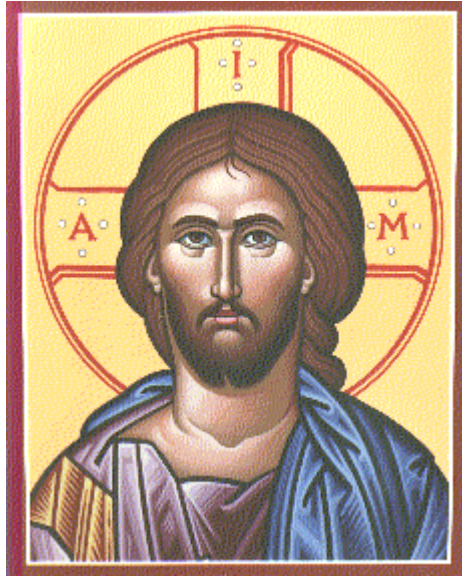


Quest for Wholeness



The Cause & Dissolution of Unjustified Fear as it relates to The Original Sin and Its Remedy by the Savior

Reflections on Science Serving the Faith

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Introduction; The audience:

This is an introductory speech, the first of a series, intended for people who are atheists, of other faiths or lapsed/nominal Christians, who don't believe in Christ but who have matured enough to realize that there is more to life than just shallow existence. They are in search for meaningful life and inner peace. They include young urban professional people (Yuppies) seeking a “spiritual” counter balance to their busy secular lives; Christian youth who want to believe but were put off by the science teacher who told them that “faith is for the feeble minded”; “New Age” disciples who are already involved in any of its wide range of practices. Quite often there is an overlap between all the above. Subsequent speeches will focus on images of God, according to the Christian Way, in nature as observed by science and by every day experience.

This introductory speech is intended to capture their attention and raise their curiosity about Christianity so that they would reflect on it and hopefully attend the following speeches. In the end, it is hoped that they will join our Christian Way, or at the very least take it more seriously.

However, here it is intended for an audience at a Holistic Practices Convention, where various holistic life approaches are presented; or at a small make-shift auditorium attached to a Christian booth at a Holistic Exhibit in downtown Toronto. Hitting the audience on the head with worn-out preachy Biblical sermons will only make them yawn at best; or just make them walk away with a pitiful smirk on their faces. Therefore, this speech is more “holistic-scientific” than preachy. It is intended to be a bridge between what they are looking for and Christianity. At this stage, it is Christianity in Cosmic sense. Biblical references are presented at the end, as links to future speeches.

The speech

(Introduction)*:

A man has a dream to find a great jewel that will make him rich for life. He sold his house, moved his family to his friend's home and traveled around the world in search of the jewel. The trip was hard and he died along the way. Meanwhile, the new owners of his house were digging in the backyard and found that jewel. It was in his backyard all the time. It can be in yours as well.

Ladies and Gentlemen, It is the jewel of WHOLENESS that I'm talking about ... it is the search for wholeness that brought us all to this pioneering convention.

It's the harmony between our different levels of consciousness, from the conscious mind to the subconscious. These two extremes are very different from each other, yet capable of communicating in harmony if left to their nature. Unfortunately, civilization came at a heavy price: installing a censor that disturbed that harmony. Luckily, it also brought us the window of spirituality as we can see in the richness of practices exhibited in this convention. What is common in all what we see around us here, is an attempt to restore the lost harmony between these two levels of consciousness. Only by such restoration, we become whole again as were intended to be.

(The facts)*:

