Beyond the Soul’s Meridian: Healing through Christ Consciousness by the Revelation of Our Inner Mysteries

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Confronting the Masters of Confinement

Who is the great dragon whom the spirit will no longer call lord and god? ‘Thou shalt’ is the name of the great dragon. But the spirit of the lion says, ‘I will.’ ‘Thou shalt’ lies in his way, sparkling like gold, an animal covered with scales; and on every scale shines a golden ‘thou shalt.’ Values, thousands of years old, shine on these scales; and thus speaks the mightiest of all the dragons: ‘All value of all things shines on me. All value has long been created, and I am all created value. Verily, there shall be no more ‘I will.’ Thus speaks the dragon. My brothers, why is there a need for a lion in the spirit? ... why must the preying lion still become a child?—Friedrich Nietzsche “Thus Spoke Zarathustra”

Sustenance of the Gods

On a beautiful morning, just before arising, I found myself walking along the streets in a neighborhood of a familiar city that I have known all my life. As I walked down the sidewalk and crossed the street into the next block, I noticed that there was a fine little bakery that I had never noticed before. As I walked in, I found it to be quite an inviting setting, but surprisingly empty. It was a warm and comfortable place with tables interspersed throughout the establishment with artistic display cases containing what looked like the most exquisite and delicious appearing breads and pastries that I had ever seen. Even though this was a bakery, I intuited that it may have been more of an art gallery, as the display cases were locked and it was clear that what they secured was not only enticingly edible, but of immense value. Also throughout the gallery were pedestals that supported dishes that contained a substance that resembled a fried shredded root vegetable, which I understood to be manna, and which was offered free to any of the patrons.

As I advanced into a second room I found sitting at a long table a gathering of family members and friends. As I sat down I noticed immediately that at the head of the table sat my Father. Plates of food were then brought to the table, which again contained this manna. By this point I was overwhelmed by a hunger of an intensity that I had never experienced, and forgetting all etiquette, I began ravenously shoving handfuls of the manna into my mouth which I found to be tasteless and empty and the more that I ate, the hungrier I became. I finally realized that not only would this stuff never satisfy my hunger, but also, I was making a ridiculous spectacle of myself as I was now standing up and forcing handfuls into my mouth.
Finally I stopped, only to discover all in the gathering rather shocked and curiously staring at me, except for my Father who seemed to be giving me a knowing look. With a certain degree of both embarrassment and astonishment, I walked out of the bakery, but as I was leaving I noticed there were a few other persons who were now entering and patronizing this place....

Immediately upon arising, I began reflecting upon this message, as I instantly realized that manna, which is food that God gives his children to eat, could no longer provide any nourishment for me. What I not only desired—but vitally needed—was the sustenance that the gods eat. I had also come to understand that this level of nutrition could only be obtained for a price. Upon further contemplation of this dream’s meaning, I realized that the champions of our science have taken it upon themselves to play the role of God in a God-less society that they have created, nourishing us with their theoretic pabulum that they so arrogantly mistake, if not intentionally sell to us, in willful deception as the truth.

In keeping within this dream’s considerations, let us invoke the courage to look past the will of our science’s hand-selected leaders for many are now recognizing that it is beyond the time to take a critical look at the direction where modern science has been leading us in relationship to the larger philosophical questions of reality, existence, and the process of knowing the true natures of ourselves.

The Suppression of Truth: A Timeless Conspiracy

Our twentieth century’s conventional science, and its direct offshoot of modern evidence-based medicine, has been up until the time of this writing, heavily influenced by the idea that the human being exists more or less as a duality of a machine-like body and some type of poorly understood psychical energy in the form of mind whose origin is the material matrix of the brain. Fortunately, that century is now over and many persons are currently finding themselves forcefully entering an expanding level of awareness that is something far greater than just than just those two parameters. These dualistic sentiments have generally been attributed to the seventeenth century Age of Enlightenment and specifically to the philosophies and theories of the founders of materialistic science such as René Descartes and Sir Francis Bacon. (1) Their complementary ideas formed the basis of modern scientific theory and protocol, ultimately leading humanity along a far more rational, logical, and physically oriented scientific trajectory. This was necessary for the time of its conception when the specter
of superstition unjustly held an unbridled power over the fate of the innocent and those seeking a greater awareness of truth in the natural world. Yet, it was highly influenced by spiritual factors and forces that were clearly reflected in and by the contemporary beliefs and religion that were being practiced at the time.

In actuality, this duality was fostered many centuries before Descartes and Bacon through the emergence of a narrow fundamentalist viewpoint through Catholic and Orthodox Christian religion beginning with the first council of Nicaea (2). These constrictive viewpoints based on a conservative literalism rapidly led to a systematic destruction of wisdom, which in itself was embedded within the early mystical Hebrew and Christian traditions of Qabbalism and Gnosticism. This destruction of the practice of self-awareness more or less took away the individual's conscious relationship with the personal spirit, finally leading to the point where any consideration for a personal spiritual entity, which the ancients understood as a concept of two souls (one being lower and animal-like, and another higher and divinely inspired) was considered as heresy (3).

Any practice that led to a greater awareness of our spiritual nature, let alone anyone expressing and interest in the will to know, was ultimately punished by a reign of violent measures against any persons who harbored such convictions and understanding to the point that encompassed excommunication, torture, and death. In a very real sense, this is an example one of the first known genocides, which included not only the destruction of persons who carried such heretical insight, but also any externalized trace of such thought in the form of artistic, spiritual, or literary works. Virtually nothing survived this purge with the exception of a few Gnostic artifacts that were perceived as having material value, the polemic diatribes from the condemning church fathers, reworked literary pieces, and the meager yet powerfully symbolic writings that were thoughtfully planted for posterity by the devout within the desolate grounds of the wilderness. These highly symbolic works, which include the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Nag Hammadi Codices, have miraculously survived the tests of time. To be sure, there is far more out there waiting to be discovered.

