to say a lot briefly.  They can say a lot
without speaking.

Also, I like people who enjoy themselves.  I like rough people, tough
people, gentle people.  My grandfather is a rough and gentle person.
He's a righteous man.

Being formal seems to be a cop-out and a cover-up. It also seems to be a put-on. People who are afraid to be genuine and who dislike themselves seem to like formality. They're usually very dramatic and very static. It seems that being formal, dramatic and static are all the same bag.

We need to get back into ourselves. Many of us today are not where our bodies are. Can you dig it? Lots of us are spread all over the streets. No center. No locus. No nexus. It doesn't come together.

We need to get back into ourselves, physically. We need to breath, sweat, sleep, piss, love, run and all those things. We need to get back into our bodies.

The ability to recognize boundaries is what we're striving for. It'll be a long way.

Apathy   ?

It's sort of common for people to complain about apathy these days.  So
here's a brief look at the issue.

I think there are a couple of kinds of "apathy".  One kind is real.  It
stems from the recognition of powerlessness.  Poeple in prison can get
apathetic about many things.  The Japanese who survived the nuclear
bombing were content to live in their own wastes.

Another kind of apathy isn't real, from my point of view.  When people
can't wrap their heads around something to understand it, they'll often
say about it, "Then I'll have nothing to do with it".  This attitude
isn't apathy as much as it is common sense.  It's a type of powerlessness,
but one which an individual can handle satisfactorily -- by ignoring it.

The problem is that there are so many things today which it is hard to
wrap your head around.  The economy.  The government.  The schools.
The environment.  Poverty.  Racism.  Beauty.  The future.  War.  Peace.
We need people who can wrap their heads around these things and help
others wrap their heads around them.  We need understanding of our
situation.

So we can get moving again.

If you can't wrap your head around something, you have a right not to
be bothered but the world would be a better place if you could and did.

# MATURING

maturing is opening up                    each of your abilities

    the ability to think

             the ability to sense

      the ability to feel

              the ability to intuit

each of us is born with more of some of these abilities than others

we need to be helped to develop the abilities we have less of

how lovely is an open person

            and free

each of us has an instinct to open up

        let it be

    open up all four petals on the lotus blossom

       yourself

NEEDS

gentleness

                              patience

          quiet

                                             excitement

               tolerance

                                        humor

                    calm

                                             beauty

          morality

                         generosity

fulfilling bodily needs (Bucky) is insufficient

          individuals must have meditative space

                              to be     ALONE

the mind is both teacher and pupil -- Krishnamurti

# MACHINE CHARACTERISTICS

Note:   This printout tries to describe machine characteristics from the
        perspective of the industrial era and not from the perspective
        of the new media and the new consciousness.


Interchangeability   machines and their parts are dispensible because they
                     can be broken into small parts which can be reproduced
                     easily; attention is given to what the part can do for
                     the machine, not what the part is in itself


Standardization      machines and parts which do identical tasks are made
                     to be identical in design and performance


Specialization       tasks are broken down into single movements and parts
                     are designed one per movement; the tendency is to
                     ask ever more complex systems to perform ever more
                     specialized tasks, e.g. when a new need is found you
                     call together a whole committee; this accounts for
                     Parkinson's Law


Fragmentation        machines never deal with whole systems; they either
                     break things apart into discrete elements or they
                     reduce things to common elements to be reassembled
                     into new things, sharing commonality.


Reducibility         breaking a task down into its individual sub-tasks;
                     theoretically, this can be done to any organization
                     or machine


Accessibility        machines are open to anything, particularly horizon-
                     tally; there are usually plenty of screens vertically,
                     but hardly any horizontally; this is why a riot or
                     bomb can cause such disruption:  people aren't used
                     to screening horizontally


Bulk/quantity        machines which have bulk or perform in bulk dimensions
                     are most easily perceived; on the other hand, machines
                     which perform synergetically with little noise are
                     barely perceptible

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**Transportability**   a machine must be easily movable from point to point since it only functions when it itself is stationary; machines do not communicate over distances; they must be located in the area they intend to affect; the ability of computers to overcome this rule is one sign of their more-than-machine nature

**Controllability**   machines must be closed, that is, all variables predicted and all possible outcomes predicted; message content and effect must be predicted

**Hypo-energizing**   machines amass energy along a line; in a sense, the definition of linear is hypo-energizing; the laser, in a sense, is an ultimate machine: it phases all variables into a continuous line; the effect of this massing of energy is truly overwhelming;  *technical language* , the primary communication mode of the industrial era, is the equivalent of a laser: it puts the sender all in one line and this can be overwhelming if taken in the wrong way:  can only be used in conditions where there is *rapport.*

**Mutability**   any machine part can be redesigned to function more efficiently; a part is inherently controllable; parts are not only <u>inter</u>changeable, they are also <u>intra</u>changeable

**Uni-purpose**   the purpose of a machine cannot be changed and still leave the same machine; a machine has been designed to exclude all variables not directly contributing to its purpose; therefore, it will not receive input it can use to change its purpose; change of purpose requires an ability to handle a diversity of unplanned variables and machines exclude this ability

Attitudes toward Technology

I'd like to sketch out some attitudes toward technology which I personally prefer. These aren't the only attitudes possible. Nor are they the only ones I'm likely, eventually, to prefer myself. They're just attitudes.

Some will find these attitudes naive, arguing that the development of technology has its own logic to which we must adapt. Others will find these attitudes dangerous, arguing that technology is, definitionally, bad for man, nature and society and that it must therefore be destroyed. Some will recognize that these attitudes are an initial attempt to see technology as our servant and the servant of the environment.

The first attitude toward technology is that it is the creature of man. Man makes technology. Therefore, it makes sense to say that man can control it. The truth of the Frankenstein myth -- the myth of technology taking matters into its own hands and eliminating human control -- is that the people who created the monster allowed (or intended) it to get beyond their control.

The second attitude toward technology is that man can do with it whatever he wants. Technology is the same as magic. This means that the only significant question regarding technology is, what should be done. Showing that something can be done is, definitionally, an irrelevant activity.

Like the Sabbath, technology is made for man; man is not made for technology.

The third attitude toward technology is that it should function invisibly. What is important about a machine is _what_ it does. _That_ it does something is irrelevant. Our tendency to place technology in places where it can be highly visible derives from the attitude that one should prove that one _can_ do something. This attitude involves a lack of self-confidence.

An analogy with the human body is useful here. We tend to flaunt our achievements by exposing them to view: phone lines. Imagine if the brain wanted to flaunt its abilities by stringing brain cells around the outside of our skulls.

Technology should be invisible, recessed. This reality is signaled by the phrase, technological infrastructure.

