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It is a vicious circle
Trying to contain
All of change
In the glass jar of the laboratory.

We impose order in our world,
Measure it
And expect that nature must behave that way?

Our thermodynamics attest to this.

Yet imposition is the antithesis of nature.
It has its ways;
This is not one.

Heat and disorder are evoked.
Mystical qualities
That connect ordinary experience
With the sublime reaction of the universe to our antics,
and our more subtle impositions.

2

We do not understand potential.

Rock-perched-on-hilltop potential
Juxtaposed to that famous equation
 where mass and energy are one
has given us
a currency approach
to universal order.

Yet, order pales the concept of economy.
It consumes the concept of economy.

We, with our negotiations and calculations
Of mass-energy exchanges, exist
Like the snake that swallows its own tail.

Entranced by the waging of our own tales,
We do not understand potential.

3

Struggles based on mind-imposed dichotomies abound:

Good and bad

Right and wrong

Even negative and positive

And serve to maintain status quo

Even when inequality and injustice

Plague the larger body that is society.

Positive and negative are perhaps the most benign,

as their application is usually abstract

as in mathematics

Or, as we are now quite accustomed,

in electrodynamics.

The drama of atomic electrodynamics is a symbolic one:

The massive ones (protons) gather against their wills

Facilitated by experts in conflict resolution (neutrons)

Who, despite their neutrality, are locked

In mutual struggle

Against a cloud of organized but unpredictable negative forces (electrons)

Surrounding them.

In a science-mind worldview so far irreconcilable with its own potential,

Atomic electrodynamics is reassuring.

Change seems to be harnessed

(though at an unlikely level).

The idea that center, self and otherwise,

originates from the mind of the self

is protected

(as opposed to center as the source of distinguishability).

In this way, the polarized, isolating struggle

of manipulative knowledge

is encapsulated.

Yet, center is so much more,

And change, as much a law of nature as has ever been.

In fact,

the repercussions of our manipulations

Have far more power to bind change within us

Than we ever will.

4

Catalyst formation is the key to the forgotten pattern
That gives us complex existence.
Because before there were catalysts to deliver change
In measurable units,
There were favorable local dynamics.
In this way, the formation of catalysts exists
Not as an era in the past,
But resides now, just beneath change.

Enmeshed in a world enamored of cause and effect
Where catalytic change is packaged, for the convenience of thinking man,
Into neat doses
Through measurement
And experiment,
Mechanics and thermodynamics are accepted worldviews.
 What goes up must come down.
 Left alone, systems degrade.

But what of clouds
And forests?

Cause and effect are mental conveniences.
The insight they bring,
 Coincidental.
To the extent that catalytic change can be translated
To cause and effect,
It shapes this science-mind worldview.

One can conclude then,
That the progress achieved through imposed order
Is only coincidental –
Coincidental to the complex unfolding of novel and redundant processes
Shaped by chaotic and patterned reverberations.
 Whether measured or not, it unfolds
 In the persistence (or at least consistence)
 That is favorable local dynamics.

To understand:
 Define favorable;
 Define local;
 Define dynamics.
Then, with each inquiry, object or subject,
Be willing to define them anew.

5

When novelty intersects
In a chaotic environment,
Source is scattered,
Novelty persists, but
Patterning
Can be achieved.

When novelty is dominant
In a patterned environment,
Sources can converge,
And when material persistence is favored,
Redundancy
Can be achieved.

When redundancy emerges
A new source is born.
Its impact on its environment –
Its reverberations –
Are chaotic.
What was previously novel is redundant
And has the potential to bind change
from within.

And when redundancy is dominant
And its reverberations, patterned,
Matter is made more than mass and energy.
The essence of change is bound
Within physical structure
Through the evolution of coherent source.

6

The structure contains the meaning.
The roundness
Or softness
Or blue color
Do more than provide contrast.
They are there to commune
Interact, settle with (and against)
The rest of existence.

Structure directly shapes existence,
It sets its course,
And in turn, its course is set.
This is the reality that exists behind this present moment.

While the indirect setting of courses permeates
And indeed suspends context,
It is the direct that we find we most rely on
Because it is perceptible.
This is not a problem because meaning is inherent in structure.
The roundness, or softness, or blue color gives grounds for faith.

7

Divide it by two
Divide it by three
Divide it by four
It can be interpreted at many levels.

It is more than Truth.
It is a universal coherence.

Our ideas about the universe
Are only outer garments
That allow us to see it,
To celebrate it,
In our minds and in our senses
Where two, three, and four
Find preference.

This means that
The natural state of the universe –
 The coherence as well as
 The Truth –
Is bare.
 Not baseless,
 Not ethic-less,
 But preference-less
 to the bone.

It cannot be divided by itself.