The direct result of this spiritual purge is that within the practice of our modern medicine, there is appallingly very little awareness or insight as to our truer natures and potentials which in fact begin to encompass an older and heretical understanding that has been beaten out of human consciousness and consideration for over the last 1700 years. Yet, this knowledge still survives and we can find glimpses of it hiding in conventional modern medicine such as within the founding principles of Osteopathic medicine and the emerging Holistic and Integrative Medicine movements. In Osteopathic medicine, which has now essentially evolved into Allopathic (biomedical and procedural evidence-based medicine) with an occasional musculoskeletal manipulation, we find buried within it principles articulated by its founder Dr. Andrew Still that express sentiments and insights that are incorporated within the mission statements of our country's Osteopathic medical schools stating that the student should learn to comprehend that, “Our bodies have a natural ability to self-regulate and self-heal, thereby employing natural treatment methods (like Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy, also known as OMT) rather than drugs alone to promote healthy body functions that are designed to battle disease and help
repair injury. Preventative medicine, including good nutrition and fitness, is important for sustaining healthy body systems... Through appropriate treatment, the individual’s so-called “host response” (innate healing ability) should be stimulated and maximized.” (4)

These are inarguably truthful and beautiful sentiments, and are also similar principles adopted by many prestigious Allopathic medical schools and institutions (Yale, Harvard, Duke, University of Michigan, etc.) which are now focusing on a variety of integrative approaches to medical training and healthcare delivery. (5) If left un-manipulated, there is a naturally tendency to evolve a broader spectrum of complementary and alternative healing options through the foundations of conventional medicine as awareness and wholeness not only on the part of the physician, but the needs and insights of the patient expands. Unfortunately, there exist many significant and powerful forces that hinder this process. These influences reside mainly within the abstract corporate and market driven entities that have now invaded and transformed this process or art of healing into a business venture. Within these abstractions reside the most perverse incentives that can actually keep persons confused, fearful, and ill.

At this point, one must acknowledge that an expedient rectification through some type of transformative externalized approach is difficult at best because the spectrum of this influence invades way beyond issues of healthcare and is now encroaching upon all aspects of human behavior and existence. For some if not most of us, it is not beyond our conscious ability to take a deep breath and invest some time in reflecting upon this matter; as I would venture to wage that very shortly after initiating this endeavor many would begin to smell the presence of an insidious entity....

Today, if alternative or holistic approaches to healing are to be incorporated, it is usually initiated by the patient and generally after conventional therapies have produced unwanted side effects, failed in their anticipated results, or are just unaffordable. Let me be clear on this point: I am not condemning modern evidence-based medicine, as I find myself aligned within the common sense principles initially articulated by the enigmatic clairvoyant Rudolf Steiner, who over a hundred years ago, clearly saw a movement towards holistic and integrative healthcare based on the foundation of allopathic and osteopathic principles. Since we are beings that at exist to a large degree within the physical world we must learn nature’s physical secrets to be able to manipulate environments and promote health. Therefore, our rational and physical scientific approach to healing is undeniably useful and must be employed in the process if no other viable or effective options are available. At this point in time, since we collectively know very little about the true nature of ourselves (or Nature for that matter) this evidence-based externalized biomedical and procedural practice encompasses the vast majority of treatment options provided by our nation’s conventionally trained physicians, which is still highly biased by the conditioned scientific concept that the human being exists solely as a duality of body and mind solely within physical dimensions.

Yet, there is undeniably a growing interest in awareness for something greater. If one were to intentionally expand their awareness of these less conventional approaches, some very basic questions must be considered which are simply, “What is this innate healing
ability or host response? What is its origin? Where does it come from? This phenomenon clearly exists, so what is the answer?” Unfortunately, in contemplating our science’s current understanding of reality, we cannot answer these questions as it offers no definitive answers outside of mechanistic processes which are physical manifestations of realities based on physical and non-physical forces. Through a process of intellectual and behavioral conditioning modern science perpetually disdains, if not banishes altogether any non-physical considerations. The best that it can offer us is deductive conjecture based on the empirical yet limited observation of what is only happening exclusively upon the physical plane, which then becomes scientific theory. Through our currently sanctioned science, everything that exists beyond this physical boundary remains perpetually unknowable. Through conditioned education, this may not seem like much of an important point, perhaps because we have all grown use to living in ignorance and are still buying into the elusive answers that materialistic science has provided and perpetually promises to refine. Still, even the most rudimentary questions cannot be answered, such as: What determines shape in biological systems? What determines instinctual behavior? Where are long term memory traces stored? You may think that the answers are known, but it is really only familiarity with a conventional theory that has been offered as an answer, that at best only partially explains phenomenon that is to a high degree interacting if not controlled by non-physical forces.

The conventional scientific answers to all these questions usually state that it has something to do with Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). Perhaps there is a connection there, but the only thing that we can accurately say about DNA is that it encodes for proteins. If we observe at the cellular level the function and metabolic activities of an abductor skeletal muscle cell of the right thumb versus the left, their activities are indistinguishable as it has been consistently determined that DNA is expressed along histological (cellular) determinants. Although conventional theory states that there must be some type of holographic memory, embedded encoded intelligence, or genetic program within the DNA sequences, this process still remains poorly understood. The suspicion of an embedded intelligence is a highly reasonable and logical conclusion as there must be some type of organizing force that orchestrates the transformation of the embryo into matured form and sustained function along patterns that are intrinsic to all biological life.

The Source of Life is Truth

The major debate is what and where is the source of this intelligence? Is it ingrained within the physical biochemical structure itself, or is the source of this intelligence beyond it? So far, within the scientific community perhaps our best comprehensive and holistic explanation comes from the alternative insights from more spiritually enlightened researchers such as Rupert Sheldrake who has proposed within the structure and nomenclature of modern science the theory of Formative Causation or Morphic Resonance, which suggests that there is in-fact the existence of an energy field, which he describes as a morphic field, for anything and everything that is found within the universe. This morphic field is not only directly related to physical morphology, but function, behavior, memory, and consciousness itself. (6) Overall, his work is a heroic
effort in bringing our conventional science closer to an understanding of the spiritual realm that wisdom has always attempted to convey to us.

This concept becomes highly intuitive when we simply observe the natural world that surrounds us. One Sunday afternoon in late winter I was walking a familiar path through a forest near my home while contemplating these ideas. As I emerged from the cover of the trees I came to a plowed field where a flock of birds were feeding. Almost instantly, there appeared to be a collective recognition of my presence by the flock through a sensing process that still remains poorly understood by conventional science. Their flight response was instantaneous, harmonious, and symmetric, as though they were acting as one large organism. If on the one hand, we say that this phenomenon of behavior is exclusively determined by biochemical reactions or simplistic linear and sequentially driven action potentials, it is not only counterintuitive, but virtually impossible to defend, and closes this string of contemplation into a non-consideration, making it literally a dead end. In a perverse and insidious way this may be the ultimate goal of this type of conditioned thinking, as it is clearly more beneficial for some elements within our society if the majority of us opted to spend our entire Sunday without contemplating these ideas at all and instead engage ourselves within the matrix of electronic activity of virtual realities that can clearly act to isolate us within the cloud of their chaotic activity. This virtual matrix serves as an artificially constructed environment which intentionally functions to distract and dissuade us from the connections and interactions of the natural world which itself should be thought of as a matrix that is determined by consciousness and non-physical forces.