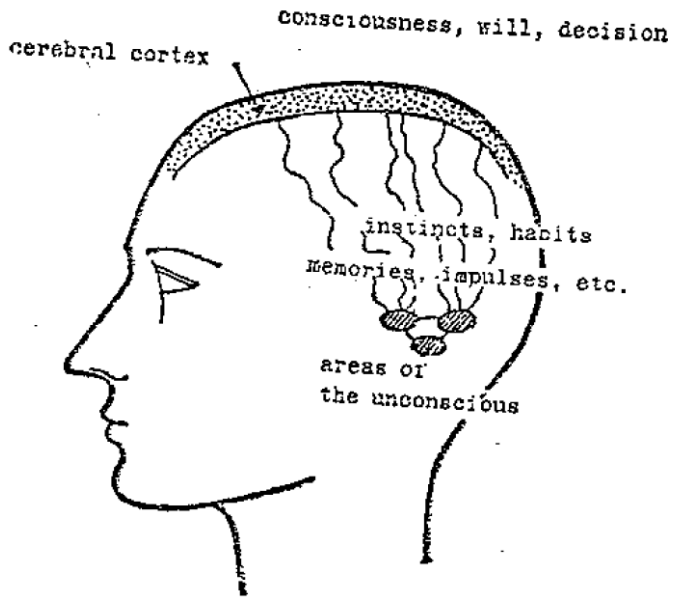
The human brain is a very advanced entity. It spreads its neural connections in all directions, with sophistication that dwarfs the mightiest of computers. More importantly, it operates at such a refined molecular level that can sense quantum-mechanical fluctuations that can't be felt by any computer, no matter how complex it might be. Those fine vibrations are the finger prints of a higher level of world the projection of which on our space and time are the nodal points that make our observable world.



What we observe in this world is made of nodal/ discrete points with nothing in between. We can look at these points as resonance of a higher world made of vibrating strings. Our conscious mind is limited to dealing with the total sum of those nodal points, say "particles" that make up what we see around us. However, finer layers in our brains can have a sense of the original vibrations that created those nodal points in the first place. That "telegraphing" of the original vibrations into our minds is what gives us intuition and creativity, aspects that computers can never have. Don't we refer to that as "vibes" in so many cultures around the world? Look around you in this convention and see for yourselves how many references to "vibes" are made.

What area of our brains feels only the "observable world" and what area feels the "vibes"?

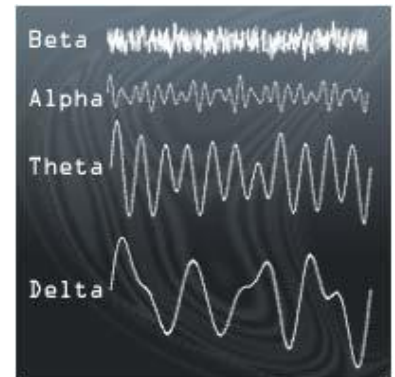
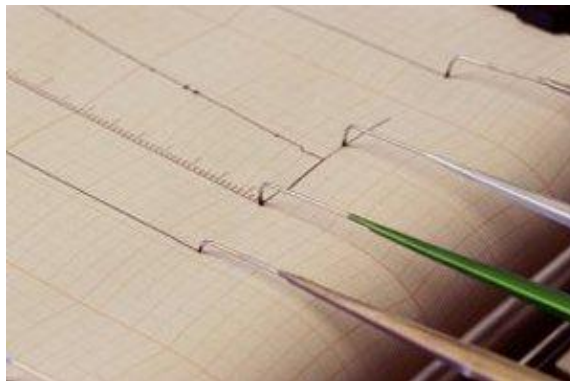
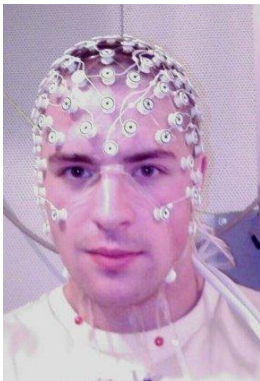
The first is what we call the "Conscious Mind", the Cerebral Cortex area in the brain.
The second is the "Subconscious Mind", the Sympathetic Zone in the brain.
With intermediate areas in between the two extremes.



The human mind ranges from the cerebral cortex representing conscious thinking, will and learning; to the subconscious responsible for feelings and closely linked to the heart, immune system and other functions of life. (1, p.102)

The rational mind works by linear thinking; cause and effect; logic; like a computer. While the subconscious works by lateral thinking; multidirectional; by association; connects everything with everything including life body functions.