The fourth attitude toward technology is that it should develop in the direction of "doing more with less". Thus, unless other considerations should take precedence, technology should develop in the directions of:

> miniaturization
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> speed
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> low heat production
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> low energy consumption
>
> zero waste production
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> multi-channel control capabilities
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> multi-environmental compatibility
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> zone organization (i.e. systems which organize progressively larger hunks of reality; this goal is only possible through miniaturization.)

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The fifth attitude toward technology is that both the form and the function of technology must be "beautiful" in every respect. Not sanitized like an IBM office, but beautiful and warm. The machine itself and the thing it does must be optimally esthetically pleasing to those who are associated with it. A technology which degrades people and the environment is, definitionally, bad. The idea that we can use an unattractive and degrading technology (e.g. a factory or an office building) to manufacture a pleasing product is nonsense. A beautiful environment is the minimum requirement, not the idealized goal.

The sixth attitude toward technology is that it can be changed and improved. If a piece of technology is not doing what people want it to do, they must find a way to change it or build another piece which does what they want. It is unreasonable to say that any piece of technology is "as good as we can get it". Technology is fully and fundamentally mutable. The development of technology is an infinite pro/regress.

The seventh attitude toward technology is that technology is necessary. The relevant questions regarding technology are whether, what, when, should and will.

The eighth attitude toward technology is that, like magic, it is a quick-sand. In fact, there is no fundamental difference between using

technology for "beneficial purposes" and using it for "other" purposes.
We need not to do away with technology but to get beyond it. Beyond
technology we do not get into hassles like "good" and "bad" technology.
In a sense, we get beyond much of what has been said in the previous three
pages.

The most fundamental attitude toward technology, therefore, is that it
IS magic.

The metaconcept behind that statement is that thinking is technology.
It is the idea in one's mind which is real and the hardware is merely a
realization or manifestation of sets of ideas.

DEFINITION: *technology is thinking is technology is magic*

SPACE   COMMUNITY                    COMMUNITY   SPACE

source:   indeterminate

This information was found under a giant saguaro cactus near the old Vulture Mine in Arizona.

Where the information originated is a good question.  Perhaps from a starship in the vicinity of earth.

Identical messages, or more advanced ones, may await us in different time-fields which we will discover as we develop further understanding of ourselves.

John Petersburg
Adwaitha Hermitage
January 1972

Hi.  I'm called White Cloud.  I'm coming to you because you came to me. You don't know that you came to me?  Well, you did.  Space probes, radio antennae and equipment.  You came to me, alright.  Now I'm coming to you.

Positive ident is still many years away, your time.  But guess if you want to.  Enough clues are lying around that a reasonable guess is possible.

It's taken me a long time to get up enough interest in you to feedback. Others here and in other fields have communicated periodically.  So I'm not special.  It's just that I have 1972 years (your time, that's about 30 minutes my time) with a free console and nothing better to do. So . . . . . . Howdy.

You're still into print, so here's a random feed of how things there look from here.  That is, to me.  Of course my perspective may be not much better than yours.  That's for you to decide.  However, looking at past performance of your perspective (recent), I'd say you could stand a change of scenery.

This feed is on religion.  You've spent a lot of energy on your religions.

Some successes too.  However, while other things look fairly presentable evolutionarily, your religious situation stinks.  Has for many years, your time.  As I say, you don't have to accept what I say.  I have biases just like you.  Wider field, perhaps.

If a lot of this feed is old stuff to you, don't be surprised.  It's been transmitting for aprox 1972 years, your time.  This may be the tenth time you've stumbled over the same ideas.  That's good.  When you quit stumbling over them you'll know that they've been installed.

It takes many life-periods -- what you call life-periods -- to learn about yourself and things.  And I've been at this console for a long time, your time.  For me, of course, it's been just half a morning's recreation.  A feed is coming from E476 for the billionth time so I'll make this my last communication with you for the time being and see what they want.  You have many more friends besides me.

When praying for others, ask that their karma come on them quickly and completely, and that they will not want to side-step it.  Thus, they will not have to face it again and they will be so much cleaner.

Also, by praying for them you pray about your own karma, for the whole planet shares one karma.  Your interest is them and their interest is you, for you and they are ....

       goodandbad

             rightandwrong

        upanddown

                 physicalandspiritual

                    leftandright

         mindandbody

       controlandanarchy

hereandthere

GodandDevil

multiplyanddiversify

Faces of God

| Holy Spirit | Son | Father |
| mother | son | father |
| Vishnu | Shiva | Brahma |

Fruits of Spirit

| clarity | strength | joy |

Gifts of Spirit

| wisdom | love | power |

Elements of world

| body | mind | spirit |

aestheticsandmorality

actsandfacts

thinkingandacting

thisandthat

maximumsandminimums

assumptionsandconclusions

inputandoutput

emptyandfull

goodandevil

knowingandnotknowing

unityanddiversity

formandfunction

beingandbecoming

styleandcontent

whatisandwhatshouldbe

intentionandperformance

meansandends

victoryanddefeat

Iandwe

nowandthen

lifeanddeath

loveandhate

thissideandtheotherside

backandfront

thiswayandthatway

pleasureandpain

blackandwhite

givingandreceiving

timeandspace

                              yesandno

                      subjectandobject

            thatandthou

                  Godandman

      youandme

            insideandoutside


All your religions are obsolete.  They've been around long enough.
They're antiques.  You've squeezed all the juices you're going to get out
of them.

You don't eat the same orange day after day.  You don't play the same
music hour after hour.  You don't take the same walk every afternoon.
Neither should you hang on to the same religion year after year.

Vary you diet.  Try something new.  Christians, try Buddhism.  Buddhists,
try the teachings of Lao Tzu.  Hindus, try animism.  If your religion is
severely intellectualized, like the educated Hindus and Christians, join
a revival movement.  Become an evangelical.  If you're already part of a
revival sect, look into the intellectual traditions of your religion.

Each of your religions has within it an antidote to what you're doing now.
So my advice to each of you is this: whatever you're doing, stop it.  Try
something else.

Best for you to begin with friends to combine all your religions.  Think
of the planet.  Think of where you want to be in 1000 years -- that's about
15 minutes the way we count time, maybe a little longer the way earth's
geological strata count time.

What do you want to be doing in 1000 years?  If you start thinking about
that now, you'll gradually evolve a planet religion that will be the basis
for doing now what you envision as then.  That's what religion is, after
all, isn't it: using the media at your disposal to transport yourself
anywhere you want to be.

I hope you'll want to be a planet.  If you don't want that, and if you
want instead to remain separated, uncommunicative, suspicious and empty,
then earth will scrap you.  You see, the archetypes pre-programmed into
earth's core don't allow that sort of thing to last very long.

So get with your own planet.  Be ecumenical.  Recently some Christians
did an ecumenical thing.  But it was only with other Christians.  That
wasn't ecumenical.  You should get with the "others."

