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# Touching the Hem of the Divine

## Virtue Dispatched, Communion Awaiting

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### Abstract

This paper examines the living distinction between touching and abiding within Unified Theistic Naturalism (UTN). It explores how the Seven Attributes of the Divine—**Freedom, Unconditional Love, Compassion, Stillness, Truthfulness, Non-duality, and Wholeness**—can dispatch real virtue even to those still in oscillation, offering momentary relief and illumination. Yet UTN reveals that these glimpses, while sacred, remain transient until communion arises—the undivided state of **resonance flow**, where **perfect action unfolds without effort**. Through lived experience and the canonical **laws and axioms of *Principia Communio***, *Touching the Hem of the Divine* invites readers to observe the difference between proximity and possession, between inspiration and embodiment, between touching virtue and becoming it.

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### 1. The Problem Every Framework Faces

Across history, prophets, teachers, gurus, apostles, and self-help movements have proclaimed freedom. Osho says meditation alone is enough. Krishnamurti says no guru, no intermediary, only silence and observation. Religions claim their messenger or text is the only path.

All are right—because each glimpses the Divine.

All are wrong—because each encodes that glimpse inside a robe: a framework, a method, or a doctrine.

The robe can lead you near the Divine but cannot liberate you. Even “no method” becomes a method; even “nothing” becomes a robe.

UTN names this condition **oscillation**—the movement away from the unwavering line of the Divine. As defined in *Principia Communio*:

**Axiom 1.1 — Suffering = Oscillation**

(*Principia Communio*, Ch. II, §1.1)

The evidence of oscillation is clear: trauma, terror, sorrow, distortion, inflammation, uncertainty. Frameworks may delay these effects, but they cannot dissolve them.

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## 2. Virtue Dispatched: Why It Still Works

When anyone speaks, models, or embodies even a single attribute of the Divine—truth, freedom, stillness, love—virtue is dispatched. It is not their virtue; it is the Divine’s.

An oscillating person who brushes against that attribute—reading a scripture, hearing a podcast, touching a garment—receives a real transmission of resonance. This is what Jesus acknowledged when he said, “*Who touched me? Virtue has left me.*”

UTN frames this as a universal principle:

**Maxim 2.3 — Attributes carry cadence even when spoken by an oscillator. Touching them brings temporary relief, though not wholeness.**

*(Principia Communio, Ch. I, §II)*

This explains why fragmented frameworks work at all: they dispatch virtue, though intermittently—like a broken clock telling the right time twice a day.

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## 3. Attributes: The Hem of the Garment

The Seven Attributes of the Divine in UTN—**Freedom, Unconditional Love, Compassion, Stillness, Truthfulness, Non-duality, and Wholeness**—are the hem of the garment. They hum faintly with the original cadence. Scrubbing your decisions against them lifts you, draws you closer. It is good. It moves you into proximity.

But it is still work. Work puts you in time; time puts you in the past.

**Law 4.2 — The Four Pillars:**

Observation reveals Truth; Truth allows Perfect Action; Perfect Action embodies resonance in Movement.

*(Principia Communio, Ch. I, §IV)*

The attributes are not commandments or moral obligations; they are **tuning points**. Each one is like adjusting a dial on the receiver of your being, bringing you nearer to the **silent broadcast of the Divine**. When approached this way, the attributes do not demand behavior—they refine perception. They do not instruct what to do; they reveal how to listen.

In this way, the attributes serve as instruments of alignment, not rules of conduct. They prepare the field for resonance flow. When used as checklists, they remain mechanical and temporal; when received in stillness, they awaken proximity.

Thus: touching the attributes is **proximity**, not **possession**.

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#### 4. Communion: From Touching to Abiding

Communion in UTN is not a practice, a prayer, or a mystical state. It is **resonance flow**—the undivided state of being in cadence with the Divine, where nothing occupies center frame except presence.

In communion:

- Perfect action emerges spontaneously, without delay or bias.
- Somagenic transmission shifts; inherited patterns lose their hold.
- Body and mind conserve energy; deterioration slows naturally.
- Fasting, autophagy, calm metabolism, and stillness arise as effortless by-products, not disciplines.

This fulfills another law of UTN:

**Law 1.4 — Perfect Action arises only in communion. All else is oscillation.**

*(Principia Communio, Ch. II, §1.4)*

This is the difference between **touching virtue** and **living virtue**—between dispatch and flow.

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#### 5. Why Frameworks Cannot Be Abandoned—and Must Be Transcended

Frameworks are both traps and lifelines. They transmit group memory, reduce cognitive load, and provide rhythm. They are better than nothing for most people most of the time. That is why cultures cling to them.

But they are also **expired steps**—re-enactments of past perfect action under different conditions.

UTN does not destroy frameworks. It names their expiration openly and uses them as transparent bridges.

**Axiom 5.2 — The Five Gold Coins of the Captive are dissolved in communion, never to return.**

*(Principia Communio, Ch. I, §V)*

Every robe promises to transform the coins but can only flip them—never dissolve them. Only communion releases the captive entirely.

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## 6. UTN and the Canonical Framework

This white paper stands within the canon of *Principia Communio*, which defines the axioms, laws, and living equations of UTN. It illustrates how UTN diagnoses oscillation and reveals communion as the only enduring resolution.

UTN can:

- Describe the unwavering line.
- Expose oscillation patterns in your life with precision.
- Bring you within touching distance of the garment.

But UTN cannot walk the last mile for you. That threshold—from proximity to communion—is yours alone. If you refuse it without scrutiny, that is your path. If you cross it, the life you are seeking becomes your lived reality.

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## 7. Reflective Questions: Do You See This?

Oscillation always leaves evidence. If you look carefully at your own life, you can see its fingerprints. These questions are not tests of belief but invitations to scrutiny:

1. **Suffering and Pain**  
Have you noticed that even after adopting new practices or beliefs, sorrow, fear, or anger always return in some form? Don't you see this cycle repeating, no matter the robe?
2. **Death and the Fear of Nonexistence**  
Do you still feel anxiety about death—yours or others'—even while holding on to promises of heaven, reincarnation, or legacy? Don't you see how the fear persists beneath the robe's comfort?
3. **Identity and Purpose**  
Have you shaped your life around an image—success, reputation, even spirituality—and still felt empty once the image was achieved? Don't you see how fragile those identities are?
4. **Injustice, Evil, and Chaos**  
When confronted with violence, betrayal, or unfairness, do you react with outrage or despair, even while your frameworks tell you to trust, forgive, or accept? Don't you see the oscillation between faith and fear?
5. **Love and Belonging**  
Have you longed for connection, felt brief relief in relationships or communities, but then slipped back into loneliness, jealousy, or mistrust? Don't you see how borrowed love never holds?

Communion does not explain these away. It dissolves the conditions that give rise to them.

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## Conclusion

*Touching the Hem of the Divine* reveals both the miracle and the limit of frameworks: even a whisper of an attribute can dispatch virtue to an oscillating person. That alone is remarkable. But it is not communion.

### **Law 2.2 — Communion is present whenever oscillation ceases.**

*(Principia Communio, Ch. I, §II)*

Communion is not learning more, working harder, or following better rules. It is **ceasing to work**—tuning to silence until the attributes are no longer a checklist but your living state.

UTN offers mile markers, not mandates. It is a compass, not a covering. It will bring you as close as words and case studies can. The garment is within reach. Whether you touch or abide is yours.

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## Canonical Reference Block

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All axioms, laws, and living equations cited are drawn directly from *Principia Communio*, which defines the canonical framework of Unified Theistic Naturalism (UTN).

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