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HISTORY OF RELIGION AND EROS

The secret Universe of omniscient creative impetus comprises the power-house generating our obvious universe.

From this power-house science has induced innumerable demonstrations of its mathematical abstract potency.

While Religion has aspired to convince us of its authenticity, its authority

RELIGION AND EROS

Since intellection outgrew the aboriginal simplicities it advanced through two seemingly irreconcilable channels

The mystic meditation of early Asia. The Scientific *research* of a younger Occident. Each a system for investigating the Power Universe to further man's, "Domination over all things," i.e., en-

joyment of surprising revelations to be drawn into the open out of the unseen.

Difference of these systems:

The Asiatic mystic-scientist handled no laboratorial or mechanistic intermediary for probing the resources of the power- Universe. He found all needed experimental resources in the Mind-Body make-up of the human individual: an ego laboratory.

Inversely to the direct co-operation of the ancients, the occidental scientist interposes between himself and the Power Universe gigantic machinery, microscopic instrumentation to indirectly contact it. An incommunicative contact which compared to that of the ancients seems perilously like interference.

The oriental attained levitation.

The occidental flies a bomber.

The oriental aspiration contacted Power
the occidental, force:

The distinction:—

POWER: creative dynamism, consciously operative, solely constructive.¹

In contacting power, lies immunity to the destructive *Religion's* *salvation*.

FORCE merely a derivative of Power isolated, by limitation of intellect from its conscious motivation.

¹ The agonies of life-into-death result from the undeveloped consciousness of other larger dimensions of our animation.

In force lies peril, destruction, fragmentation RELIGION'S DAMNATION.

RELIGION'S POWER OF GOD VERSUS REALISM'S BLIND FORCE wherewith man, mistaking destruction for dominion, furthers the ultimate menace to his perfectability.

Whatever transpired in the Ego-laboratory of mystic research proved so mysterious to the occidentals that finally they easily accepted it as the mystery to end all mysteries: the nothing-at-all.

Albeit to an observer from some cosmic distance the mystery would be cleared—

It is not prohibitive to man, as the complete microcosm, to train his intelligence on his components and gain control of their potentialities. To avail himself of his resources, akin to the atomic, electronic etc. in order to transcend the restrictions of his overt senses.

As the nature of phenomena apparent to us at present depends on the gamut of vibrations to which man, through his senses responds, in the course of his evolution this gamut extends — — —

Throughout the ages and still today a few human beings are born who exceptionally react to vibrational stimuli beyond the standard gamut. A simple, rational, electrical extension endowing them with quirks of perception comparable to telepathy, television . . . etc.²

2 Noticeably, so-called “supernatural” manifestations, by virtue of the similarity of their occurrence have always been regulated by laws as defined as those governing this world's accepted science.

THE EGO-LABORATORY

The religious concept that man is fitted to become consciously involved in the relationship of the perceptible to the imperceptible universe originated in occasional men of precursive genius being aware of Life as a Deific Electricity, proceeding from the *Absolute Status*, conveying to us our animation, our intelligence, our intuition.

It was the logical conviction of such men that increments from this infinite source of power would be at their disposal the more they adapted their organisms to draw upon it.

The mystic, closing his eyes, his ears, inverted the senses from the multiple outlets for contact, *concentrating* the various electric currents of mind and body to an unique current, of which, its intensity too great for reception in the concrete world, he sought, through meditation, to analyse the abstract potency.

This concentrated mind, inducing INTUITION found itself functioning, a little, within the realm of causation, a little aware how the laws of the self-rule of the Power-universe operate.

THE ELEMENTARY DISCOVERY

The rhythm of breath attuning the organism it aerates to the rhythm of the concrete world, the mystic noticed its interference with the concentration of the mind upon the abstract; each in-breath drawing the mind anew back to its concrete associations. His mind wandered — — — —

He determined to let his breathing drop out of the way of his *attention*—and succeeding, that rhythm modified; his breath subsided — — — —

– – – – – He felt his body sustained no longer by air but by something comparable to the ether, which, interpenetrating its atomic structure, liberated his organism from biological law hitherto insurmountable.

This lightening of the body, this etheric transmutation of the mind's instrument, liberated that latent faculty of the mind for reception of a transcendent form of radio transmission.

He found his perception, usually narrowed down to focus on the concrete world as intellect, when released from this focus, to amplify its contacts as it FLOWED BACK ALONG THE CURRENT OF ITS CONVEYANCE from the All-Conscious, whose medium may be likened to INTELLIGENTIAL ETHER.