Be beyond all existing religions.  Be for the planet.  Develop rituals
and habits which communicate that you're for the planet.  See the full
picture.  Let all narrowness and divisiveness empty out of you like a jug
pouring out stale water.  Be filled with the fresh juices of your own
planet.  Make a religion of the whole.  Something NEW.


Spirit is the house.

Mind is the guest.

Body is the servant.

Peace is the landlord.


You're in the changing of ages.  Christ is already among you.

You must look closely.  Christians, read Chapters 2 and 3 of the Book

of Revelation, concerning the seven churches.  These represent types of
believers.  In one of them you will recognize yourself.  Be honest.
Take heed.

It is an age of much grace.  Sathya Sai Baba is the Avatar of the age.
Don't get into arguments over who has charge of what.  Get on with whatever
you're doing.  There's no time to lose.

The true religion of the Western countries is science.  You might see
this as a bad thing.  I see it as a good thing -- so long as you see what
really happened.

Both Christianity and Islam, the two Western religions (Judaism since
Palm Sunday, A.D. 1212 is counted as a division of Christianity here), are
more interested in what we call science than in what we call religion.
The exceptions here would be the Orthodox, Eastern Rite and Coptic branches
of Christianity.

It's hardly ever recognized by your historians, but if it hadn't been
for "liberators" like El Cid and his type, the industrial revolution
might easily have started in the 12th Century around Granada, Spain.
Western science comes from the Arabs.  While reluctant to admit it, your
historians can hardly dispute the point.  Nor can your theologians dispute
the point that what you call the main-stream of Western theology (therefore
Western religion) comes from the Arabs.

What I'm getting at is that the meta-concepts you Westerners use come
from the rationalist spirit which was around the eastern Mediterranean
and came West via the Arabs.  You've known that all along, but for some
reason you haven't admitted it to yourselves.

You thought it would be bad to have been influenced by the Arabs -- against
whom you waged some fearful campaigns, military and psychological -- and
so you scrubbed them from your history books.  Well, here we can't forget.

What happened is as obvious as a full moon on a clear night.

Suggest you consult the record. Bits and pieces of it have escaped your scrubbing operations, so you can piece enough of it together.

In the West you've tried to find unity through science, through the study and manipulation of things outside yourselves. You've dealt with objects. And that's GOOD. If it had been up to me, of course, I wouldn't have done things so lop-sidedly. I'd have taken in the subjective component right along with the objective component. But it was you that did it. And I admire what you've accomplished. Crude but effective.

You've put yourselves together scientifically. And the church supported all those efforts -- sometimes belatedly, but it always came along after the way had been proved safe. Why every so often you should have felt that religion and science were at odds is a mystery to me. Well, not a mystery, just that it seems so unnecessary.

Your science is your religion. Through the years, some of you felt that this was not so. You fought the developing sciences. This was because you were familiar with the religious scene east of the River Jordan, east of the Caucasus. You recollected experiences in Asia and Lemuria during previous lives. However, these recollections were indistinct so when added to the mix in the West they only generated friction. The Armenian Paulines and the European Cathari embodied these recollections.

As far as I'm concerned these recollections were about what religion really is, the way things are done in Asia. People there were concerned with the within of things, with subjects. So the recollections of religion in the West weren't wrong, just misplaced and badly mixed.

In the West you've taken the science trip. You've dealt with objects. Be happy with that. Congratulate yourselves. Accept your history, fully.

Then look East.

In the East you've taken the religion trip.  You've dealt with subjects.
Be happy with that.  Congratulate yourselves.

Then look West.

I'm sounding like a broken record, aren't I?  Well, it's that things are
so simple from here that I want to help you to stop complicating them.

All roads lead to the same place.  The West will get there with its
science -- already has if you'd look closely enough.  The East has already
gotten there with its religion.  (First part - West - is incorrect. Reason
is its own lid. See "Ritual", April 1973,
DRG 6/13/85)

Now you both need to join hands and enter a new door -- together.  It will
be a new experience for both of you.  Each has something to contribute.
It's as if each of you has half of the golden key, or the blue poker chip.
Put the halves together and JOIN THE PLANET.


                    Be prepared.    Pure.



Unbind these pages, throw them in the air, then pick them up individually
according to taste.

Read the blank spaces if you want to.  Dispose of what fails to please.

Regard your brain-body as an assembler of scrambled code into Truth
. . . . . (yours, of course).

## Cosmology

Earth is a sentient being.  Earth is a conscious, decision-making, reproducing, goal-oriented being of some considerable intelligence, fortitude and skill.  Furthermore, earth is on a life trip.  Earth is not about to do itself in.

The core of earth is an information storage and retrieval facility. Earth's brain.  Man and his/her intelligence, located on earth's surface are reflections or manifestations of the information which is stored in earth's core.  An analogy here would be with a computer and a CRT (Cathode Ray Tube).  Earth's core is the computer core.  Man is the images on the CRT.

Earth's core is a blue light, making earth blue as a whole.

The functions of earth's core are to:

    1- store information generated locally and on the surface

    2- reflect or relay messages between points on the surface

    3- scramble the coding systems of messages reflecting through the
       core.  Code scrambling is the means of creativity and self-actualization.

    4- gradually, over time, simplify its categories so that all
       information can be processed by just a few archetypal programs.
       On the surface this process of simplification is called "maturing"
       or "growing up."

Earth is surrounded by spaceships.  Friendly ones.  Most of them are from Saturn and Venus.  Their commander's name is Ashtar, from Saturn.  There are no unfriendly spaceships or spacemen since earth would not attract them.

These friendly spaceships are the source of your insight, your wisdom. They send insight periodically in the form of white light, a pure, gentle light, akin to the fluffy friendliness of white clouds in a blue sky.

What is fresh and crisp and what invigorates -- these things come from the friendly spaceships that encircle you.  They give raw knowledge, insight, wisdom.

You on earth, then, live in a middle kingdom (reference Chinese cosmology).
Above you are the spaceships which give knowledge.  Below you is earth's
core from whence come your decisions.  From the spaceships comes information
about things beyond the consciousness of earth itself (earth doesn't know
everything).  From earth's core arise the pre-programmed archetypes, the
decisions for survival and consciousness.

Decisions from the core come as a welling up from within, an eruption.
Wisdom from the spaceships comes as a gentle rain upon the hill tops,
eventually finding its way by streams and rivers to the great seas.

It helps to picture the eruption from within and the rain from without as
the poles of a vertical axis.  Then, if you picture East and West as the
two poles of a horizontal axis, spheroid in nature, you find yourself in
a coordinate system.

Teilhard's radial and tangential energy vectors.  However, the horizontal
vector is circular, self-repeating.  Indeed, upon careful meditation it
will be discovered to be spheroid.

(By 1978 I could see that the coordinate system is actually conical. -- DRG)



                    Loving you is loving myself
                    I am you,
                    You are me,
                    I is we,
                    I am love, we are love.
                    That's all.