On the other hand, if we have the courage and freedom to expound upon what is intuitive, which is the undeniable fact that the animals, and all of nature, are intimately connected to us through a supersensible interaction of individual and collective fields, this will invariably lead to a greater sense of understanding, wholeness, and communion to the living world and its universal truths. Therefore, it is vitally important to recognize how the conditioning of thought controls not only our understanding of reality, but to a greater fashion, our intrinsic sense of well being.

The question that is now beckoning to be asked is simply, “What happens then if we deny ourselves the freedom to entertain the non-physical, metaphysical, or spiritual aspect of existence?” Well, it seems as though we come up with some really bizarre ideas that have become enthusiastically embraced and incorporated into conventional scientific thought. The most infamous of these are E. O. Wilson's highly regarded theory of Sociobiology (7) which promotes the idea that complex social behaviors such as altruism, homosexuality, aggression, etc, are determined by a process of natural selection and genetic arrangements. In Richard Dawkins’ Selfish Gene Theory (8) he further expounds upon Wilson’s ideas that complex human behavior is not only determined to a greater degree by biochemical reactions and genetic arrangements or highly conserved sequences which he calls replicators (whose origins stem from the primordial soup that allegedly all life emerged from) but that the human being is basically reduced to little more than a complex vessel that has virtually no other universal purpose other than propagating these replicator sequences as frequently and as effectively as possible, through behaviors
modified by environment and natural selection that may be considered from an external viewpoint as selfish or narcissistic, as he clearly states:

“The replicators which survived were the ones that built survival machines for themselves to live in... Now they swarm in huge colonies, safe inside gigantic lumbering robots, sealed off from the outside world, communicating with it by tortuous indirect routes, manipulating it by remote control. They are in you and in me; they created us, body and mind; and their preservation is the ultimate rationale for our existence.”

Incredibly, according to Dawkins’ theory, it is the actual gene and not the person—who is reduced to a zombie like robot—which harbors these life forces and intrinsic behavioral tendencies. To a high degree, these theories are an extrapolation of the gospel of Charles Darwin’s theory of Natural Selection, and its ideological offshoot of Social Darwinism which became the theoretical justification for many individual and collective transgressions and atrocities over the last few centuries through the sentiments of survival of the fittest. What is essential to understand is that knowledge is power and that those that sequester it clearly believe that this gives them an advantage to their own survival.

Let us now couple these ideas with the well recognized theory of Emergence (promoted to a large degree by Nobel Laureate P.W. Anderson) which is a materialistically based concept that attempts to explain, among many things, a secularly based emergence of human consciousness, cultural development, instinctual behavior, weather patterns, and all sorts of natural phenomena within the confining parameter of body and mind. The results are at best vague, confusing, and inadequate. The scientific video journal Nova produced a documentary that aired on PBS in July of 2007 based on the concept of Emergence. (9) As always, we are given encouraging statements that entice and peak our interests:

“The seemingly coordinated movement of a school of fish or a flock of birds is not controlled by any leader. Instead, it emerges naturally as each individual follows a few simple rules, such as go in the same direction as the other guy, don’t get too close, and flee any predators. This phenomenon, known as emergence, may someday help experts explain the origin of consciousness and even life itself.” Well, it sure appears promising, but in the end, when the really important question of the origin of consciousness was addressed, we are given this statement: "Your brain contains several billion neurons that perform a very simple function: For some experts, the mind is the relaying electrical messages across synapses to their neighbors. It's a physical action, yet out of their collective firings somehow arises a psychological phenomenon—the conscious mind. Can consciousness be reduced to the interactions of neurons? Experts have no way of knowing, because the brain is orders of magnitude more complex than any computer today, making answering that question at present difficult if not impossible.”—Nova

And when the issue of our individual human life was addressed, we’re left with even less clarity than before viewing it:
“Are you an emergent phenomenon? Consider this: At any given time, some 75 trillion cells are doing their thing in your body. But they are constantly dying and being replaced by new ones, such that in less than two years you won't have a single cell you have today. Yet you remain you. How is this possible? Even though each of your cells contains your entire genome, you would hardly say that any one of your cells constitutes you. But taken together they amount to you.” —Nova

Let us amplify this with an encyclopedic definition which states:

“Emergence helps to explain why the fallacy of division is a fallacy. According to an emergent perspective, intelligence emerges from the connections between neurons, and from this perspective it is not necessary to propose a “soul” to account for the fact that brains can be intelligent, even though the individual neurons of which they are made are not.”—Wikipedia

What all of this is attempting to convey to us is that besides being an insignificant random cosmic accident, we may possess intelligence but no soul, and that we are programmed ultimately to become more selfish, destructive, and narcissistic. From a materialistic, theoretical, and logical perspective, I would have a difficult time disagreeing with this conclusion if we allow materialistic science and secular culture to determine the conditions of reality, which is a reality that is reduced to randomness and chaos controlled by biochemical chemical reactions of self serving purposes devoid of a higher intention or spiritual existence. Only then does it become possible that Dawkins’ et al. joyless and dispirited conclusions are correct. Fortunately for us, when applying these theories in real life it is counterintuitive to what is actually being experienced, as they truly do not fit outside of academic appointments, fueling over-inflated egos, intellectual recognition, and processes of self aggrandizement.

Therefore, let us once again look at this fallacious secular scientific perspective of only mind and body. From the very truthful and practical perspective of analytical depth psychology, which has clearly and undeniably demonstrated the presence of a subconscious process occurring within the mind itself, it becomes impossible from a materialistic/physical perspective to label or to definitively classify this unconscious entity. From the early days of electronic computing technology, the impression was that very shortly within man’s future, we would have constructed an artificial entity with real intelligence. One doesn’t have to look very far into this to realize that the predictions of Arthur C. Clarke and the visions of Stanley Kubrick illustrated in the film 2001: A Space Odyssey, have now come and gone, and still we have not yet developed HAL, at least not one that can actually think creatively or possess what science identifies as general intelligence or strong Artificial Intelligence (AI). Perhaps we will soon possess this coveted technology of AI, but not one to HAL’s degree, at least not until we have a far greater comprehensive understanding of the human mind as a whole and complete entity.