At this stage of increasing potency his mind became reinforced as spirit; its ultimate dimension attainable being soul, indestructible component of the Absolute.

Subject to his new potency in spirit he found the etheric transposal set him free from the pull of gravity; permitted accelerated locomotion without muscular effort. He gained control of his own electric system, experimented with its use, the electronic transfer of his person through space, the projection of his mental perceptivity to a distance, etc.:

Released from the vibrational circumscription of the concrete whose laws are subordinate to the dominant LAW³ of the Power-Universe, he came to understand that law by which the functioning of our usual universe may be modified,

3 law invoked in working miracles

- (1) The structure of matter rearranged
- (2) The materialising function of power
- (3) The nature of the elements overruled by Power
- (4) Electric life reconducted within the body⁴

The control of these psychic exercises operated from a cerebral centrum, named and located by the ancients.

Its contraction emitted a fine line of prolonged sensitivity into distance – – – its dilation incepted communication from the infinite knower. The supreme director from whom, the psychic scientist conceived, through increasing exercise of the spirit, full revelation of, and the cooperation with the unseen universe should eventually be transmitted to him.

Herein originated the PRACTICE of religion. EXERCISE OF THE SPIRIT incurring actual psychic gymnastics.

Exercise of the spirit induced ENLIGHTENMENT ILLUMINATION ECSTASY

The experience of illumination was incommunicable; could only, in description be hinted at. LIGHT was not primarily a synonym for wisdom. It indicated the perception of that other light, overtenuous for reception by the organ eye. Authenticated in the past through the research of the man-is-the-measure-of-the-Universe scientist in his self-circumscribed laboratory, this light, a lucence transpiercing the light of the world, is handed down to us in the symbol halo; now passed off as primitive decoration, while modern science makes use of the infra-red – – –

4 (1) of instantaneous healing
 (2) multiplication of the loaves and fishes
 (3) walking on the sea—calming the storm
 (4) raising the dead

– – – – allusion to God as “the father of lights” is not merely sublime poetry.

Above all in illumination the mystic abstractly perceived our impossible to blossom forth as *the* POSSIBLE.

CONTEMPLATION drew him far beyond his ego-electric exercises. In ECSTASY he at last tuned in on

THE CREATIONAL OVERTURE – –

– – – on beauty before its semblance descends

– – – on music before it in utterance descends

– – – on the source of presensate ecstasy whereof, to earth life, Eros alone brings some intimation.

However evasive of description their illumined experience, it imposed upon all illuminati an obligation: to impart to others the formula for its inducement.

An impartation involving the esoteric import of the CIRCLE.

Deific electricity coursing through a circle of mentalities, all concentrated on a like aspiration, increased the spiritual power.⁵

THE ELEVATIONAL MAGNET

Illumination effected our elevation of the spirit to that *other magnet* opposite to the Earth’s attraction: a gravitation upward – –
– – a sublime buoyancy.

5 Its corporeal counterpart is evidenced in the intensified animation of people gathered for a party.

Herein the origin of religious assembly perhaps indicative of consummate attainment being eventually only encompassable by *all men* as one whole one circle.

Hence the religious insistence on the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

The eastern attitude of prayer, the joined palms, the soles of the feet pressed flatly together, precluding the ego-electricity from running off into the ground as in our bi-ped activity, constrained it, through circling and recircling, to vivifying accumulation sufficient for cooperating with the electric inspiration of Deity. The fingers tapered to point upward serving as antennae.

Study of the esoteric is not needful to prove the effectiveness of this *gravity upward*. Haphazardly we connect with it, when, for no apparent cause, at certain times we find ourselves suddenly light as air skimming the pavement, where oppositely at some recent hour, our leaden legs seemingly bored into the earth a tonnage of onerous animation, under a like leaden lunge of the brain to the tug of the terrestrial center.

To the mystic our human world of phenomena as we experience it at present compares to a sculpture-picture, a radio-television broadcast in three dimensions, issuant from the Deific designer; while to the non-mystic this projected image of the actor assumes his entire identity, dynamism, origin and permanence whereas

MAN IS A COVERED-ENTRANCE TO INFINITY

Contemporary man presumes his life to begin, come to an end, with his body. His intelligence to be manufactured by the brain; he being unaware of the currents in cosmic power conveying to man his apparent *esse*; unaware of the brain being merely an instrument of reception and transmission.

