

dragon scribe

the reason of a wondering ego



an overdue nod after a long absence

over the past year i've examined how the person i presume to be is, and isn't, "showing up" in your lives. this, for me, is essentially a question of "what mutual interests or common objectives are drawing us together?" a puzzle complicating this question for me is that i'm critical of some of these incentives as surprising causes of the social dysfunction and disintegration we notice in life.

one of the life compasses i follow is to meet the needs of the world where my enduring interests and range of capabilities are greatest¹. this principle inspires my ideologically systematic nature to address the struggles our populations have with the disagreeable living patterns we become seduced into (consumerism; social complacency, etc.). i've much to learn and do in the contributions i'll make to resolving those struggles. and what seems next for me is to address that—despite efforts to abandon them for wiser options—dubious social habits intrude into my life though common social involvements in my circles. and until i've mastered the nuances of honoring both the ties i wish to keep with others and the principles i seek to uphold, these intrusions have me shying away from many involvements in order to temper my appeals that we adopt much saner ways of striving for better lives and futures. the familiar ones are serving exploitive and polarizing interests more than any valid needs in life.

knowing this, the rapport i'm fond to have with my relations weakens as the idealist and reformist in me becomes dramatically unwilling to dare my ambitions in ways that compromise other portions of the living world...though many believe these formulas for success to be unavoidable. my bias toward them is such that i forego more prosperous livelihood and other gains until such advantages are obtainable without systemically hindering other lives—an option not afforded by the customarily competitive ways we organize populations now. some of the solutions to these challenges may not exist yet, and emerging ones being argued haven't yet outpaced popular narratives that promise "attainable fortunes". i, and others, are focused on changing that state of affairs...which consumes much of the discretionary time we'd otherwise be giving you.

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and so, until i have a peer circle (a sort of "sangha") of resonating idealists to consort with on re-imagined futures to strive for (beyond the imbalanced realities that many suffer), i often find it helpful to largely disengage from socializing in order to weigh my thinking. and perhaps i should apologize to those i seem to be ignoring when indulging this privilege. of course i mean no offense, but have taken prolonged seclusions to examine pretensions i sometimes have toward things i'm critical of. and, before re-engaging with you, i often choose to privately scrutinize how valid (or merely self-convincing) my positions are proving. i then explore how the ways that i reason matters of conscience should respect other ways, or less radical living priorities.

so, very importantly, to not disrupt or disrespect people where-they-are in their own discoveries of meaningfulness, and to avoid more of the friction my utopian inclinations have provoked when asserted too strongly, i now consider how unsympathetic they can be toward the living capacities of others, or life-is-to-short dispositions they might have. these pauses help me honor their rights of self-determination, and avoid the madness i risk from cordially engaging in pastimes with them that i'm unlikely to ever perceive as just-such as patronizing enterprises that commoditize anything necessary to the living process; or preserving industry formats the world doesn't need but that market economies do.

vetting the alarms i raise is challenging amid the struggles most of us face for stable lives...before even considering options of "thriving". yet there are efforts underway that are worth celebrating. and (despite the solemn tones here) i lean into them.

i showcase some of these in the attachments to this message. a comprehensive summary of them all will be posted late winter as the gesiurhe³ of my crestwahl² routine. most of these efforts aren't yet formal alliances i have, but projects i'm in different stages of negotiating with on initiatives to shift our circles and society from patterns; systems; and formulas of living we're still being conditioned to think of as inescapable, but that many of us want nothing more to do with-commercialization, adversarial competition, and more.

hopefully these projects draw your interest. they signal that what i now intend to build with you in life has almost nothing to do with the comfort and security formats familiar to most. and where i'll now have the most involved and forthright relationships with you will be in efforts to ensure the futures we imagining for ourselves don't resemble aspects of existing realities we must put behind us as best we can-because, instead of the collective well-being of all life, they exhaust us in serving disparity-generating interests that thorough study would have us abandon.

i maintain that this begins with establishing the understandings needed for us all to function more cooperatively across our ideologies; then re-imagining the systems we function within to align with these accords (while also meeting the needs of the world); and, finally, reformulating our patterns of living to keep on trajectories toward these visions...

i.e. interdependent formats of social organizing such as Bioregionalism and Ecosocialism, NVC⁴ and other means of non-aggressively communicating, Sociocracy and other models of participatory governance, Distinguishing Genius and other designations of personal significance, Concerting modes of interrelating that retire needs for Compromise or Sacrifice,

Co-creation and other non-compelling forms of social activation and encouragement that reach beyond Leadership, Stewardship roles of social contribution instead of Jobs, etc. the time it's taken to reach a clarity, frankness, and confidence in these thoughts has been lengthy. if they seem overreaching or unrealistic, know that i'm concentrating my life on demonstrating the promise i sense in them. i hope the urgency they emphasize that nothing less is required for our species to survive its over-indulgences is heeded.


given all of this, accept my apology if these are my first words to you in too long. the crestwahls i take are for reflecting on their existential significance, social relevance, and personal resonance. the past one prompted this reconnection. the coming one focuses on expanding dialogue among us all about the possibilities they evoke...but that also celebrate what you live for, and my regard for you.

i find that i'm more precise in my meaning, and believe i'm sometimes more concise, when writing in this way. as always, please offer any impressions and comments on what's presented here that come to you-especially critical ones that you can support with some reference. as much to practice and improve my writing, i confess these views to challenge them in any way that proves convincing evidence of another wisdom. this self-assured ego is eager for such dialectical reasoning.

please accept this correspondence as what it's intended to be...the primary sense of how i imagine showing up in people's lives, rather than a manifesto drawing lines in the sand before anyone. my filtered engagement and measured contact with you over time might have been pointless and unkind, or even cruel, had i not put aside the latter posture.

in summary, the main interest that now draws me together with others is ensuring that we're living according to rationales we collectively come to agree on, more than any pressures imposed by circumstances...or opportunities unworthy of us as a hyper-keystone species. those of you who're agents of the paradigm shifts needed for all life to thrivingly coexist (whether we fully recognize our roles in them or not), my desires to be more connected with you will involve interlinking our efforts. those who've found ways of realizing the lives you desire through conventional lifestyles, may expect that desire to involve learning from you what my experience has not yet come to realize.

with affection,



John Bvelavi [waking soul]

chanjté oeanku théča waglúla (heart path new worm) [initiated spirit]

earlucci [familiar posture]

earlos dion winborn [kinship honor]

soul urge catalyst: synergy and concert between distinguishing archetypes of psyche

genius archetype: a systematic imagination for ideological living possibilities

life song calling: ritualizing the ways that all life cohesively interrelate as living beings

life song practices: expanding bridges of social interdependence across societal differences through Swan's Reach, orchestrating interpersonal concerts of spirit purpose through Saturn Dragon, and defining the patterns, systems, and formulas of living that establish Universal Thriving Wellness and Well-Being (UTW) through Ten Sights Institutes of Social Cohesion (TSiSC)

concerting agenda: dream-weaving ways to function as community circles and populations that realize the collective thriving well-being of all life

¹ Adapted from a quotation of Dr. Albert Schweitzer

² Crestwahl: (pronounced "crest val") the 30 day private ritual i conduct each winter to continue meditations on contributing my distinguishing significance to the corresponding needs of the world, especially within my familiar circles

³ Gesiurhe: (pronounced "guess-ture") the concluding rite of crestwahl, in which i summarize the period's reflections for peer review

⁴ Non-Violent Communication

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