At this point, even simple speech is a mystery and the best that our conventional science can come up with is that there seems to be something that suggests a pre-cognition or some emergent phenomena, which is like a black box that conveys intelligent thought.
through a subconscious process deep within the uncharted territories of the mind that feeds into its conscious aspect, manifesting itself as intelligent thought and speech. As far as what constitutes intelligence there is absolutely no consensus of what it actually is or how it should be measured. All that we have at this point is a myriad of theories (Psychometrics, Cattle-Horn-Carroll theory, Multiple Intelligences, Triarchic theory, PASS theory, Piaget and Neo-Piaget theories, etc) that are all highly complex and controversial in nature, and it would be best for us to focus our attentions elsewhere since just thinking about them makes the eyes begin to cross as a sense of profound fatigue rapidly falls upon the reader.

Not only is this secular intellectual gymnastics wrong, but it is actually harmful and invariably leads to personal and collective illness. This illness can be viewed not only as psychological, but inevitably very physical in nature. Perhaps in its most essential form, Carl Gustav Jung's understanding of illness was based on the separation or spiritual disconnection that modern humans have with their inner nature which Jung referred to as the self. From this insight it is not difficult to understand that the basis for modern human illness, in a very truthful sense, is modern human existence. This of course is not some new theory, but a resurrected awareness conveyed to us that echoes the ancients and again is reiterated through multiple, yet unrelated contemporary sources. In a lecture that Rudolf Steiner gave on October 16, 1918, he states:

“The science of the spirit, which cannot doubt the existence of the divine, supersensible worlds, can ask why it is that people have come to deny the whole divine realm—the Father of the Trinity. It can show us that wherever people deny the Father—that is, the whole divine nature indwelling the world, the divine which is recognized, to give just one example, in the Hebrew religion—then a real physical defect, a physical ailment or disability, occurs in the human body. The scientist of the spirit regards atheism as a form of illness, though of course it is one which doctors cannot cure— they themselves are often afflicted by it. It is not one recognized as such by contemporary medicine. The science of the spirit diagnoses this illness wherever people deny or reject what their body, not their soul, must in the healthy and natural course of things impart to them—that the world is interwoven with the divine.” (10)

This is not to say that all disease is caused by a denial of the spiritual realm or Father, since clearly as a practitioner trained in evidence based science one can clearly see that disease is highly pervasive, indiscriminate, and stems from seemingly random and chaotic sources. Some of these may be circumstantial, environmental, accidental, genetic, congenital, etc, but what is most important is to realize is that underlying all of it is a spiritual component if we have the strength and courage to look deep enough. Even more importantly, no matter how positive we think or how healthy we believe ourselves to be in body, mind, and spirit, we are all destined to a tragic if not horrific ending, as death and suffering are inescapable and are truly part of life and our cyclical existence.

Therefore, it is vital for us to understand that death should always be regarded and never shunned. If this is taken in the right way it will amplify the significance of our own life
and health. But it is also true that those who deny the existence of the Father or spiritual realm are destined to suffer from physical and emotional illness....

The IHEU: Truth by Unanimous Non-consideration

So in a very counter-intuitive way, science continues to build upon foundations that are not only incomplete, but consistently present a crippled and mutilated understanding of human awareness by habitually endorsing and actively propagating their arrogant, materialistic, joyless, and insidious world view. We should be keenly aware that there are many organizations that passionately and militantly support these efforts which include for the most part academics and intellectuals that have achieved the level of rock star status within our culture among the worshiping groupie intelligentsia. They shall remain nameless but any quick internet search will help one to easily compile not only a list of glaringly powerful and well quoted academics linked to these organizations, but also the institutions and industries that support this type of scientific endeavor.

For a number of reasons, I should at least call out and draw attention to the International Humanists and Ethics Union (IHEU), which is clearly the principle and most prominent organization within the realm of secular science. As stated within the Amsterdam Declaration unanimously adopted at the general assembly meeting of the IHEU in 2002, it clearly articulates that any theistic or spiritual considerations will not be tolerated by any affiliated member or associated organization, strongly emphasizing in the adopted guidelines that Humanism is a life stance, and that its primary concern is for this material and physical life – as opposed to any metaphysical consideration for an existence before, during, or beyond it. (11) Basically, it mandates zero tolerance for any idea, concept, or reality that would encompass a non-physical consideration. Is this really science? To boldly never go where all men are invariably ordained to go, understand, and become one with. Truly, there are two basic common denominators in life which is the beginning birth, and the end-point—which is death. Yet, we seem to have developed a science which intentionally ignores life’s most critical and fundamental mysteries.

It is widely accepted that neurosis, which includes panic, obsessive compulsive disorder, depression, addictive behaviors, phobias, personality disorder, and anxiety, has now escalated within our society to epidemic proportions. These disruptive entities all seem to be universally based on fear—ultimately fear of death. Is it then really little wonder why the practice of psychiatric medicine has been completely eviscerated, as very few inpatient services or institutions are left standing due to a lack of public funding and general disinterest? Also, the practice of analytic psychology has more or less evaporated principally due to a lack of reimbursement on the part of the insurance industry for persons who would clearly benefit from such insight and awareness that these services would provide. Is our science never to question or understand this ultimate and overwhelming concern? It certainly seems that the IHEU supports this strange viewpoint of non-consideration, if not overtly prohibiting investigative endeavors within the non-physical plane of our existence that could potentially provide the answers. If this is truly the case, then one is compelled to ask, “What is wrong with initiating and pursuing
scientifically based endeavors that seek to address the questions of where did we come from and what happens to us after we die?” Are there any men of science interested in knowing this? Or are there some that actually know the answers to these mysteries? Perhaps there are, and perhaps there are those that want as few persons to know as possible.

Next we need to earnestly consider the IHEU’s symbol, which is the insidious little swastika that they call the Happy Human. See how happy he is!? What a dark and prickly symbol. My first impression is that it resembles the blades found in razor wire. But there may more to it because when I first encountered this symbol I knew I had seen it somewhere before. Finally came to me. It is highly suggestive of the scarecrows that marked the boundaries to the Forbidden Zone, in the 1968 film the Planet of the Apes. In this well known movie, a group of astronauts led by the hero named Taylor, played by Charlton Heston, crash-land their spaceship in the deserted wilderness of a habitable planet. They then set out to find civilization and eventually encounter a physical barrier that marks the outer perimeter of the dominant society’s sanctified habitable land. What they ultimately discover is that this world that they discovered had been transformed.
from predominantly human to simian form through an involution of humans into a more animal-like state and an evolution of simians into a more human-like state. We also discover how the simians are told a fairy tale by their leaders in regards to the origins of their species, culture, and higher purpose. Yet, the truthful answers to the origin of their species lay in tangible form beyond the boundaries deep within the wilderness of the *Forbidden Zone*. In the end of the film, it is revealed that this world is in fact our future earth as we watch the famous scene of a virile, distraught, and scantily clad Charlton Heston pounding the sand in anguish beholding the upper elements of Lady Liberty who is partially buried in the rock and sand of a post-apocalyptic coastal landscape. Could it be that the Happy Human inadvertently—or even intentionally—has been created to serve the same function, which seems to impede the majority of us from fully knowing our truthful natures by barring us from entering this Forbidden Zone?