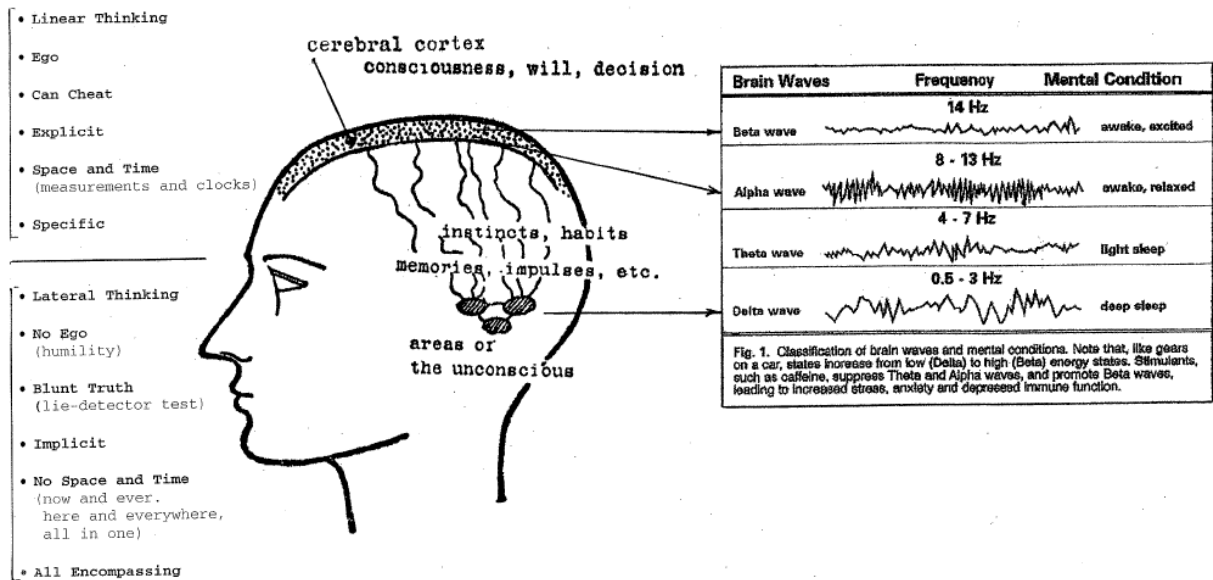
The differences between the various brain layers can be visualized by the electroencephalogram (EEG) which is the depiction of the electrical activity occurring at the surface of the brain. This activity appears on the screen of the EEG machine as waveforms of varying frequency and amplitude measured in voltage (specifically microvolts). EEG waveforms are generally classified according to their frequency, amplitude, and shape, as well as the sites on the scalp at which they are recorded. The most familiar classification uses EEG waveform frequency (e.g., alpha, beta, theta, and delta).(<http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/1139332-overview>)



Different layers of the brain emit different brain waves that range from the fast and small beta waves emitted by the conscious mind during hard thinking; to the slow and large delta waves emitted by subconscious mind during deep sleep. To sum it up:

The Rational Mind works by linear thinking; it has an ego; can manipulate the truth; is explicit; works in space and time, in a specific way. It created Math, Sciences, Engineering, Philosophy, Laws, etc ... it is like a "tree of human knowledge" (2) with many branches.

On the other hand, the Unconscious Mind works by lateral thinking; has no ego; tells only the truth (the basis of lie-detector test); is implicit; has no concept of space and



time, all encompassing. It connects everything with everything. It affects life body functions: Heart beat, blood pressure, immune system, sleep, digestion, love, etc. It is like a "tree of life" (3) with many branches. Both "trees", the tree of life and the tree of human knowledge, were designed to work in harmony, where knowledge is only a tool for life.

