

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Beyond Eurocentrism: The Next Frontier

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Breaking with the Enlightenment, and its delusional Modes of Discourse, involves necessarily returning to our Organic Roots in Anthropic Society, radically rent for centuries by Modernist Revolutions. We need therefore to reconfigure our placement in the Universe, both Social and Natural, and Reclaim our Natural State of Autonomy and Self-Regulation.

I offer here, in pithy "Thesis" format, an unravelment of Modernism in favor of the real Organa of Anthropic Existence.

- 1. In its most basic sense, *Politics, en generale*, is simply the Relations between *Competing Orders of Men*. More specifically, it refers to the *Modalities of Masculinity* as expressed in the "*Public*" Domain whose very illimitable extension is an index of the Atrophy of the "*Domestic Economy of Affections*," i.e., *Convivial Relations*.
- 2. Economics, on the other hand, refers to the Momenta of the Material Life, and takes Two general forms: (a) One, the efforts invested in garnering a conventional subsistence which is originally a "Feminine," Non-Modernist activity, involving various Reciprocities with/within both Natural and Communitarian resources; and the Other (b), the uniquely Male-driven search for "Command over Resources," i.e., a "Surplus," potential or actual, involving Asymmetrical and Adversarial relations between Disparate Cadres of Men, in overlordship over "Other" Men and Women, Other Species, and Nature. It is this latter thrust [peaking under Modernism, but far from unique to it] that merges concordantly with the Masculinist Politics described above.
- 3. The "Social" is simply the Matrix of Familial Relations centered on the Modalities of Child-Rearing, and Child-Care, and is therefore, again, a uniquely Feminine site of Praxis.

THEOREM# A: Women and Children form the irreducible Familial Units of Anthropic Society., upon which Men impinge and intrude as Itinerants only.

a) The ordinary Anthropic State is one of *Tribalism*—the Anthropic version of Mammalian Herds—which is an extension of the Familial/Kin Principle.





- b) In essence, Humans exist as both Pack and Herd animals . *Modernism breaks the Tribal Tie*, by invention of the Novel Domain of "Civil Society"—not an Anthropic Society at all—which is the ultimate home of the arid, Masculinist Paradigm shorn of all Affective Affinities.
- 4. Culture is a Hierarchical ordering of Values, Tastes, and Preferences, whose tone, form, and content, are set by the historically specific Gender Balance of Ideologies and Practices extant in a given Eco-society at a given Moment of Evolution. The wide divergence in the Cultures of Patriarchy is accounted for by this, amongst other factors.
- 5. And *Civilization*, i.e., the *Pacification of Anthropic Existence*, is the extent to [and intensity with] which essentially *Feminine Hospitalities*, as conceived within the Familial Moment, are extended in evolution—with, by, and through the consent of the Ruling Patriarchs who are ever the *Final Arbiters of Power*—in a given culture, to the full range of Anthropic activities and possibilities.
 - a) Stated differently, Theorem# B: "Civilization" is simply the extent to which the "Feminine Principle" trumps inherent Masculinist proclivities;
 - b) As such, Theorem# C: Gender struggles, not Class struggles, are the true determinant of this "Civilizing" process.
- 6. Women are, perennially, not merely the prime *Bearers of Conviviality*, but through their affective activities essentially found (and are the progenitors of) the *Affective Society*, and become the *Guarantors*, even in Patriarchical Empires, of what we might understand as the *Prerequisites of Civilization*.
- 7. Religion is not necessarily, "false consciousness," despite infiltration into its discourse by ruling orders who seek to manipulate it, but is our *Original Paradigm of Anthropic Awareness* of the Universe. It needs only the on-going enrichment of *Non-Modernist* Science and Philosophy, as available in all PreModernist frames, to arrive at profundity. It can serve as Opiate, but is more often, an Amphetamine.

THEOREM# D: Religion is uniquely PreModernist [the bulk of it is Non-European as well; the only heartfelt religion Modernist Europe has bequeathed us is the Worship of Mammon] in provenance; its late surrogates within later-day Modernism are but desperate, reactive efforts to counter/resist burgeoning Modernist Inhospitalities.

8. In European history, Church and State fought it out because Catholic Ideology was resistant to the needs of Capital Accumulation.

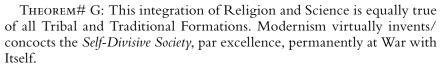
THEOREM# E: There is no need for us all to Universalize, permanently, a passing footnote in European History.

THEOREM# F: The Protestant Revolution "modernized," i.e., subverted, the Anti-Materialist import of Classical Christianity.

In Eastern/Traditional Formations, Religion provided, as in Medieval Europe, both a *Code of Propriety* and Conduct and a *Repository* of Anthropic Knowledge. In ancient *Vedic Civilization*, for example, Science, Religion, and Philosophy, are virtually indistinguishable.







Besides, to ask why we are here in the first place is the very *First* Anthropic Query, and is the *locus classicus* of the Religious Impulse: Modernist Science has little to offer here, and can claim no monopoly on Answers to such queries.

THEOREM# H: We must not impose Modernist Divisive Grids on such organically integrated systems. Modernist Knowledge, where it is not blatantly counterfactual, is purchased at the dear, and dire, cost of Traditional Wisdoms.

9. Formal "Equality," the dissembling slogan of Modernism, is far from being an Anthropic virtue, and is absent as a serious demand, in all Non-Modernist Formations. As an ideology, Modernist Equality is arguably the Alien, Individualist Antidote to Caring, Civility, and Corespective behaviors.

THEOREM# I: Anthropic Hierarchies, based on Trusteeship, are Anthropic Universals and are not inferior to abstract, barren, and, more to the point, fictitious Modernist Equalities which leave us cold, separate, isolate, and uncared for.