Of course, all of this conjecture is just a crude attempt to bring some levity into this consideration because really, do I have any credible justification for making this observation? Well perhaps I do not. But it is interesting to note these loosely based facts. The original story of the Planet of the Apes (*(La Planète des Singes)*) was written by French novelist Pierre Boulle and published in 1963. Late within that same year, the American television writer, Rod Serling was hired by King Brothers Productions to write a screenplay based on Pierre Boulle's novel, in which an original draft was completed in 1965. (12) Serling was later joined by another writer named Michael Wilson who collaborated with Serling for final edits. The movie was eventually released in 1968.

As far as the image of the Happy Human, credit for the design is given to a London artist Dennis Barington and was chosen by the IHEU who sponsored a competition for a design in 1965. (12) In an article maintained by the Victorian Humanist Association in Melbourne, Australia, it states that the *Happy Human* originated as follows:

“*The story began thirty years ago in the London office of the British Humanist Association, (BHA). In 1965 Tom Vernon, then the Press and Public Relations officer of the BHA, proposed that a competition be held to find a symbol, logo or icon for the Humanist Movement.*

*During the following months entries flowed in and opinions were canvassed. ‘What do you think of that?’ The uniform reply was, ‘Not much.’ More than 150 drawings were submitted from around the world including Australia, Mexico and one from a Canadian firm of undertakers! They varied in size from one square inch to one 20 by 15 inches. The file of rejects continued to grow. Until one morning arrived what became to be known as the Happy Human symbol. The effect was electric, the common reaction of most who saw it for the first time. The artist was Dennis Barington [sic] of North London. News of the competition results was reported in the June 1965 issue of Humanist News.*” (14)

Certainly, this must all be just mere coincidence, but it is interesting to note that Serling had made some changes from the original novel with the intent of drawing attention to the established conflict of Darwinism versus Creationism. This may be the reason why
this film has always affected me in a very subtle but visceral way, even though one can easily brush it aside by observing that it is just a movie—as it is just a movie. But Serling was a gifted writer, and what he subtly interjected into the film, which is well beyond the original author’s intention, is actually quite extraordinary. The hero, Taylor, is portrayed as an archetype of a modern scientific explorer, albeit one who is not completely accepting of the indoctrinated materialistic viewpoint, as he is a free thinking, restless, and unconventional existentialist. He subtly states in the film that he took on this journey in search of the ultimate answer: “I can't get rid of the idea that somewhere in the Universe there must be a creature superior to man.”

The end of the film has a very anti-Darwinian conclusion, as we discover that it was man, not ape who came first. Yet, regardless of whether this conclusion is really truthful or not, I believe that something quite extraordinary may have been occurring creatively within the collective human subconscious around this time. A convergence of thought appears to have happened which is demonstrated by the fact that the symbol which was chosen by two disconnected groups of people around the same time frame undeniably conveys the same message—which is an iconic image of a barrier to higher evolved, comprehensive, and hidden wisdom.

Considering this observation, one is then compelled to ask, “Why was this irrational barrier preventing us from knowing more about ourselves ever erected?” Well if there are any persons interested in pursuing this question, we can begin by looking more closely at affiliated organizations and persons within them that tie directly or indirectly into the IHEU. It is astounding if not jaw-dropping to find that this list includes highly influential officials that belong to power structures that include that Trilateral Commission, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization), the White House, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the World Bank, and the Council on Foreign Relations, among many others. (15,16) Incredibly there are also ties to organizations that clearly contemplate and actively participate in ritualistic practices that exist within the metaphysical realm, with a very interesting and powerful connection to modern Freemasonry at least through the direction and leadership of former IHEU president from 1955-1965 Karel Cuypers (17, 18) and to Theosophy (19) through Anne Besant who was not only the Theosophical Society’s most influential president, but also had strong connections to Great Britain’s National Secular Society and The International Order of Co-Freemasonry known as Le Droit Humain. All three of these organizations are alive and well, the latter two with direct affiliations to the IHEU.

It certainly is not strange to encounter members of Masonic societies in positions of power, as it is said that not only were the founding fathers of this nation members of the Scottish Rite, but that all subsequent American presidents have been members (or honorary members) of Masonic society. What is interesting is how Masonic organizations are founded on ancient wisdom that the initiated members truly believe is based on occult or hidden knowledge preserved through initiated rites and practices from a far more technologically and spiritually based human culture that preceded our current
civilization by over 9,000-11,000 years. This belief is based on none other than the myths and legends that we know today as the mystery of Atlantis.

This implies that there are highly prominent members of the IHEU that are intimately familiar with these metaphysically based practices and most likely command far more of an occult understanding of life and the nature of the human being and relationship to the spiritual world than any scientific activity that the IHEU would openly praise or endorse. This leads us to the inarguable conclusion that the IHEU is quite a paradoxical organization, as there appears to be a double standard for the allowance of spiritual or transcendental knowledge that is applicable only to its most prominent initiated members. Have I gone too far in making this claim? Am I suggesting a conspiracy? Well, why don’t we just let the facts speak for themselves?

Before finishing this line of inquiry, we should at least look at a few other interesting, famous, and powerful individuals, beginning with Sir Julian Sorell Huxley, who was the founder and first director of the UNESCO, and who also presided over the 1952 founding congress of the IHEU. (20) Julian Huxley came from an extraordinarily well connected, powerful, and wealthy British family whose grandfather was the highly influential Sir Thomas Henry Huxley who helped to bring modern scientific education into Great Britain’s most prestigious colleges based on Germanic university models. T.H. Huxley was also a president of England’s most prestigious and influential scientific society, known as the Royal Society (his grandson Julian also acted in this capacity) and was instrumental in teaching and training pupils that would go on to become some of England’s most successful professors of science. T.H. Huxley was an unapologetic supporter of Charles Darwin’s theories on evolution, and on secular humanism and externalized forms of eugenics. He was also known as Darwin’s Bulldog. (21)

Grandsons Julian and his famous brother Aldous (author of Brave New World) carried forward these ideas not only through their grandfather’s influence, but also through the mentoring of author, visionary, and scientist Herbert George Wells, who was himself a student of T. H. Huxley and perhaps his greatest and most influential pupil. H. G. Wells began his life as a devout Christian but later through Huxley’s tutelage transformed himself into a disciple of Darwin and the religion of secular science.