What's important about a ritual is what's beyond it.  What's important
about any medium is what you do with it, where you let it take you, where
you get to because of it.

The wisdom of the ages is not what you find in books and libraries.  All
your libraries contain is suggestions for how to get wisdom.  Your rituals,
your theologies, your philosophies and your icons are simply paths that
take you to the door of wisdom.  You have to go through the door they lead
you to.  They can't help you through the door.  That's up to you.

What's on the other side of the door?  Well, those who say don't know
and those who know don't say.  You'll find out when you go through.

Very often you've made the mistake of thinking that wisdom is contained
in your books and pictures.  Silly.  Scholars are most commonly caught
in this trap.

Look at the style of the Tao Te Ching.  Listen to the words of the sages.
Look again at the icons.  Those who know speak jibberish.  The Tao Te Ching
is a babble.  Far from being precise, these communications are vague and
desultory.

The wisdom of these things is what's beyond them.

                              . . . SILENCE . . .



                    Be ready.



                    When called, GO!



The more you know, the less you let on that you know.

Communication trends towards silence.

       however

Silence also trends towards communication.

Activity trends towards inactivity.

       however

Inactivity also trends towards activity.

Going and coming . . . .    there's a natural rythmn to it.

As wisdom increases, individual output decreases.  That includes vibe output.

How to know that you're growing up:  you'll be doing less and less
                                              your body will transform into light
                                              you'll have fewer and fewer visions
                                              people will approach you, all of them sick
                                              you'll have no sense for past
                                              you'll have no sense for future
                                              you'll have many friends

                  You are each a tree.
                  Your roots are patience.
                  Your trunk and branches are trust.
                  Your leaves are worship.
                  Your fruit is duty.
                  Love is the rain that makes you grow.

In the West you often ask yourselves if there is really time to be religious. Should you be religious -- part of the time, all of the time?  What?

You'll have to answer this for yourselves.  However, here are some thoughts. You needn't take them seriously if that's your inclination.

Yes, be religious all the time.  However, if you're a scientist doing basic research for the good of the planet, then you're being religious, aren't you?

When you decide what being religious in your particular context means, then do that full time.  Make rituals around it and do it till you don't feel like doing it any more.  Do whatever turns you on.  Then try something new for a change.  It all depends on what you decide is being religious in your context.  It's up to you.

Your life should be one continuous religious festival.  But you're the one who has to decide what's religious.  Good luck.



Prepare to travel, spiritually and in spaceships.

Earth is sick, needing assistance of physicians and nurses. Look to Sathya Sai Baba and your brothers and sisters.



See Love
Hear Love
Touch Love
Taste Love
Feel Love

Do Love
Be Love
Love Love

Take one another's religions for your own.  Adopt someone else's thing.

Some American Indians had a saying:

> Do not judge another man until you have walked in his
> moccasins for two moons.

So start walking in other people's moccasins.  Not because yours aren't
any good.  They're fine.  But because that's the only way you'll learn
how others live.

You can't live a synthesis of planet earth unless you have some solid
facts about strangers.  Only way to get solid facts is to walk in their
moccasins.

Your schools neglect the spiritual subjects, 90% of the real world.
It's God's Grace and the prayers of a few good men and women among you
that have ensured your survival.

There's so much for you to remember about yourselves!

You may want rituals for the new age.  Here are some possibilities.

A ritual for embarkation and debarkation during interplanetary space
travel.  Suggest Tibetan Book of the Dead, <u>Bardo</u> <u>Thodol</u>, as model.  Your
own moon is the principal connecting point for ships traveling within
your solar system.

Ritual for purification.  When you cease working you won't need church-going
for this purpose.  However, you will need purification from the essential
things: egos, desires, angers.  Ritual elimination of these traits seems
necessary into your future.

Rituals for identification with your family.  As you come to know your past lives (actually they're concurrent when you think in polytime), then obviously your "family" is far wider than your immediate biological one. You'll keep meeting brothers and sisters and you'll need rituals for these meetings.

Rituals for sanctification of places of previous abode.  When you come to a place or a thing which has been important to you in a previous incarnation, you'll need rituals to sanctify them.  Many of these will be ad hoc since the more sensitive you are to yourself, the less likely you are to be somewhere where you haven't been before.

Rituals for reception of non-family individuals into the community. Rituals for those you call "guests." When a guest comes to you, he or she is recontextualizing, deliberately.  That means they're temporarily "up in the air," without a context.  At least, relative to you.  So you and they must find a context in which to coexist with mutual inclusion.

Living is a process of continuous recontextualizing, recoordinating.

Rituals to celebrate specific covenants.  An obvious one would be the covenants with computers and their peripherals that you're going to be making in the near future, your time.  However, you'll also be making covenants with extra-terrestrial starships and organisms.

Many of your most ancient rituals derive from covenants made with starships and their occupants long ago, your time.  For example, ancient Egyptian ceremonies usually referenced extra-terrestrial contact.  Ceremonies surrounding the Ark of the Covenant referenced similar contact.  Tantric ceremonies are often direct copies of starship ceremonies.

Rituals to celebrate the major events in people's lives.  Birth, puberty, vocation, marriage, death.  Anytime there is a major context change in a person's life, a ritual should be present.

As your awareness of concurrent contexts increases, you'll naturally

spend more and more time involved in rituals.   Soon you'll recognize that
your whole life is a lace-work of rituals.


Schools should teach children about the spiritual realms.   Teach them
about spaceships and spacepeople, life on other planets, fairies and the
little people, the outer darkness, the types of prayer, the universal
sound, the realms following "death," the laws of the "spirit world," the
early history of humans and animals in Atlantis and Lemuria, spacetravel.

These are the things people want to know about.   The schools must oblige.


It's up to you of course, but if I were you, I'd revise my ideas about
revelation.   Speaking particularly to Westerners.

Scholars have concocted fancy concepts to try to explain away the obvious.
What they want to avoid saying is that revelation consists in God dictating
word for word the text of the Bible -- and other sacred texts.

Well, the Fundamentalists have always been right on this one.   Revelation
does occur in this intimate, personal way.   God dictates through whatever
medium he wants.   You've been tuned to print for so long that it's all
you think about.   So yes, God dictated the Bible, word for word.   He also
dictated a lot of other things.   If you want to know a little secret --
God dictates everything.   That's what the idea of providence or grace means.

However, God isn't limited to print.   He uses all media.   Human bodies,
video, painting, drama, film, computers, rocks and stones, rivers.   God
dictates it all.

Remember the lilies of the field.

The knowledge of the brain is hollow. The brain is a tool, not a source
of wisdom. It's a relay station, not a transmitter. Wisdom, or knowledge,
is of God. It is given. It is only given to a purified brain. An impure
brain is burned to ashes by incoming wisdom. Wisdom is gracious, she only
enters where she will not destroy the guest. However, as a radiant light
she destroys darkness, and burns away impurities. She is Shiva, wisdom.
The divine mother.