Seemingly this psychic system of scientific investigation, tending toward total depreciation of the tangible universe, being too

acutely specialised for working out the dual abstract-concrete imperative of our intended evolution,⁶ short-circuited – – –

A strange inertia settled upon the Orient. Exercisers of Spirit sat, incessantly asleep, in public places, their finger-nails growing through the palms of their hands.

To the earliest disciples, the mystic system proved often communicable. But all systems of spiritual exercise come to a crisis incurring decrease of comprehension. The snap-back of human consciousness from the take-off of inspiration: the *stretch* of consciousness into the imperceptible universe still depending, to some degree, on the contemporary stage of evolution in the *concrete world*.

Later students misinterpreted the scientific-mystic teaching as an exhortation to make the mind a blank; to immobilise the flesh.

Books of mystic instruction, written in code, conveyed nothing of their real significance to the uninitiated. Held by the purist to be supremely authentic, one, apparently an account of many battles, precisely and reiteratively enumerating the hordes of warriors en-

6 As indicated by Christ in saying:—"I come not to take them out of the world but to keep them from the evil."

gaged, had the trick of turning into a mathematical treatise on the control and alternation of rates of vibration involved in various psychic operations. At which point in perusal the student's cranium *seemed* to open up, very like a certain Picasso cubist head, for abstract instruction to pour into it. Not oral. Communicated thought. Not the student's thought.

The thought of DIRECTIVE INTELLIGENCE Religion's
VOICE OF GOD.

While modern science successfully harnesses intangible phenomena inducted from the invisible Universe, the layman unquestioningly accepts the astounding results. Presented with any claim of mystic science his faith immediately reverses. He behaves as if he had never even *heard* of anything but solids.

His "keep-off-the-grass-of-the-infinite" is self-protective – – – the brain is cautious.

The mystic, in contemplation received lightning impressions of the inconceivable – – – as of the universe timeless, dimensionless, "turning inside out" in process of creative revelation – – – passing during the eternal moment through itself – – – identifying the microcosmic with the macrocosmic in the energy of the atom,

The absolute momentum causative pulse of Life, of Breath, of procreation – – – construed for him by conscious magnitudes, living equations.

The Brain is cautious – – –

The characteristic result of encroachment on the frontier dividing the abstract from the concrete being explosion. Even as the modern scientific extraction of force from Power produces explo-

sion, cerebral encroachment may cause explosion in the mind. Inasmuch as the mind is not kept tensile. Restricting speculation as to the larger resources of existence with the irreflective assumption that the evolution of man is completed; whereas he should measure his mental capacity in conformation to his travel of transition since, sequent to chaos, a miniscule incipience of life first quivered in an ocean. He does not keep in balance with time through realization that his destiny is to fare onward, at least as far as he has come, which realization would preserve his equilibrium, even on impact with the “*unknown*.”

EROS

Human emotion is become excessively confused owing to the scission of sex from religion.

Sex presented to the purity of youth as at once beatitude and secret filth

Religion, as sole security and total prohibition

Sex! This word, at last, so overflows with misassociations. To clarify its future significance, sex must be renamed. Meanwhile, for “sex” let us substitute *Eros*. Somehow the sound of the Greek cupid survives unsullied; unlike longer words derived from it.

Eros became identified with “Sin” when the uninitiated misconstrued the asceticism of ancient Asia’s students of psychic science; mistook an *automatic transmutation of virility* for drastic mortification of the flesh, thus dragging a metaphysical dis-“connection” into the domain of physical interchange – – – repression.

The oriental quarrel with “Desire” coincides with the incipience of Exoteric Religion.

Exoteric religion originated in a fusion of ancient seers' determination to mystify such as might degrade the psychic technique to destructive demonstrations—origin of Black magic, and the “outsider's” *own* misinterpretation of religion's dicta.

Any disciple, by nature unadaptable to transformation of his auto-electric potency, could, as anyone to-day, simply not imagine what that would be like.

In trying to make it out, he substituted the mutilation of impulse for the transformation of impulse. Incapable of purely mental relaxation he strained against a biologic process. How could he understand “having no desire” to mean “desire vanished of itself”?

To this is due religion's war against the flesh. It may seem to the layman, that perhaps, according to atomic physics, there is no actual flesh.

A true mystic genius would never have snubbed the Creator with derogation of “the Flesh”—for also our desire, not of our own contriving, is from the Creator broadcast to us— He had merely ceased to function within range of our *desiderata*. He would have no more imposed chastity on the common man than would Bach have forbidden him to play the concertina.⁷

Rather, the ancient must have understood the electric incitement of Eros – – –

“They twain shall be one flesh,” described the sense of a tangible bond, a vibrational co-identity of perfectly married people, as if the Eros union bequeathed to them a continuous reciprocal radiation that distance does not disrupt.