Wells’ view on eugenics was likely influenced by his mentors, and was beyond extreme. In his first best selling work of non-fiction, entitled Anticipations, he makes the incredible statement:

“The weak should be killed by the strong, having no pity and less benevolence... The diseased, deformed, and insane, together with those swarms of blacks, and brown, and dirty-white, and yellow people... will have to go’ in order to create a scientific utopia.”

Is this the scientific utopia that secular science has been promising us for well over a Century? If one truly knew the inner nature of the human being and our ultimate source of morality you would have to be ignorant, mislead, coerced, or a bona fide sociopath to make such a claim. It is telling to observe how H. G. Wells, who was considered the
epitome of an optimist at the height of his career, implodes into a broken and dejected soul at the end of his life. (22) It is also interesting to observe how both J. S. and T. H. Huxley lives’ were enveloped within mania, depression, pain, emptiness, and chaos. Regardless of these facts, it seems that a tremendous amount of power and influence has been amassed to move the majority of us along this forced and unnatural trajectory. Can anyone honestly answer in the affirmative that secular science (and perhaps fundamental religion) has made good on its disciple's promises—or have we all moved closer to the precipice of non-existence?

**Shamanism: “Truth” through Intentional Distortion**

And then there is brother Aldous. Aldous Leonard Huxley immigrated to Southern California in 1937. He was considered not only a literary genius of his time, but also a man of great and prophetic vision. His interests were within the realm of parapsychology and philosophical mysticism despite maintaining his familiar material humanistic tendencies. In a letter to George Orwell, he stated that:

>“Within the next generation I believe that the world’s leaders will discover that infant conditioning and narco-hypnosis are more efficient, as instruments of government, than clubs and prisons, and that the lust for power can be just as completely satisfied by suggesting people into loving their servitude as by flogging them and kicking them into obedience.” (23)

As a healer, scientist, teacher, and practicing clinician, my impression of this statement is that I would have to agree that we are very rapidly fulfilling his prediction. Instrumentally, this is being accomplished through the vehicle of modern medicine, materialistic science, and the pharmaceutical industry under the guise of medicinally manipulating intrinsic psycho-spiritual disruptions that are considered as neurotic behavior along with other forms of abnormal psychological diseases and afflictions. In reality these are symptoms which are for the most part nothing less than the anticipated reactions that would be expected when most normal persons are subjugated to what now amounts to our current ambient levels of stress, fear, and chaos.

Inarguably, we can easily see this (at least in the form of an animal model) in the famous experiments of John B. Calhoun who subjected lab mice to increasingly stressful and chaotic environments through intentional over-crowding. What ensued were sporadic acts of violence, cannibalism, listlessness, social withdrawal, and self mutilation. He observed that the behaviors induced within these animals became permanent tendencies and that even after placing them back into an optimal environment, the mice still continued to exhibit these induced destructive behaviors. (24) Interestingly, Calhoun called this reaction the Behavioral Sink or First Death, which he concluded was the death of the mind and soul, which then led to the second, which was the physical death of the animal. Fortunately we are not animals, but it may give us some telling insight as to what is actually happening to most of us on a global scale.
Aldous Huxley may have been influenced, at least to some degree, by the infamous occultist and proclaimed black magician, Aleister Crowley. Sources confirm that the two did meet in Berlin, and rumors convey that Crowley was not only an associate of H. G. Wells and T. H. Huxley, but that he introduced Aldous to the hallucinogen, peyote. (25) To say the least, Aldous Huxley became fascinated in shamanistic experiences and was introduced to other hallucinogenics in the 1950’s by the psychiatric researcher Humphrey Osmond. In consulting Aldous Huxley as to how to describe these hallucinogenic substances, Huxley suggested the term *phanerothyme*, from the Greek words phanero (to show) and thyme (spirit or burnt sacrifice), and sent a rhyme back to Osmond: “To make this mundane world sublime, take half a gram of phanerothyme.” Instead, Osmond chose *psychedelic*, from the Greek words psyche (for mind or soul) and deloun (for show), and suggested, “To fathom Hell or soar angelic, just take a pinch of psychedelic.” (26)

By the early part of the 1960’s Aldous Huxley had constellated a group of his own disciples that included legendary leaders of the drug induced American counter-culture such as Ken Kesey, Timothy Leary, and Alan Watts, and many others including Michael Murphy and Dick Price—who were all instrumental in introducing the hallucinogenic Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD) to American society through the establishment of the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, California. (27) Currently, the Esalen Institute is an institution that hosts a myriad of intellectual and artistic endeavors that span the range of atheistic humanism a-la workshops presented by international skeptic Michael Schermer, to highly spiritual programs with Matthew Fox and Deepak Chopra with virtually everything else in-between. In many ways, these endeavors appear to be a noble effort to bring into focus ideas ranging from science to spiritualism, yet the institute and the New Age culture of self empowerment and humanistic psychology that it embodies has been fairly criticized for promoting narcissistic tendencies, self aggrandizement, and materialistic spiritualism, most likely for the sheer reason that the institution was founded on drug induced experiences that no matter how it is spun, is no longer the recommended pathway to enlightenment encouraged by our most credible and venerated teachers of the secrets of the soul and spirit.

The shining example to this distorted if not false spiritual awareness is illustrated by the pathway resurrected by our last century’s most infamous spiritualist Aleister Crowley. Together with his disciples it was demonstrated that impairment not only through substance, but hypnosis, and atavistic clairvoyance produces misleading, superficial, incomplete, and distorted knowledge of spiritual realities that generally leads to confusing if not catastrophic results. What has happen over the last fifty years through organizations such as Esalen is nothing less than the resurrection of pagan cult rituals of the Dionysian mysteries. Over time the Dionysian mysteries degenerated from a healthy rebellion against authority, communion with nature through substances and spiritual renew, to a debased form that invariably leads to self centered and egotistical actions and viewpoints, along with compulsions and obsessions of excesses fueled by an over-stimulation and overemphasis of our souls’ lower and darker aspects of impulsive and desirous tendencies. The cult’s ending or near-ending was exceedingly archetypal for all those involved and no matter how sophisticated, evolved, or intelligent we believe
ourselves to be. Unless one can profit from the experience and quickly move on, like some do in modern life through their own adolescent experimentations, there exists a real danger of arresting spiritual growth within this adolescent phase.

For modern persons it is also vital to realize that it is a mistake to believe that resurrecting ancient practices from older and less familiar cultures is the correct pathway to spiritual enlightenment. There are many reasons why the Dionysian mysteries died out, but mainly because they were replaced with something that was more suited to our culture’s expanding consciousness, movement towards freedom, and spiritual transformation.