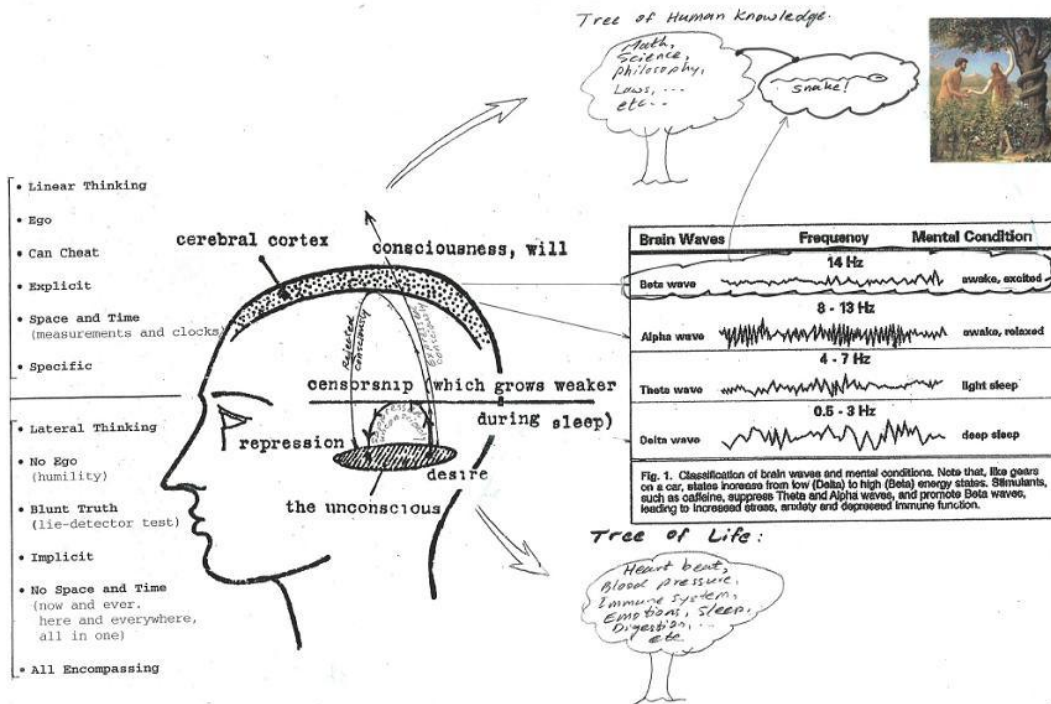
(The problem)*:

Originally, the whole brain worked in harmony, but unfortunately, Civilization came with rules of its own, that didn't fit actual human nature. Those rules that were installed in our minds at an early stage in life created a hidden censor within. Impulses originating from the unconscious mind can be blocked by the censor (1, Pg.107), or by the conscious mind such as by business rules. Impulses that are bounced back become frustrations, which if repeated become sour areas in the unconscious. The subconscious being loaded with frustrations becomes unable to express itself; feels being under attack and creates anxiety fears. With fear comes the need for "self protection" against perceived danger. That leads to "pre-emptive measures" against others, showing as hostility and troubles in the world. Further, the unconscious becomes unable to regulate its life functions properly, thus resulting in various psychosomatic ailments: Heart problems, high blood pressure, stroke, eating disorders, digestive problems and premature aging.

Meanwhile, the rational mind, having lost most of its support in the unconscious, ends up seeking support from the external world through possessions, positions and empty titles. It seeks infinite gratification in a finite world. With the loss of its unconscious bearings, it

loses all sense of proportion. Its Beta brain wave takes over. With a little art, adding a circle to its end, that linear-thinking symbol, becomes a linear creature: The snake! (Ge. 3:1) It is that brain wave/snake that lead humanity away from its inner life.

We call it the evil that led to the Original Sin! (4)



(The remedy)*:

