

## School of the Natural Order

RESONANCE

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We light a candle at Christmas time. Among other things, the lit candle symbolizes the return of Light, the return of the Sun God, the conquering of light over darkness. When you light your candles at Christmas, remember the triumph of light over darkness. The return of the Sun God.

Vitvan, Christmas 1951



**All is known in the sacredness of silence.** Rumi

**We celebrate LIGHT and honor the wisdom of the shadows. In connecting with the natural world in a way that honors the sacred immanence in all things, we establish a resonance with the seasons.**

Dacha Aveli



## The Idea Symbolized by Christmas

Vitvan

Energy-wave-frequencies can be heard. There is nothing strange about this, for how does one hear any sound? So, when that Cosmic force we call Love, awakens “the inner ear”, the messages of Love are heard. When the Christos power enters the heart center and human love is transformed into universal and impersonal love, then its wave and frequency is so strong it is easily heard. Its message is “peace on earth, good will among men.” Today, however, that Christos Power in the heart is in anguish. With wars, killing, wounding, maiming and destruction; the making of widows and orphans – not by the hundreds of thousands, but by the millions – all over the world, the Christos Power of Love grieves as in Gethsemane.

A bright light is also seen. When, in the consciousness of a given individual, love nature registers the Birth of the Christos, invariably a bright star is seen; it appears as at a distance. As the force and influence of the Christos in the heart increases, the star that is seen draws closer and closer, until it stands right over one. To some who have had this experience, it did not seem like a star – when it came close, it seemed more like an actual high-vibrating bundle of electricity. It speaks, “I must enter your heart,” it says.

This is the experience of the love nature; the devotional nature, the Bhakti, the Sufi, the mystic in his extreme love of the Light of Christ. "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength," not just a little bit sometimes when it is convenient. Those who have this love in the background of their very soul and consciousness, love of knowledge, love of wisdom and love of the Eternal Light, then is when these things will happen.

This represents the shepherds in the dark night. They hear the angels' message and will seek the star heralding the coming of the Christos. It is real, it is genuine, it is actual, it is to be experienced, or it has been experienced. And then, the complete offering.

You know our referent for the term desire and also for the word love. Desire is characterized by getting and love is characterized by giving. So this impersonal, universal force, or aspect of the love nature surrenders, gives; not out of one's abundance; but gives everything of which one is conscious; gives the very self, completely to it. Love force motivates as a power - a power of self-surrender and giving. Its reward is to have its gift received.

In the allegorical story, where did love nature - in the shepherds - find the newborn babe? In the stable and in the manger of the stable. Were you born and raised on a farm? Fortunate are the ones who have been. On a farm, what use is made of the barn? To keep the animals in. What is the manger for? It's where they feed them, put the hay in the manger and the feed in the feed box alongside the manger to feed the animals that are kept in the barn.

It is the force in the genital center which, before the birth of the Christos, fed the animal nature, the animal elements in the psychic nature. "The stone that the builders rejected becomes the chief corner stone of the edifice." That generative force that is so condemned, blasphemed, misused, perverted, distorted, misunderstood, exploited and glamorized; that force, with the birth, is transformed into a greater power in its regenerative aspect. Therefore, that Christos force, which transforms it, metamorphoses it, transfigures and reconfigures it-- that force which does all that, enters the stable and the manger; for there is where the evidence of the Birth is experienced and known.

Don't try to tell that to anyone until opportunity is afforded; everyone will learn it sooner or later. Mark the words, they will learn it sooner or later because they will come to know that they can't have intellectual understanding, power, acumen and ability - let alone Mind-level, perceptive aptitude - without that great power being transformed, metamorphosed, changed and regenerated; for that is the word of the Christos power in the psychic-nature.

Not only in the generative center, but in each of the succeeding four centers governing the content of the psychic-nature, the transformation proceeds. This is the Christmas message of the Birth of the Christ in the stable and in the manger.

And then from afar came the Three Wise Men. One of these represents the cortical types, or the rational part of the personal self or psychic nature. To rationally and empirically establish and demonstrate the Christos Power, and to do that beyond attack, is indeed a hard journey; a journey that is called "across the burning sands" to the place where the babe is born. The rational part of one's nature cannot go immediately and directly, like the Love-part of one's nature, to the stable and manger. When THOUGHT can pursue the Light of Christ and become intelligence, it is called a wise man.

But let us go to the emotional level; the predominating force and influence on the emotional level is DESIRE, often one is consumed by desire. He desires this and desires that other 'thing'; it is one emotional spasm after another, because he is never satisfied with the objects of desire. The more objects of desire accumulated, the greater becomes the hunger and thirst for more and more accumulations of objects of desire; there is no end to it; it is like quick sand; if one gets into it, soon he sinks until he begins to desire to get rid of all hindrances, until he desires to get rid of possessions that absorb and enslave. Do we not desire everything under the sun before we desire the Light of the Christos? But when we desire the Light of the Christos, first, last, always – when we desire the Light of the Christos over and above all other things, desire is then called a wise man, it follows the light of the star.