Regardless of the pitfalls of substance induced experiences, it has been argued that in certain situations, drugs could offer the user a more expedient way to enlightenment. (28) Many material scientists make the argument for the use of substances by observing that our own brains produce natural endorphins such as Dimethyltryptamine (DMT) through our pineal gland, which the ancients referred to as the third eye, and which is a spiritual or supersensible organ that if activated can see within the realm of the spiritual world of higher consciousness. (29) It is thought that DMT is the most potent hallucinogenic substance known to man and is believed to play a part in out of the body and near death experiences, as persons who are given exogenous DMT in manufactured form or in a natural plant extract within the shamanistic substance of many indigenous American Indian cultures called ayahuasca, can often attest to these mysterious and highly consistent experiences.

This observation does not invalidate the truthfulness of the metaphysical phenomenon of our soul leaving the body, as DMT most likely activates a process that allows our center of consciousness in the form of an energy soul that is embedded within the body to leave the physical confines of its organic vessel. This energy soul is known as the “I” or essence is literally our soul’s visual center of reference and the core substance of who we truly are. We can look at it as the most essential component of a constellation of fields or energy bodies that in their totality comprise what the ancients could see as the human aura that surrounds the physical body.

A process very similar to this occurs to us every night when we fall asleep (30), except that one of the fields, known as the etheric body (which conventional medicine is finally beginning to recognize) remains closely affixed to the physical body providing vegetative and restorative functions that are needed to rectify the damage caused by the toil and stress of the day’s physical demands. This etheric force is what the founder of Osteopathic medicine, Dr. Andrew Still, was referring to as the primary innate power that all of us possess to heal ourselves. This etheric body is not only an energy and health body, but also acts as the storehouse for our life’s memories. It is through this field that we have to ability to tap into collective memory and universal archetypal thought. It is also believed that after our life this etheric energy field is eventually cast-off from our I or essence and becomes a part of the Akasha or collective Akashic memory field which is where all memory is not only stored, but can in some circumstances be accessed by humans beings that have evolved the ability (or developed technologies) to do so.
If we can develop the wisdom and strength to get past our materialistic prejudices, these more spiritual concepts will offer us a far more intuitive, practical, and logical explanation of how our bodies—integrated with soul and spiritual elements—interact with the natural and spiritual world. Yet, material science cannot or will not recognize these realities because what they can truthfully observe through physical experimentation (in the case of giving someone DMT or ayahuasca) is an unflinching and misogynistic viewpoint that by placing biochemical substances in the brain it causes effects. This may be correct in the sense that we can observe the phenomena that by giving a person a drug, an effect can be detected, but this is a highly limited observation and can only partially explain at best what is actually occurring in real life. For instance, intention and will are completely ignored, as it has been proven that through contemplation and meditation, not only can endorphins and neurotransmitters be released, but that actual cell structure can be changed through non-physical means. (31, 32) This is hard scientific evidence that is completely ignored by the materialists who must concede through their own scientific observation and principles, that cause and effect within the organic structure of the brain is reciprocal, simply meaning that physically putting a chemical within the brain may causes similar effects within the realm of emotions or perception, but also more importantly, it is our own will which governs emotions and intention that causes substances to not only be released, but causes positive changes in the brain itself.

Stated even more simply, I can put a drug in my system that will cause a variable and less predictable effect, or I can through my own intention and will, train myself to open portals within my mind that free the soul of the confinements of lower emotional and physical perception with much more precise and predictable results. This is most likely mediated to a degree by endorphins and neurotransmitters but this chemical release is an effect of the soul's will and not the cause. The drugs cannot be the experience, especially those that are as complicated, symbolically truthful, synchronistic, archetypal, and perceptively impossible as the drug(s) really seem to be functioning more as a switching mechanism that titrates or alters the soul’s perspective from physical to transcendental.

This viewpoint of multiple energy bodies may help to better explain phenomena such as astral projection, where a person deep in meditation can have a similar out of the body or near death experience and whose soul is actually leaving the confines of his or her own body.

**Living Proof of the Spirit through an almost Death**

Over the years as I presented this type of material in lectures to medical students, I would pose the question: “Do we really even need a functioning brain at all to experience consciousness?” Clearly, material science chastises me for even asking the question, yet human experience continuously demonstrates that in fact, we do not need a functioning brain to experience consciousness. Science has documented many such occurrences, and for those interested (which should be all of those involved in the healing process) it
would be quite rewarding to spend some time reading the cases that medical science has compiled through testimony of the experiences of persons who have almost died. (33) Perhaps the most compelling is the testimony given by Dr. Eben Alexander in his encounter with his own near death experience, in his book published in 2012, entitled *Proof of Heaven.* (34) Although the story is quite archetypal and therefore is in many ways consistent with other recorded experiences, Dr. Alexander is a prominent academic neurosurgeon who very accurately and insightfully describes the physical realities of his near death experience through retrospective scientific observation. In very plain terms, he was about as near to death as a person can get without dying, at least from a cognitive and neurological standpoint. Yet he still experienced lucent vision through his soul’s liberation of the physical confines of his severely weakened and crippled body.

The journey he takes is astonishing and is punctuated in the end by a connected physical event that must be considered not only astounding, but a prime example of a *synchronicity,* which is nothing less than a physical manifestation or tangible fact which is connected to a transcendent or non-physical experience that is directly influenced and inspired by the realm of the spirit. In many instances it punctuates the experience, almost as if the spirit is telling us, “THIS IS IMPORTANT, PAY ATTENTION!” Synchronicities are also impossible to explain by rational scientific probability, yet most of the scientific community, with the exception of Carl Gustav Jung who was the first modern scientist to draw our attention to these highly *improbable* realities (35), shrugs them off as non-connected *coincidences.* Again, this is yet another fatal flaw in the theoretical attempts of material science to dismiss these undeniable phenomena.

I think that it is important to recognize that Dr. Alexander’s testimony in *Proof of Heaven* is not only truthful, but that in the most profound sense it is something akin to a spiritual treasure that was planted within him (like so many other persons) to eventually be processed through personal contemplation and collectively shared with others who have developed or are in the process of developing the spiritual eyes to see and ears to hear. The event itself is therefore a synchronicity and humanly impossible to indefinitely contain within a soul that has experienced the ultimate truth of *infinite* and *unconditional* love...