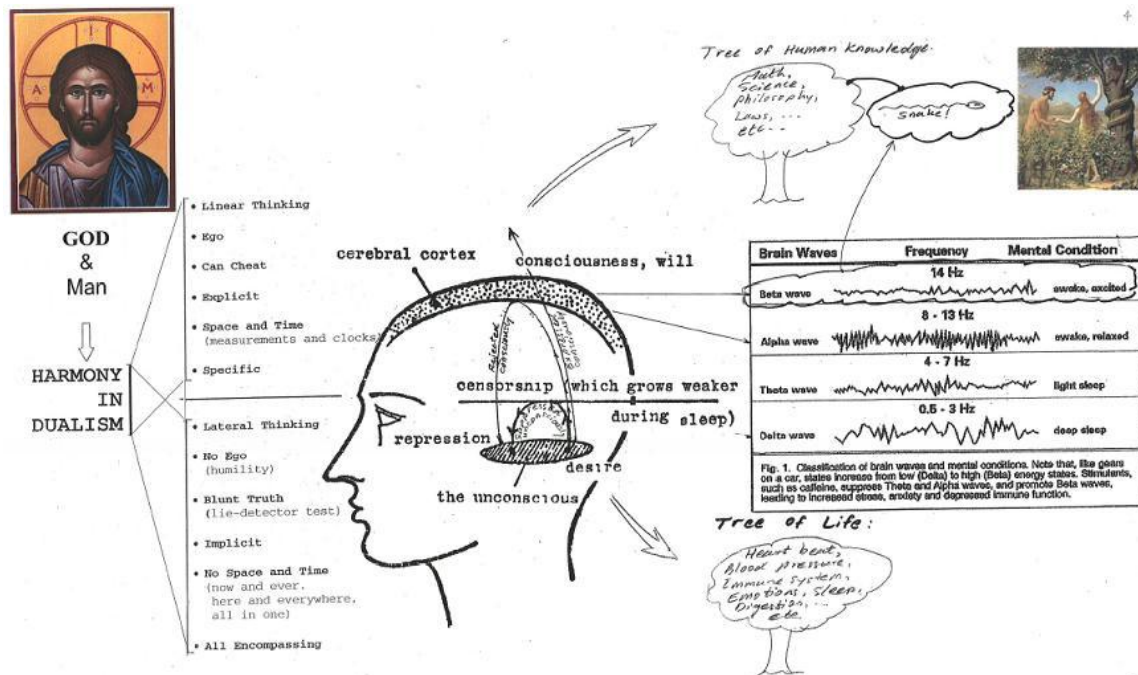
For thousands of years, humanity has been ignoring the Tree of Life (3) within, while following the Tree of Human knowledge (2), much to its detriment. Fragmentation of the human mind with all the fears and horrors that it brings with it, has been with us since the beginning of civilization. But civilization that brought us the wall of censorship, also opened the window of spirituality. Various cultures from around the world, offered one way or another as attempts for bridging the divide within. I'm sure you have seen the diversity of holistic ways around this convention.

But a full remedy is not as easy as it looks. The divide within is very much entrenched in the very civilization that we live in. Here I would like to introduce you to a way that aims at restoring the wholeness within, even while the original problem is still around. We call it the Christian Way (5). It is a way of faith and life that specifically targets this fragmentation issue that we call the Original Sin of Adam and Eve (6). Christianity is a remedy that can succeed even while co-existing with the Original Sin!

How?!

By internalizing a Divine being who has a nature like ours as well!
His human nature can be at home with our conscious daily life and .
His Divine nature is fully in harmony with unconscious mind.

- Our conscious mind with its daily concerns, feels at home with His human nature.(7)
With His human nature, He shares our daily concerns, aspirations and limitations.
- Our unconscious mind, that has no perception of space and time, feels hope in His infinite Divine nature (8) that encompasses all of space and time; our unconscious mind that can only relate to the truth (remember lie detector tests) takes refuge in His infinite truthfulness (9); our unconscious mind that is our inner life feels protected by His life giving nature.(10)



(Conclusion)*:

He is Jesus Christ in Whom we believe as God & Man, both in one. Only He can provide the needed "connectivity" within our minds (11). That is a NEW connectivity that makes up for the inherent schism within us (the echo of the Original Sin) that we got stuck with. But, for that dual nature of God-Man to be of any benefit to us, we have to internalize Him deeply within our minds as if to feel His presence organically within ourselves. Then, and only then, we can have hope of being saved from disharmony and deterioration.

We Christians, believe and deeply feel that through internalizing Jesus Christ by a sacrament we call "communion", and by following Church traditions, Bible references and actually living the way of our faith, we become whole again. Many of the superficial things that we used to thirst and hunger for are gone.

By following the Christian Way, a feeling of contentedness sets in. You feel the comfort within... It is a great feeling to be whole again!

Thank you for listening.

Feel free to pick up our fliers. I hope to hear from you.

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* Description in parenthesis is only for my own mental organization during the speech, and is not to be read to the audience.

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