7 The esoteric “career” of chastity was aimless, save for those having what the Church still alludes to as “the Vocation”.

“Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder,” undeniably confirms the derivation of Eros from the divine abstraction, delimiting the self in the peace of participation, of being no longer contactless in a mysterious universe.

The “man of flesh” phrase in evolution is giving way to the “man of electronic vitality” largely through the accelerated life-tempo characteristic of the United States.

His manner of being in a state of transition, with Eros most evidently involved.

Due to this evolutionary transition, for the modern human the merely fleshly approach to Eros becomes inconclusive.

The approach to Eros of the future subordinates mere flesh to vibrational co-ordination promoting release of the intrinsic electrification inducing Eros-Bliss.

A co-ordination imposing on the individual, as in psychic science, self-control, inversely to the bursting (again explosive) excitement induced by the filth-bliss confusion of the sin-centuries.

It is no longer a *sub rosa* rumour that numerous devotees of Eros—at present are disappointed.

How mysterious his own potentials remain to man. Adolescents are motivated by an ardent anticipation of Eros, while intellect is unaware of the sensate manifestation towards which their ebullience urges them, for when successfully experienced it overly surprises with the realisation that one, in his ordinary state of consciousness, could never imagine, or even subsequently, evoke.

Between the brain and the spirit lies some intermediary sentience receiving the broadcast of our instincts.

ELECTRIC EROS

Even as there exist scaled approximations in the universe, such as a once-assumed structural similarity of astronomic constellations to the invisible atom, so, comparable to the mystic's electrical suffusion by the infinite *élan*, Eros is also an electric release (The "*Flesh*" again, like the terrain, an instrument.) Safety valve for an electro-neural system in its stress of sensitizing the human organism. Eros recharges the electric battery of the nervous system.

Further similitude to mystic principle: the release of Eros is the closing of the circle of all emotions fused to one emotion in instantaneous consummation. A flash of attainment to infinite sentience, resulting in perfect relaxation. Replica in reduction of the mystic's ecstasy in illumination.

Connective likeness of mystic electrics to the electric charge of Eros was either suppressed or forgotten.

The serpent in Eden is symbol of the extreme imposture – – –

The substitution of "sex-morality" for humane morality.

Compare the demoniacal tortures inflicted on sentient human beings all through the ages, in the guise of religious correction, to the intimate doings of two fair adolescents coerced by the glow of the moon – – – search diligently for any wrong they have wrought upon their *fellows*; yet not long more than a century since Religion stuffed them each into a barrel lined with excruciating points of nails, and rolled them, sanctimoniously down-hill to death.

IMMORALITY CONSISTS IN CRUELTY— IT HAS BEEN
THE PRETENSE OF CRUELTY TO ENFORCE MORALITY.

The explanation of this anomaly reverts to the risk of "explosion" on the frontiers dividing the secret from the overt realities.

Eros is the one transmission from the power universe to cross those frontiers unmodified—metaphysically intact, yet available to sensate experience.

Even as esoteric religion, esoteric Eros exploded in the human mind, leaving a debris of sadism to infiltrate religious institutions.

Originally erected around a prop of sublime significance, such institutions, the prop long since, through misinterpretation, withdrawn from them, are becoming meaningless; as though a spurious agitation had been “touched off” on the disappearance of a serene reality.

In apology for this loss of power—incomprehension through our spiritual disability was camouflaged in the scapegoat personification of Satan, changing all God’s beneficencies to man, to menaces.

CONFUSION OF SATAN WITH EROS

The channels of discard discharge coursing alongside the avenues of Eros, an anomaly challenging our aspiration to purity (Purity—consciousness concerned only with the beautiful outcome of functional life) to ignore disintegrated human psychology with the filth complex – – – sanitative for the aboriginal—but with the coming of modern plumbing the Kingdom of Satan is submerged.

Freud, training a bright light of analysis on such psychological terrain, illuminated all but a blind spot, THE ELECTRIFICATION OF BLISS—that terrain, exploited by his followers, is become an infinitely extensible maze of introversion in search of Eros – – – the little man who isn’t *there* – – – –

Freud is unnecessary to the future. His utile achievement lay in his solution of the problem, "To mention or not to mention." By making it, aided by the scientific aegis – – – fashionably polite to mention. Clearing a way out for inhibition.⁸

⁸ Contradictorily a pamphlet by Radó reveals an unpredictable side-track toward insanity.