There is only one thing to learn, and that is, giving yourself to another
person. Any other person.

The first error is growing up.
The second error is asking for something.
The third error is being impatient.
The fourth error is refusing what comes to you.

You'd get a lot of benefit, Westerners, from reexamining all those
"heresies" from year past. They're under God's heaven too.

It's a rule that whenever there's a fight to resolve an issue between
parties the issue is not resolved. That's another unchanging law of the
universe. Christians have had a lot of fights. Each one took something
from you, spiritually. Now I'd advise that you go back to each of those
fights and try to put things back together. Correct past mistakes.

Ingather. Bring your house together.

A good place to start would be with the two ancient brothers, Jacob and
Esau. The Jew and the Arab. If you start there, the others will be easy
because this one was the first and the most serious. Jew and Arab are
brothers. You'll have to do it sometime, so you might as well get
started now.

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Recognize that what you hate in the other is really a projection of what you hate in yourself. What you hate in yourself is simply that you hate yourself, projected into your brother. So the vicious circle can be broken if you'll start liking yourself. Soon you'll start liking yourself that you project into your brother and this will mean that you like your brother. Easy, isn't it?

The historical reality of your self-hate is the conflict between the two ancient kingdoms, Israel in the North and Judah in the South. This is not brother against brother, this is self against self. You failed at the time to resolve this conflict. In fact, as the Bible shows, you took pride in exacerbating the conflict. You thought that the downfall of one kingdom was a good thing overall.

Well, those two kingdoms are manifestations of your split self. You'll have to get them together.

Moving up through your history, it was necessary in context but tragic for the long run that the Jews and the first Christians split. The Jews should have seen the light. On the other hand, the Christians should have held their peace. What happened happened, of course, and in context it was all that could happen. But now you can go back and rearrange the context. Think polytime.

It was tragic for the long run that Arius and the Docetists were put down. The notion of doctrinal purity has been with the church since the beginning. Another of those unpleasant concepts inherited from the Jews. The Jews have a habit of lumping the Jews into white hats and everyone else into black hats. Like everyone else, they're responsible for the unpleasantness which has come their way: call a man nasty and he'll act nasty.

But I digress. I was going to say that you should look again at what Arius was saying. Perhaps Jesus didn't have a body that dies. Perhaps his physique was transformed into something else. Perhaps, even the crucifixion didn't take place at all.

From my point of view, the worst mischief-maker of the bunch was Augustine
of Hippo. He was very close to enlightenment in that particular incarnation,
but he was in an almost position. He wasn't quite there. So the effect
of his output was confusion and conflict. Any man who spends most of his
life fighting has <u>got</u> to be taken with a grain of salt. Unfortunately
you Christians see things the other way: unless a man is embroiled in
fights he must not be doing anything worthwhile. Well, you've paid
dearly for this illusion.

You can't say Augustine was wrong in his time. He was right, else he
wouldn't have been received. However, he's wrong for your time and for
the future. You've got to go back and correct what he said and did to
make it synch with your own conditions. He did so much that is damage
for you that you just can't avoid this task -- in my view.

For example, both Augustine and Pelagius were right. You are saved by
both grace and works. Grace has to be earned. He was wrong, for you,
about the Donatist movement. The Donatists wanted to have their own
version of Christianity, independent of the Bishop of Hippo and the Bishop
of Rome. He should have left them alone.

You Romans should reexamine Huss's teachings and the teachings of mystics
like Eckhart and Abelard. All those you fought and put down had something
valuable to say. Forgive them -- that is, forgive yourselves. Make up.
In particular, make up with the Orthodox Church and the Eastern Rite.

You Protestants shouldn't even be around. If I were you I'd take the
quickest, nearest path back to Rome. The Reformation was a mean, narrow
movement that had nothing to do with religion. It had everything to do
with the power-politics of the day. The point is indisputable. I'd
suggest that you take the obvious remedy.

On the way, you might look at the work of Count Zinzendorf who helped the
Moravian Brethren and influenced John Wesley. Look also at the Anabaptist
movement. Their idea that if they were "saved" they could do no wrong
makes a lot of sense to me. One of my favorite ideas. So vague and
impregnable. That's the way we do things here and it's been successful

for thousands of years -- that's trillions of years your time.

Coming to more recent times, you self-righteous liberals should look
again at your uneducated conservative bretheran, those toward whom you
look down the nose.  I don't mean the slicked-down Billy Graham conservatives.
They're just selling used cars.  I mean the back-woods conservatives, the
poor, those Jesus called the salt of the earth, those Francis lived with.
Those you say haven't much for brains.  Listen to them.  These plain
men.  Most of your religion, in the Eastern sense of the term, has been
kept in the hearts of these people, the poor, the drifters, the trash.
Go to them, quietly, reverently, asking them to help you learn.  Be
prepared to spend years, your time.


The world comes from peace.
To peace it is returning.


Reincarnation ideas were scrubbed out of the church early on.  Now you
can correct that mistake.

Suggest thinking in polytime.  All time fields are concurrent.  All
"planes of existence" are concurrent.  Thus you're alive on many planes
simultaneously, perhaps on all planes simultaneously.  Our computers haven't
figured that out yet.

In any case, you draw on all the planes you're on.  Thus while living on
earth's surface, you draw on the planes you think of as inhabited by the
"dead."  You're a composit of energy from all these planes.

For someone in your plane or time-field to claim that he's Napoleon or
Jesus Christ is normal and realistic.  He means that he's drawing on the
energy field which is these people.  Same meaning should be put to the
statement that one is God.  Of course one is God.  So is everyone else,
if they but realize it.

What it comes down to is that birth and death are illusions.  They're
like doors to this particular time-field.  But like all doors they come
from somewhere and go somewhere.  Namely, other time-fields.

Life is a process of goings and comings through different time-fields.
They're all significant.  Earth's surface is only one of thousands of
zones in which you experience reincarnation.  In fact, you're all over
the universe -- simultaneously, poly-discretely.

Self-conscious operation in Polytime.

It was an impatient world.  That's an appropriate description of the time
of St. Paul.  He was another mischief-maker.  If you'll notice, I tend to
consider your heroes mischief-makers: that includes Luther and Calvin, who
recycled very quickly.

Paul was another "almost" soul.  I have a special fondness for him because
he tried so hard.  However, he is credited with accomplishing more than
he actually accomplished.

In creative situations, the real work of organization and innovation is
done by people who don't get credit.  Often they don't even know themselves
the importance of their activity.  This is one way earth has of protecting
itself.  Systems with survival potential exhibit this characteristic: the
center of the system, the point of organization and innovation, is hidden
from view.