Now ACTION – for “faith without works is dead.” You know that we can verbalize/mentalize until we are like “sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.” What can't we do mentally? What can't we do verbally? But what do we actually DO. When we act in response to the force of desire for the Light of the Christ, that we have rationalized out, it is the only thing left for us; nowhere else to go, no place to turn, we have to finally turn to if for security. Acquisitiveness, accumulating more and more and more, what for? One must follow through with the desire, and the result of mentalized though, one must DO IT. When one is not content until he does it and keeps doing it, then ACTION is called a wise man.

Thought, Desire and Action – Three Wise Men – finally, at long last, make the journey and render their gifts; their offerings, to the babe that is born.

This is the symbolical representation of the individualizing process at its perfective stages. Eagerly anticipate it, look forward to it, it is the greatest of all events in the long paligenetic cyclic process, the greatest of all events because when gained, one has it forever. You take it with you, and you can bring it back again and again, it is yours, the greatest treasure of all.



**IT DEPENDS ON YOU**

***If in your heart you make a manger for his birth, then God will once again  
become a child on earth. Angelus Silesia***

# REALITY AND NON-IMAGE IDENTIFICATION

Submitted by Dennis Reuter

At the dawn of this new age, Vitvan foresaw that persons in many fields would express a new vision of the cosmos. He believed these visions would not align with the notion of an external creator of the universe. Vitvan called this new view one of “non-image identification” because the person would be describing forces and frequencies rather than a neural image or mental picture.

Vitvan said this would occur in all areas - physics, cosmology, literature, art, biology, philosophy and so on. By the 2020s this seems to be happening.

For example, in religious and gnostic matters, the School of the Natural Order’s teachings explain how to align with energetic frequencies of the cosmic process rather than to personal feelings attached to a neurological image or form. Sri Aurobindo’s epic poem *Savitri* illuminates reality using sublime phrases and exalted rhythm. In movies, *The Matrix* updates Plato’s allegory of the cave. In astrophysics, people working on “loop quantum gravity” describe the universe as being an ordered, nested, interacting group of “quasi-physical” symbols - a geometric language.

Thus, reality consists of structured consciousness which holistically emerges from itself, creating itself and simulating itself. In philosophy, similar to the above view of reality as a special type of language, the self-simulation hypothesis has arisen. Charles Langan’s theory describes the overall workings of cosmos (the host system), and how it creates itself and simulates itself in a back-and-forth relation with its subsystems, including humans. In 2020 he explained this concept for an article in a professional journal. His summary of the lengthy article is set forth below, followed by a version which converts Langan’s terms into corresponding gnostic terms.

Regardless of the language used or the field of study involved, it seems that our racial understanding of natural order reality keeps growing every year.

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## THE REALITY SELF-SIMULATION PRINCIPLE: REALITY IS A SELF-SIMULATION by Christopher Langan

The Simulation Hypothesis is the widely discussed conjecture that we inhabit a directly experienced but nevertheless artificial reality which, while supporting human consciousness and perception, is produced and displayed by a host system occupying a higher-level reality unseen from below. Reality is thus implicitly defined to have at least two levels, the one in which we seem to exist, and another associated with the host system. As the term “reality” is undefined beyond this hypothetical relationship, the Simulation Hypothesis is indifferent to the details, e.g., where the host system is located, how the host system works, who or what created and/or controls the host system, and in what respects the simulation resembles the higher reality containing it. But in any case, there must be an ultimate all-inclusive reality

or “ontic ground state” that contains and supports whatever reality-simulations may exist, and it is natural to ask whether some aspects of the simulation concept may apply to it.

The Reality Self-Simulation Principle states that ultimate reality is itself a natural reflexive self-simulation in which all intelligible levels of reality must exist whether simulated or not. Where ultimate reality is a global self-identification operator configured as the CTMU Metaformal System (Langan, 2018), i.e., the identity-language of intelligible reality, the Reality Self-Simulation (RSS) can be identified with the Cognitive-Theoretic Model of the Universe (CTMU; Langan, 2002), which thus describes reality as a self-simulating identity operator  $R^*:R \text{ int } |R \text{ ext.}$  and details its structure and dynamics, showing that it possesses its own universal form of consciousness (coherent self-identification and self-modeling capacity), an unbreakable quantum ontology, and a new paradigm for self-organization and emergence.

