

Somogenic Transmission

New UTN word and Definition

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A Foundational Principle of Unified Theistic Naturalism (UTN)

Definition

Somogenic Transmission refers to the non-genetic, non-epigenetic transfer of behavioral, perceptual, and cognitive patterns across generations through the material continuity of life. It is the process by which the lived experience of one form—encoded not in the genome but in the structure and behavior of the biological self—is materially handed down and expressed in the next.

Derived from:

- *Soma* (Greek: body)
- *Genic* (produced by or originating from)
- *Transmission* (the passing of something from one to another)

This transmission occurs through the atoms, molecules, and cellular systems that make up the physical form. These components, while not conscious in themselves, carry forward the memory of how life has unfolded through them before.

Core Characteristics

1. **Material, Not Mystical**
Somogenic transmission is rooted in physical continuity. It is not spiritual reincarnation, karmic residue, or metaphysical energy—it is the natural handing down of patterns through matter.
2. **Behavioral, Not Genetic**
It does not rely on DNA sequences or inherited genes but rather on repeated material formations that preserve learned tendencies (e.g., fear, attention, alertness) within biological structure.
3. **Conditioned by Experience**
What a living organism goes through—how it survives, reacts, bonds, fights, flees—

conditions the material self, and these conditioned forms contribute to the shaping of future expressions.

4. **Universally Observed**

It is observable across species: from wildebeests instinctively fleeing predators minutes after birth to humans repeating ancestral social fears without being taught.

Examples

- **Wildebeest at Birth:** Within moments of birth, a wildebeest identifies its mother and flees danger with astonishing speed and coordination—without training. This is not "instinct" in the mystical sense. It is *somogenic transmission*—biological preparedness conditioned by prior generations of survival.
- **Trees Reacting to Predators:** When fruit is aggressively consumed by predators, some trees evolve to raise their fruit higher or develop chemical defenses. The next generation of trees grows with this modified trait. This isn't genetic mutation alone—it's a pattern learned through environmental interaction and passed forward.
- **Human Behavior Across Cultures:** Remote tribes with no contact display similar fears, rites of passage, or moral instincts. These do not come from shared language or doctrine but from shared embodiment—a form of *somogenic transmission*.

UTN and Somogenic Transmission

Unified Theistic Naturalism sees somogenic transmission as the **material mind**—the unfolding of presence within form. It is what the present self (forged in Divine communion) must clothe itself in when entering the material world. The “ego” is not real—it is oscillation, the activation of unexamined somogenic transmission without the navigation of communion.

Without communion, the material form replays what it has inherited. **With communion**, the transmission can be altered. One life lived in communion reshapes what is passed forward. In this way, somogenic transmission is not deterministic. It is a stewardship.

Comparison to Other Frameworks

Framework	Explanation of Inherited Behavior	UTN’s Distinction
Genetics	Biological traits encoded in DNA	Somogenic transmission is non-genetic
Epigenetics	Gene expression influenced by environment (temporary)	UTN finds epigenetics too fragile, inconsistent

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Reincarnation	Soul returns to new body	UTN denies reincarnation; transmission is material
Ego Theory	Internal self-structure shaped by psyche	UTN sees “ego” as oscillation, not a true entity

Conclusion

Somogenic transmission gives UTN a scientific foundation for understanding human and non-human experience across generations without relying on metaphysical or mystical explanations. It replaces outdated ideas of soul transfer, karma, or ego inheritance with a clear, naturalistic view:

Matter remembers—but communion rewrites.

Each life contributes. Each action matters. What we live becomes part of the form handed down. And when one lives in communion, they alter the shape of what lives after them.