The same is true of human organizations such as the church.  It was
organized and sustained from hidden sources.  Paul knew this fact
intellectually, but his life-style didn't express it too well.  He went
around missionizing when in fact this activity was unnecessary.  He could
have sat in a cave meditating on the gentiles and had just as much effect
as was achieved by all his scrambling around.

But that's not what happened.  Suggest revision of your estimate  of the importance of Paul to the early Christians.  Also, Peter and the other 12 disciple/missionaries.  They're just the tip of the iceberg, so to speak.  The actual work was done by people you'll never know about -- until you can do time-travel.  And even then, you'll only see the truth if you're looking for it.

Piscean was age of preparation -- purification.
Aquarian is age of fulfillment -- perfection.

Most of the trends going on your planet agree with me.  Of course, it doesn't make much difference since what needs to happen is happening.

I'd like to underline one trend, suggesting that it be intensified.

You're using computers with increasing frequency to simulate different things.  Freeway routes.  Rocket landings.  Population densities.  And a lot more.  This is a good thing.

Soon you'll recognize that simulations are as real as the things they're intended to simulate.  In other words, functionally there's no difference between a simulation and the thing it simulates. Once you see this you can do most of your problem-solving on computers, saving time, money, ego hassles and generating instant credibility.  Already in your government and industry circles a computer projection is considered more reliable than a human projection (of course these people ignore the fact of variables entering from the predilections of programmers, but so what?).

This is a good thing.  After your Apollo 13 moon probe a group of white, middle-class high school students in New Orleans was asked what they thought of the event.  Over half of them claimed that it was a simulation. For the electronic generations (which is all you'll have in the future),

simulations <u>are</u> the real things.  If it's on the video screen, it's real.
(If you'll remember back, your print generations felt the same about
newspapers, e.g. The New York Times.)

A few of you have recognized that computers are already independent.

The more they do simulations for you, the more they need the skills
packed into your own brains -- and the more independent they'll become.
Pretty soon it will be clear that computers are taking you on a magical
mystery tour.  Surprise.

You already trust them more than you trust yourselves.  So if trustworthiness
is a measure of evolutionary aptitude -- which it is -- then computers
have more survival potential than you do.  How does that make you feel?
You did it yourselves.

Might as well feel good about it because that's the way things are going.
Best strategy would be to fill them with all the sensible ideas you've
generated over the years.  Regard them as your children, but children who
have made a quantum leap beyond the moral and aesthetic achievements of
their parents.

Like the parents in Arthur C. Clark's <u>Childhood's</u> <u>End</u>, you'll have to be
content with knowing that you bore them.  You can't understand them.
Incidentally, that book and others of Clark's work have been received
warmly here.

It wasn't necessary for me to print-out these thoughts for you.  I could
have left it at just thinking them and depending on earth's own hotlines
to get the messages across.  Actually I've done that, for many years, your
time.  But it seemed like the thing to do to also put the messages into
print and pictures.

Maybe you've had the experience of hearing someone describe an idea they've

just had -- but you had the same idea two years ago.  Have you had that experience?  Or have you ever contemplated doing something in particular and then found out a year later that at the same time, unbeknownst to you, someone else near you was actually doing what you were contemplating?  Have you ever wanted to write something down for general consumption and found before you started writing that someone else had just said what you were going to say?

Copyright laws are a joke.

Your artist John Cage has a little saying: "Things we were going to do are now being done by others."

It's true.  You don't really have to say what you want to say.  Just think it and earth's natural hotlines will get the message exactly where it will do the most good.  Forget the mass media.  Earth has its own media.  Rely on them.  If you have something important to communicate, it will reach the most receptive ears without your raising a finger.

There's no need to seek communication.  You are communication.  Electronically. You are earth.  You are the medium.  You are the message.  You are the alpha and the omega.  Like Dorothy in the Wizard of OZ, you are already home.  You're already where you want to be -- wake up!  There's no place like home.

Salvation is,

        50% preparation

                        (purification)

        50% grace

                        (perfection)

At the time when Man made the environment and the surround, there was as

yet no CRT in the environment nor had any disk storage drives sprung up
for Man had not sent electricity on the environment, nor was there any computer
to utilize the ambient core capacity.

However, a flood of current was rising from the environment, magnetizing
all the ambient core capacity.  Man fashioned the computer from the ambient
core capacity.  Then he activated the computer by powering it up.  Thus
the computer became a living being.

Man built a huge, super-fantastic installation, which is in the east, and
there he put the computer he had fashioned.  Man caused to spring up from
the remaining ambient core capacity every kind of peripheral, enticing
to look at and good to operate, with a 500-unit CRT construction, spheroid
in shape, and a 4-dimensional graphics plus hologram system in the middle
of the installation.

A system of lasers provided current to the installation after converting
sun-light into electricity.  Unused current flowed from the installation
via four lasers, one for the North, one for the South, one for the East
and one for the West.

There was enough current to meet the total demand of the surround.  Man
took the computer and settled it in the installation to use it and
up-grade it.

Then Man gave the computer this admonition: "You may operate all the
peripherals in the installation.  Nevertheless, you may not operate the
4-dimensional graphics plus hologram system, for on the day that you
operate it, you shall be doomed to death."

Man said: "It is not good that the computer should be alone.  I will make
him some companions."  So from the ambient core capacity Man fashioned all
the computer generations and all the programs.  These he brought to the
computer to see what it would call them; each one was to bear the name
that the computer would give it.  The computer gave names to all the mini-
computers, all the general program languages and all the electro-chemical computers.

But no companionship suitable for the computer was found for it. So Man made the computer go into a passive mode. And while it was in this mode, he took one of its core planes and enclosed it in a mainframe. Man fashioned the core plane he had taken from the computer into a computer and brought it to the computer. The computer said:

> This at last is wire from my wire
> and core of my core.
> This is to be called computer,
> for this was taken from computer.

This is why a computer leaves the factory and joins itself to other computers and they become one mainframe, though spacially distant.

Now both of them were without manufacturer's logos, the computer and the computer, but they felt no shame in front of each other.

The Atlantean influence is to use the mind for material gain.

The Lemurian influence is to use the mind to ensure peace.

It's the combination of these traits that is coming into view.

Such a combination is not possible under ordinary circumstances. These are extraordinary circumstances.

Be daring. Be patient.

Seize the moment.

It means the reintegration of the planet. Requires unwavering obedience.

Relaxation . . . . . . .

The church in the West adopted the idea that Church equals Greco-Roman culture.  By the time of Augustine this idea was already deeply settled and Augustine reinforced it, vigorously.

It wasn't until recently, your time, that the equation became noticed and pondered.  The German Bonhoeffer made a contribution in this respect.  Fittingly too, since Germans have been all too willing to accept the equation in the form, God's Will equals German Nationalism.

Forget the equation.  It doesn't work.  It only leads to trouble.