10. "Liberty," in its Modernist usage, is, similarly, a Negative, Anti-social Ideology born again of a Reactionary Corporatism. Substantively understood, it is emphatically not a Modernist invention, nor even a Modernist Condition, except in its characteristically Anti-social, Corporatist, and Alien(ating) form.

Under European conditions, *Libertarian Sloganeering* devolved from the need of emergent industrial oligarchies to be free of customary, traditional restraints that curbed their *Manifests of Expropriation*. And, in its *Individualist Variant*, as pervades the *Subject Orders within Modernism*, it privileges only a *Hobbesian Estrangement* from others, which is no great boon.

Indeed, such *Asocial Liberties* would spell, and have so spelt, the moral failure [collapse] of society at the very moment of their success.

THEOREM# J: Modernism has invented neither Individuals nor Individualism, except in their Asocial, Misanthropic, and perverse forms.

11. Putative *Democracy*, reducing only to a *formal voting rule*, is not a virtue, either, and is again a tendentious Tool of Modernism, an artifice originally to resolve differences peaceably *within* the Ruling Strata. *Majority Rule*, its concomitant, is both divisive and corrosive, and breeds only anger and discontent. Traditional formations pursue a far more effective and satisfactory Mode of Participation: *Consensus-building*—which takes Aeons to achieve, but which leaves none behind.

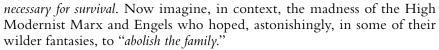
THEOREM# K: Hominids seek Autonomy, which is Communitarian and Cultural, in the extreme, not abstract freedoms.

THEOREM# L: Modernism destroys all Autonomies in favor of mechanical Dependencies, created by either Market or State.

12. The Anthropic Family is an exemplary, pedagogical model of a natural and traditional institution; it is not based on Equality, Freedom, or Democracy—and yet offers the human animal all the nurturance vitally







THEOREM# M: In much the same way that Economics has no understanding of Anthropic Needs, Modernism has no understanding of our Species-Being, or our real, flesh and blood, State of Being.

Whilst knowing better, despite its long-standing *Physics-Envy*, Modernism tendentiously likens us *to free-fending Atoms*, i.e., standard, homogeneous and, above all, *Manipulable* Entities.

- 13. The Escape from Alienation is given by Delinking—be it Individually, in Groups, and/or as Communities—Epistemically and Ontically, from the variegated Logics of Modernism, so we can reconstruct our lives free from Modernist Delusions/Practices. This does not involve, at least directly, any need to "seize the Winter Palace," or confront power violently, which is the Eternal Masculinist Temptation. In effect, Modernism is Self-Subverting; minus our willful consent to its Epistemes, its Hegemony simply ceases to be.
- 14. More explicitly, to be *Whole*, we need to bring our Lives and Labors under *Self-Direction* and infuse all our inherited, arid, and barren, Modernist roles, which confer no benediction, with *real meaning*, so next time you say "have a nice day" in that routine, disembodied all-American way: *mean it*, and you might even surprise yourself,

THEOREM# N: Modernism fails to survive scrutiny when confronted seriously with its own Myths.

To challenge Modernism we need to Quiz/Query the Formal Rationality of the System with Substantive Rationality, Formal Justice with Substantive Justice, Formal Education with Real Education, and so on, in our daily lives.

THEOREM# O: By Demanding the Impossible, as above, albeit in a routine way, we expose convincingly the hollow Charades of Modernism.

15. Life, just possibly, is meant to be lived, not theorized.

THEOREM# P: There is no need for a Social Science, only Social Empathy.

In effect, the most pervasive Transcendent *Anthropic Need* is to huddle. Even within Masculinist Patriarchy, we are *Heat seeking*, not *Light seeking* Animals.

16. Theorem# Q: To tame/contain the Murderous Predations of Masculinity is the Permanent Challenge for Anthropic Civilization: It can only be so calmed within the Matrix of Kinship, or the Social Economy of Affections.

This is what *Tribal*, i.e., *Familial*, society achieves super abundantly. It is the real Anthropic Paradise we Modernist subjects have lost.

- 17. The current, *Epochal Struggle* between the *Mammals and the Reptiles* will not be won by Modernism, since Nature may not be supplanted for long by the *Artifice of Culture*.
- 18. The world over, Religion, which stands today for an *Anti-Modernist*, *Transcendent Ethics*, is in revolt against Modernist tyranny. Its Power to Mobilize is simply inexhaustible.







- 19. In the end, and we are fairly close to that Climacteric, the Spontaneous *Moral Economy* constituted by Women, Toilers still close to their Peasant Roots, and Traditional Cultures, will both survive and triumph.
- 20. We Custodians of Abstract Words can assist their struggles, but only if we so choose.

THEOREM# R: We are the Planet—and do not dwell apart from it—and the Planet, through us, is/will be fighting back.

THEOREM# S: Planets likely survive, but Recalcitrant Species don't:

Therein lies our Warning. Nature, eventually, Repairs all Trespasses against her Weal.

- 21. The Challenge for Sentient/Thinking beings is to intrude the *Sympathy of Life* into all our nostrums, and engage Modernism critically in all domains, in particular Science, Politics, and Everyday Living. Indeed, a simple slogan suffices to define this posture, as from the Non-Eurocentered to the Eurocentric: "You are not the Standard; We are not on Trial."
- 22. But the *real* Challenge of Eurocentrism is to *Reclaim our Anthropic Natures* once more: and strip the imposed, delusory, Material Veils within which we sadly, but daily, hide our true *Anthropic Affinities*, from both ourselves, and each other.

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