#### THE GNOSTIC TEACHINGS: REALITY SELF-SIMULATES IN ALL DIMENSIONS

(Christopher Langan’s summary “converted” by Dennis Reuter)

Wisdom teachings generally assert that every personality directly experiences an undeniable reality which remains mostly an anatomically based process. This neuro-reality embraces human consciousness and perception, while being produced and supported by a likewise-conscious electromagnetic field occupying a ‘higher’ level reality not known to the personality. Thus, reality exhibits at least two levels: the mentalized private world in which we seem to exist, and another realm associated with the energy field. The personality remains mostly indifferent as to the structure and function of the field - how it works, who or what created it, and the relation between one’s personality and the field.

But in any case, there must be an ultimate all-inclusive reality or cosmic process that contains and supports both the field and personality, so it seems natural to ask whether some aspects of the wisdom teachings may apply to the cosmic process itself.

Fundamental Gnostic teachings claim that ultimate reality is itself a self-aware natural order process of self-unfoldment and interacting self-reflection in which all states of expression exist, personality and otherwise. Cosmic reality can be described as a self-creating process wherein its structure and activity exhibits consciousness on all levels, with self-awareness and self-development inherent in its function. Dynamically structured human language holistically shares in, and reflexively affects this cosmic process. This multi-dimensional unfolding reality remains holographic and entangled, thus fundamentally indivisible. In describing reality this way, the Gnostic teachings present a newly stated paradigm for self-organization and emergence.



## Practices to Achieve Emotional Maturity

Vitvan

- \*Daily check your own “map” against the “territory around you. (This means do not endow another with your ideals, criterion of excellent, etc. Make your values conform to Life-Facts.)
- \*Treat your own opinions as relative to the synthesis of your own unconscious assumptions.
- \*If you are a woman, remember that most men are governed by their cortical functions. (Reason, logic, rationalizations, pride.)
- \*If you are a man, remember that most women are governed by their thalamic functions. (Feelings, emotions, love-force.)
- \*Avoid making dogmatic statements.
- \*When you cannot get along with another, investigate the hidden content of your own psyche. (The psychic-nature (personality pattern) represents synthesis of content of the psychic-nature.)
- \*Remember, that in forming a judgement about any ‘thing’ it is difficult to ascertain all of the facts; and your judgements therefore must be qualified.
- \*Always be interested, investigative, etc. respecting new ideas.
- \*Practice making mental notes of others’ use of abstractions and labels for abstractions.
- \*Ferret out the unconscious causes for your own prejudices.
- \*Never classify any individual or person; treat him as unique.
- \*Check on values you give to proverbs, traditional standards, authoritarian statements, etc. (That is, do not accept clichés without examination.)
- \*Do not identify one characteristic of a person’s behavioristic pattern with the whole person; do not identify one individual group or race.
- \*Extensionalize your manifold of values by:
  - Making allowances for hidden or unknown factors;
  - Remembering there may be differing contexts of situations;
  - Remembering that much more could have been said regarding a given description;
  - Remembering to use the abbreviation for “and so forth” etc.
  - Remembering that no two persons represent the identically same point in the individualizing process, etc.

\*Delay your reactions; give yourself an opportunity to use your mind in applying various factors of any given context of situation.

\*Cultivate saying

“many”	instead of	“all”	
“usually”	instead of	“always”	
“seldom”	instead of	“never”	
“similar”	instead of	“same”	
	“among other considerations, “things”, “events”, etc.”		Instead of “only”

(This means AVOID the use of “allness” words.)

\*Describe instead of define (that is, describe meanings which words used symbolize.)

\*Mentally date: statements, reports, news items, personal characteristics, events, etc. (Richard Roe, 1920 is not Richard Roe, 1930 – although called the same person.)

\*Look upon the whole phenomenal world, or any isolated event therein, as dynamic, not static. (The world, etc. representing a creating process, not a creation.)

\*Do not try to be consistent, particularly in respect to your own opinion, for the changing context of any given situation alters the factors upon which the opinion was based. (The introduction or discovery of one new factor alters every other factor – entity – of a given problem.)

\*Expect nothing in life except the pleasure derived from your own creative effort.

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**...AND DON'T THINK THE GARDEN LOSES ITS ECSTASY IN WINTER.  
IT'S QUIET DOWN THERE. BUT THE ROOTS ARE RIOTOUS.**

-Rumi







Anyone who has probed the inner life, who has sat in silence long enough to experience the stillness of the mind behind its apparent noise, is faced with a mystery.

Apart from all the outer attractions of life in the world, there exists at the center of human consciousness something quite satisfying and beautiful in itself, a beauty without features.

The mystery is not so much that these two dimensions exist—an outer world and the mystery of the inner world—but that we are suspended between them, as a space in which both worlds meet...as if the human being is the meeting point, the threshold between two worlds.

-Kabir Helminski

Book: *The Knowing Heart*



Whether I think about the past, the present or the future,  
How I *feel* right now, as I think about the past, the present or the future—  
Is My Life.

And it's a precious, fabulous and creative life  
That I am not wanting to squander in a place of resistance.

**Life is Right Now**

xoxo

--Submitted by Laura Rankin