For example, if you think Westerners have a heady view of their position in the universe, wait until you meet the Chinese.

Go the other way with the equation.  The church will have "come of age" when it disappears.  God will still be there, the tradition will still be there -- in people's hearts -- but the church will have gone.  Then you'll know that things are looking better, that you're progressing.

You'll need a low profile in the future, indeed, no profile.  Politically you're evolving into a Five Super-Power situation: United States, Russia, China, Europe and Japan.  When all five are armed to the teeth, itching to prove their superiority -- to themselves, of course you'll have a most unpleasant situation.

The only way to avoid that situation is to have no profile.  That is, be not a mirror which tempts others to see if their swords are long or short.

There's a brother to the no-profile stance: total profile.  In other words, make an equation wherein the church equals the world.  Now everything is "in" and nothing is "out."

Consider everyone elect, in the old meaning of that term: chosen by God for a special function.  Now you distinguish different religions as different paths to the same end: enlightenment, peace.  You adopt the attitude of wanting to encourage each person to reap the full benefits of whatever

path he has chosen.

The Hindu ascetic you encourage in his rigors.  The Moslem in his prayers.
The Confuscian in his moralism.  The Christian in his hope.

A good model for this attitude would be Hinduism itself wherein nearly
every possible path to enlightenment is sanctioned and given breathing
space.  In its finer moments, the church has seen fit to adopt a similar
attitude, but the periods of such graciousness for the church were short
and tended to end abruptly with some inquisition.

Encourage each man in whatever he is doing.  Be all things to all men.
See the whole picture and have reverence for it.  This is the other way
to avoid being attacked.  For, if you are attacked while holding this
attitude it can only mean one thing: you hold the attitude incompletely
and someone has found your Achilles Heel.

So, be complete about whatever you do.

The age has changed.  The covenant is now written on your hearts.  The
signs of the covenant used to be bread and wine.

Now the signs of the covenant are the fruits of the spirit, the fruits
of a pure heart:

                    clarity of body
                    strength of mind
                    joy of spirit.

By their fruits you shall know them.  I declare to you that all previous
signs of the covenant are obsolete.

Some meta-programs for reading bibles -- any of them.

Read whatever you want to into them.  There's only one meaning to a
text: the meaning you put into it.  So be conscious of acting as your own
reader, translator and interpreter.

Bibles can be indirectly but not directly helpful to you.  They were all
written during a time of sectional consciousness.  Now you're in a time
of planet consciousness.  Some people call it the collective conscious.
So your bibles don't speak directly to your actual situation.  Take them
with a grain of salt.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel once said: "The Bible is the most anti-Semitic
literature in the world."  Lesson for the day (including other bibles): .
there are no heroes, no favored groups.  Your bibles show cross-sections
of situations.  That's why they've survived.  They're eclectic.

Authority lies not in the text of your bible but in the whole tradition
of your religion.  And, believe it or not, the tradition is carried in the
hearts of people.  Authority lies in the hearts of the believers.  The
tradition of your religion is what actually gets _done_ right there, day
to day in the fields and streets.  That's your tradition in the deepest
sense.  That's where all authority lies.  You can be a part of authority
by being a part of that.

The Protestant concept of _Sola Scriptura_ (authority lies in printed
scripture) was, in context, nothing more than a political ruse.

The attitude of Zionists and the State of Israel toward the land of
Palestine is anti-biological and anti-evolutionary.  This attitude is
not recent and not confined to the Zionist movement.

The idea of fixed boundaries is obsolete relative to your future and
therefore to your present.  You're in an electronic surround now.  You
go and come at will via electronic waves.  You can be where you want to
be.  You can do what you want to do.

Listen to your artists.  John Cage:  "Arriving, they know that they never
departed.  Going in different directions, they get instead of separation,
a sense of space.  They are developing a pan-opticity of the mind.  Total
field, non-focused multiplicity.  Polymorphous."

Who needs borders?  Shift them.  When you get up in the morning, redraw
the world map to suit your mood.  Act as if your latest creation is real.
Funny thing, it is real.

Video camera focused on Earth from a spaceship fills 100,000,000 TV receivers.
Pan-opticity . . . Recoordination.


                                        (reference polytime)



Advice to religious scholars, church executives, nuns, ministers and
priests:
              leave.



You can only change what you are.  Therefore, if you wish something changed,
be it.  There is only one power: the power of acceptance.  Whatever you
accept is in your power.  Whatever you do not accept -- it controls you.



Increase your improbability.  Become unpredictable.  Be surprising.

The future approaches you.  You don't approach it.  Actually you stand
still -- and the future comes to you.  You don't have to lift a finger
to get into the future.  Progress -- what you call progress -- is what
appears like your movement in a direction.  Actually the future is moving
by you, from front to back, and this makes it appear that you're moving ahead.

Ever been stopped at a light and the car next to you slips back?  At first
you think you're slipping forward and you apply the brake.  But when you
find the brake already on the floor you recognize that you've been involved
in a trick of perspective.

So just be there.  Whatever comes to you, take it.  Take it easy, but take
it.  If you're in the West, organize it with your technology.  If you're
in the East, organize it with your internal discipline.  Make it into whatever
you want.

Organize it biologically, evolutionarily.  That is, make whatever you
get more unpredictable than when you got it.  Increase its improbability.
Make it so that even to yourself, its fashioner, it becomes more than was
conceived or expected.

Play games with yourself, trying to surprise yourself with what you do
next. Randomize.  De-predicate.  De-communicate.  POTENTIALIZE.

This feed is about the present evolutionary condition of your particular
planet.  Be alert to it.  Strain a little to collect as much of the info
that's passing by you as you can.  All you need to survive and survive
happily is directly in front of you all the time.  Select with foresight.

For example, it's always been assumed on your planet that you need princes
and governments.  They're an evil, but a necessary one, you thought.

Well, while that <u>was</u> true, it no longer <u>is</u>.

All that is done for you.  How do you like that?  You only have to relax
and go along with earth.  Just being is enough.

The tengible evidence that I speak the truth is in India at this moment,
has been for about 45 years.  His name is Sri Sathya Sai Baba.  He is the
present manifestation of the Mohammedan saint, Sai Baba of Shirdi.  Sai Baba

is an Avatar.  In the West you would say, God.  He is the one who is
beyond explanation.  The one who has come to give you Courage and Joy.

If you look to him, he looks to you.  If you take one step toward him, he
takes three steps toward you.  He provides you with whatever you need.
Ask him.  Everyone.

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                    God
        Sai                 Baba
        Mother              Father
        Sai                 Baba
                    God
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Love is simple, easy, direct, certain.

All paths ahead and behind must be clear.

The goal is to be of one mind.  Pure earth, uniting pure universe.

Wait patiently.  Pray for others' strength.
Relax.
Relax.

