



The School of the Natural Order
RESONANCE
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Included in this Resonance are two lessons from the series Functional Activities - The Thinking Self: Rational Thinking, Parts I & II.

In Part I, Vitvan asks, "Try to visualize the Reality, separate and apart from psychic images, whether those psychic images appear substantive or not." He further details, "Meaning for the words *rational thinking* and/or *rationalism* are described as a source of knowledge sufficient in itself - superior to and independent of sense perceptions and values given to psycho-mental-images appearing substantive. We want to begin to develop a system of values based upon the Reality, not based upon the images - that system of values based upon the Reality is called rational thinking."

In Part II, Vitvan gives hope...and nudges a bit, "That power that has developed the mind with which to think will also develop *other* faculties in due course. And it's the understanding of the *way* in which these instrumentalities function that we call faculties, it's the understanding in the *way* in which they were developed that enables us to intelligently cooperate with the further development – and there's where we stand in our school, trying to understand that process so that we can cooperate with it instead of ignorantly and sometimes with the best of intentions, thwarting it and going against it."

Enjoy!

FAITH = Label for a degree of Force; represents a prelude to Knowledge.

KNOWLEDGE = Clear perceptive insight/understanding of the structure-function-order of the universe as representation of self-awareness, the degrees/stages of it, etc.

In the absence of both Knowledge and Faith, there is chaos.

Knowledge/Understanding = One sure path to Liberation.

LOVE = The Wisdom to use Knowledge.

LOVE ACCOMPANIES UNDERSTANDING.

From Lesson 12 - Description of the Psychic World