Yet, what is most interesting to me is not so much the message that Dr. Alexander has conveyed to the rest of the world, but the rebuttal published in *Newsweek* which featured a story on Dr. Alexander's book and experience. The rebuttal was written by one of the international secular humanist heavyweights, the author, neuroscientist, and militant agnostic, Sam Harris. This amounted to more of a partisan hit piece than constructive commentary. (36) Without going into all the details, Harris berates *Newsweek* for giving merit and attention to such a fantastical story, accuses Dr. Alexander of being a lazy scientist while overtly promoting religious agendas, and falls back on blaming the whole experience to DMT—all the while never effectively grasping the spiritual nuances and synchronicities of the account. His tactics are juvenile and clearly stem from an ungracious, arrogant, elitist, and unenlightened viewpoint, never acknowledging and perhaps even more sadly, flagrantly demonstrating an *incapability* of understanding the
reasons why Dr. Alexander's story is so compelling to most human beings and why it justifies the national attention that it fully deserves.

This public appeal on Dr. Alexander’s account exists for the simple reasons that truly inspired art conveys, which is that it resonates truthfully with the embedded higher natures that all of us carry within us. Unfortunately, the undeniable existence of this truth remains arrogantly and intentionally denied by the intellectual elitism of the IHEU, and this denial is projected through its initiates who have consistently demonstrated a lack of sensitivity and awareness through their pathological perseverations and hollow materialistic mantras that come uncomfortably close to Orwellian doublespeak and National Socialistic slogan. What may be even more disturbing is that there is the distinct possibility that there are prominent persons intimately aligned with secular humanism, that know that what Dr. Alexander is conveying truthful.

So although the IHEU, which is highly materialistic in nature, and organizations such as the Esalen institution, which are highly hallucinogenic and spiritualistic in nature, seem dramatically different, they undeniably share the same origin and perhaps ultimately the same purpose. How interesting and insightful it all becomes when we apply esoteric scientific insight into the concept of understanding how evil has a dual nature that plays itself out between the two polar extremities of materialism and hallucinogenic spiritualism. It would be safe to say that the answers to the questions that all free human beings seek, which are nothing less than humanity’s highest moral imperatives, will never be found in these opposing viewpoints if we encamp ourselves by swearing allegiance to materialism, which offers far too little in the way of spiritual knowledge, or if we become seduced into hallucinogenic spiritualism which corrupts us with far too much. Both methods are short-cuts and can never substitute for the time tested methods of human mentoring and the alchemical process, which is simply the unification of these opposing forces. This point of balance is where spiritual love, truth, and wisdom reside, and it is this place that we must come to know....

In looking honestly at ourselves within the full spectrum of our human constitution, we should carefully consider one of the most essential insights that our spiritual mentors have conveyed to us which is that it is virtually impossible for human beings to be non-spiritual because we are intimately connected to an intrinsic entity that must be recognized as nothing less than spirit, and it takes tremendous effort to remain distant and in denial of this spiritual entity throughout a lifetime (37) The unnatural attitude that secular humanism promotes can be accurately correlated to what it is like when pushing mirrored polarities of powerful magnets together, as it takes tremendous effort to sustain contact, and over time eventually causes strain and fatigue. Subsequently, once that unnatural pressure is relaxed, the magnets will ultimately fly apart. Yet, if the essence of who and what we truly are, which is soul, is allowed to couple to its natural affinity of what it unconditionally belongs to, which is spirit, the magnets are allowed to find their natural attractions, and then this is not only effortless, but intuitive, inevitable, and timeless.
In contemplating all that has been previously discussed, my hope is that some of us can now begin to recognize that it is impossible to even begin to explain let alone contemplate life’s simplest observations unless we allow ourselves to expand awareness to a potential of the mind that all humans possess, yet still remains very poorly defined. For the sake of simplicity, we should refer to this entity as the subconscious (or unconscious) mind. If we can allow ourselves to conclude that this entity exists, then by this convention there must be a duality of the mind and from this perspective we can now recognize that we must be at least a constellated trinity of Body, Conscious mind, and Subconscious-Unconscious mind... The fact is that ancient wisdom through our various cultures and religions have articulated this to us since the beginning of civilization, as many have come to know this as Body—Soul—Spirit.

Considering Friedrich Nietzsche’s passage cited at the beginning of this discussion, there needs to be an appeal for the growth and development of a more heroic nature within us before we can overcome these untruthful and imprisoning forces. This lion-like spirit can be equated with the emergence of a more god-like ability to become the master of our own destiny guided by the principles of universal truth, which is the only sustenance that can nourish us during this endeavor. The cost to all of it is to become actively engaged within this struggle always remaining mindful of the fact that the preying lion must still remain a child.

At this moment in time, a war literally exists for the control of these higher spiritual elements that are not only hidden within all of us, but are actually the entities that constitute the core of our individual identity and power. This is the source of true wisdom and creative thought, and where ultimate guidance of the highest moral principles exists. Without this recognition, understanding, and relationship to it, we will suffer in a state devoid of truth and life. The question now exists as to what side of this conflict we will choose to align our self with? This is a pervasive global issue and it is rapidly becoming apparent to those within our scientific profession that there is nowhere left to hide as many are now discovering that we are being forced to inevitably choose sides.

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intellectual soul, and all the fathers and doctors of the church, who are spokesmen of God, express the same opinion, some have descended to such a depth of irreligion, through paying attention to the speculations of evil people, that they shamelessly teach as a dogma that a human being has two souls, and keep trying to prove their heresy by irrational means using a wisdom that has been made foolishness. Therefore this holy and universal synod is hastening to uproot this wicked theory now growing like some loathsome form of weed. Carrying in its hand the winnowing fork of truth, with the intention of consigning all the chaff to inextinguishable fire, and making clean the threshing floor of Christ, in ringing tones it declares anathema the inventors and perpetrators of such impiety and all those holding similar views; it also declares and promulgates that nobody at all should hold or preserve in any way the written teaching of the authors of this impiety. If however anyone presumes to act in a way contrary to this holy and great synod, let him be anathema and an outcast from the faith and way of life of Christians." http://www.monju32.webspace.virginmedia.com/Council%20of%20869.htm

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“Humanism is a democratic and ethical life stance, which affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives. It stands for the building of a more humane society through an ethic based on human and other natural values in the spirit of reason and free inquiry through human capabilities. It is not theistic, and it does not accept supernatural views of reality.” To promote and unify "Humanist" identity, prominent members of the IHEU have endorsed the following statements on Humanist identity:
All Humanists, nationally and internationally, should always use the one word Humanism as the name of Humanism: no added adjective, and the initial letter capital (by life stance orthography);

All Humanists, nationally and internationally, should use a clear, recognizable and uniform symbol on their publications and elsewhere: our Humanist symbol the "Happy Human";

All Humanists, nationally and internationally, should seek to establish recognition of the fact that Humanism is a life stance.”

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