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# But What If I Want to Keep My Robe?

*A Walk with a Seeker Through the Marketplace of Robes*

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## Abstract

This white paper records a reflective walk with a seeker who asks, “*But what if I want to keep my robe?*” The robe, carrying culture, memory, and joy, feels too precious to discard. Unified Theistic Naturalism (UTN) does not demand its loss, but reveals the robe through the lens of **oscillation** and **communion**. Guided by the **axioms and laws of Principia Communio: Axioms and Laws of Unified Theistic Naturalism**, this paper illustrates that robes are not the problem — it is oscillation, the departure from the unwavering line of the Divine, that unfolds trauma and suffering. The robe may remain, but the captive must learn to see when it departs from the Seven Attributes of the Divine. Likewise, the **Five Gold Coins of the Captive** cannot be carried without suffering; they dissolve only in communion, where Perfect Action arises fresh in cadence. Through dialogue and reflection, this paper shows that freedom is not the loss of the robe but the end of captivity.

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## Introduction: The Seeker’s Question

“Patrick, all of this sounds beautiful,” the seeker says. “And I want to be free from holding the coins — I accept that they have a side that glitters with joy, but also a side that brings terror and sorrow. But I don’t want to lose my robe. My robe carries my culture, my stories, my gold side of experience. How can I keep my robe and still be free?”

This is the question that stands in the heart of the captive. Not a denial of freedom, but a fear of losing beauty along with the burden.

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## The Law of Oscillation and the Robe

The answer begins here: *your robe oscillates*.

According to *Principia Communio: Axioms and Laws of Unified Theistic Naturalism*

- **Axiom 1.2:** *All human suffering corresponds to a departure from the unwavering line of the Divine.*
- The line is expressed in the **Seven Attributes of the Divine:** Freedom, Unconditional Love, Compassion, Stillness, Truthfulness, Non-duality, and Wholeness.
- Whenever your robe instructs you to act apart from these attributes, oscillation occurs.

The robe itself is not condemned. But when it commands fear, when it binds with rules, when it divides and defends, it departs from the line. In that departure, oscillation arises, and with it, trauma and suffering.

Thus, the question is not “*Can I wear my robe?*” but “*Can I see when my robe departs from the line?*”

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## The Law of the Five Gold Coins of the Captive

Another law must be faced:

- **Law (Principia Communio, V.5.1–5.2):** *Humanity clutches five illusions — the Five Gold Coins of the Captive: suffering, death, identity, injustice, and distorted love. In communion they dissolve; in oscillation they remain.*

If you hold the coins, even under the robe, you must suffer. The robe may polish them with rituals, doctrines, or affirmations, but they remain in your hand. And to cling to them is to guarantee trauma — because you surrender Perfect Action for expired steps.

Perfect Action arises only in communion. It is fresh, unrepeatable, and exact in timing. The moment you replace it with a repeated step — “Do this always, in this way, because another said so” — you step into suffering. A repeated step is a broken clock: correct only twice a day, and false the rest of the time.

Thus, the robe plus the coins equals captivity.

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## Perfect Action and the Robe

So what remains?

The robe is fine. The robe may be worn. But the robe must be seen through reflection. When it departs from the line, you remain with the line. When it commands expired steps, you remain with presence.

And then something beautiful happens: the robe itself returns. No robe can remain forever away from the line, or it collapses. The sacred text that seemed to command distortion will, in time, return to truthfulness, compassion, stillness. When it does, it will find you already there.

So you may keep your robe — but you may not keep your coins. To hold them is to suffer. To release them in communion is to live in Perfect Action, where robe and freedom can exist together without captivity.

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## Reflection for the Reader

Now the question returns to you:

- Can you see when your robe departs from the Seven Attributes of the Divine?
- Can you admit when you are still clutching the Five Gold Coins of the Captive?
- Can you stand in truth and reflection, without defending expired steps?

If you can, then you are free to wear your robe lightly, as culture, memory, and song — without chains.

If you cannot, then your robe is captivity, and your coins guarantee suffering.

The robe may remain, but communion alone reveals Paradise.

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## Canonical Reference Block

### **Principia Communio: Axioms and Laws of Unified Theistic Naturalism**

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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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