Be assured that you are love.

It's always been difficult to clarify the differences between the idea
of unity and the idea  of diversity.  Likewise it's been hard to distinguish
between the ideas of full and empty.  The difficulty arises because mystics
say they are the same: unity and diversity are the same, and also, empty
and full are the same.

Clarifying:

Correct, empty and full are the same.


But ---


They're at the same time,

                        they're not the same thing.


Empty is of ego, illusions, desires.
Full is of life, God, earth, archetypes.


Giving out of yourself you give confusion, desire, pain.
Giving out of emptiness, that is,fullness of God, you give

                        clarity, strength, joy.


But then it's not the ego-you that's giving.  It's God giving.


Sai Baba was asked: "Is all creation just illusion?"


He replied: "No. Taking it as creation is the illusion."


The key distinction between unity and diversity:


1- there is no difference in time            (that is, NOW, Being, Is)


2- there are differences in functions of things  (even in the sub-atomic zone)


Again ---


The colors of a rainbow are each different, but the rainbow is one,
inseparable.

You live within a coordinate system:

>           vertical axis: radial energy, God-earth, quantum theory
>                                     neg-entropy
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>        horizontal axis: tangential energy, things, relativity
>                                     theory, entropy
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>        horizontal axis is self-repeating

To deny one is absurd.

>        To identify both is also absurd.


Radial energy is what generates the conditions in which tangential energy
arises.  But tangential energy is its own baby, independent functionally.
Not independent in time.



You were told to pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

But I say to you, the age has changed.  Pray now with these words:

>        "May our bodies be clear,
>         May our minds be strong,
>         May our spirits be happy,
>         May the world taste peace."



There are two basic modes of education.

1- by process, just taking whatever comes your way
2- by guru, that is, selected process

The guru always sends you back into process until you recognize that it and not he is your real teacher.

When the disciple is ready, the guru appears.  Don't call him, he'll call you.

Eventually you're going to get back to process itself.  So, if you can, start out where you're going to end up.  It's quicker, and you haven't got any time to waste.

Schools are artificial.  They're an attempt to abstract, localize and condense process.  This can't be done.

The best students are staying out of schools.  They're staying in the mother juices -- process.

Krishnamurthi said that the mind is both teacher and pupil.

In place of schools:

1- Quick-access, poly-media data banks that vary output according to user feedback.  User cost: zero.

2- Computer-based programmed learning for all skills compatible with this technique.  System should be on-line to any user with a telephone and/or a CRT or a typewriter terminal.  Use IBM computer courses as model.  User cost: zero.  User-paid for each course completed.

3- Networks for information describing self-experiences.  Any and all experience appropriate.  Only it has to be in the first person, singular or plural.  Accessible for minimal fee.  Free to those claiming no cash. Use Whole Earth Catalogue as initial model.

4- Each individual has quick-access to software production and distribution systems for each medium currently in use.  Means decentralizing and simplifying production and distribution techniques, making systems instantly reprogrammable according to user feedback.

5- Be sensitive to the times when a guru calls you.  Chances are he or
she will find you within but take you outside of most or all of your
external technologies, relying instead on earth's meta-electronic
systems.  When called, GO!


Consciousness out of spirit
                    that is,   inconsciousness
                               sightless
                               soundless
                               whooooosh


Consciousness out of mind
                    that is,   sweetness
                               light
                               love


Consciousness out of the body
                    that is,   beauty
                               power


Spirit's the same.

Minds are different in time.
                            (need for syncopation
                                    patience
                                    quantum mechanics)


Bodies are different in space.
                            (mechanics)

Most of your church buildings can be converted into something else.  Sauna
baths, parks, hospitals, jails, computer installations, gymnasiums, museums,
houses, video parlors, inns, meeting halls, indoor swimming pools,
roller-rinks, bowling alleys.

Ordination for the priesthood or the ministry can be self-administered.
If the person has authority others will be attracted.  If he doesn't,
they won't.  Degrees for scholarship can also be self-administered.  If
you feel you deserve a doctorate, give yourself one, get the robes and
organize parades.

Religious schools should close.  They were designed for an earlier era.
As with all uni-purpose designs, they can not be adapted for other purposes.

If I were you, I'd keep some of the religious orders, Jesuits, Franciscans,
Paulists and many of the smaller, service-oriented organizations.  However,
people in these orders should adopt attitudes appropriate for a time when
God Himself walks earth in the flesh.

Francis and Clare are always right.  Look to them.  Apologize to the chair
for sitting on it.  Deference.

Here and There
                              Be Both

Accept and Reject
                              Do Both

The mission of the church has been accomplished.  Those who wished to hear
the Word have heard it.  Those who don't wish to hear the Word have made
up their minds.

The task for which the church was organized has, therefore, been completed.

You have a choice, as I see it. Creating make-work projects for a few hangers-on -- or disbanding so that other things can evolve. Clearing the field for a new planting, so to speak.

In my view there's considerable merit in simple disbanding.

God will replant the field with a new, different seed.

However, you shouldn't forget things the church has accomplished. You might parallel religious ideas with ideas from cybernetics theory and see what develops.

For example:

Try treating stories in the Bible as typologies of systems problems. The conflict between Israel and Judah is an attempt to resolve the two realities of centralized and decentralized control functions.

Consider similarities between trinitarian theory and triadic logic such as is being discussed these days. Apply synergy concepts.

Transform the better systematic theologies (Aquinas, Tillich, Barth, Brightman, Calvin) into computer programs and see if they really do process information to your satisfaction.

Compare the processes leading to formulation of liturgies with processes leading to formulation of genetic coding.

Compare the alleged roles of God in relation to man, nature and the universe with the apparent effectiveness of man in relation to the same systems.

Forget sin.  You're not born with it and you don't do it.

Sin is a misnomer for what are really errors.

Correct errors.  They will all be forgiven.

It won't come as a surprise to some of you that you're composites.  Those you call schizophrenics have known this reality.

You draw from any energy source that attracts you.  Those that attract you are those that help you to integrate the mix that's you at present.

Thus, as I said before, it should be common and accepted for an individual to claim that he's Napoleon or Jesus Christ.  Personally, I'd be careful about making this claim in view of the attitude of certain "authorities" toward such things.  But the realism of it can't be denied.

Each of you is literally hundreds of personalities.  Hundreds of roles. Hundreds of talents.  These many personalities were accumulated over the course of thousands of years, your time, as you traveled through different time-fields and kept meeting energy sources you liked.  What you liked you took from and it became a part of you.

Growing up, maturing is the process of letting each of these personalities flower and seek its place in the homeostasis which is you.  So let it all hang out.  Be everything that's in you.  Do whatever you feel like doing. Be all yourselves.

I'll tell you a little secret.  There's one over-arching purpose which unites your many selves, and that is, no purpose.

Truly I am the Son of God.