

V God - Man Interrelations

Waste cans are tossed by the wind,
Their tinkle subsides, though it blows:
I speak with a whispering voice,
I gently unfold your eyes
To spread out a new landscape,
Where I name plants and flowers,
I grant you solace in my palms, in peace,
My words, gestures and promise are clear:
Pass on my love to all mankind.

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V 1 Remarks

The writer confesses the Christian Faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Mat 28,19)
Intended is an outline of God's grace towards man in his dismal existential position.
Definition of truth for the essay is: have all aspects of the distance God - man been considered?
All bible quotations are out of TNIV.

1a) God's self-description

1a1) God is creator of heaven and earth with

a1,1) Space, time, energies, materials, forces, plants, animals and humans. (Gen 1,1)

Genesis 1 intends to give a sounder comprehension of phenomena of nature, man and their origin, than the pagan, mythological, animistic thinking of the times provided.

a1,2) Grace, revelation and spirit for man to exhaust His sources of life. (Ps 36,8)

1a2) God said to Moses: 'I am who I am.' (Ex 3,14)

1a3) 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one.' (Deu 6,4)

1b) The Word of God

'See, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.' (Jer 21,8)

The Lord says.. : 'Seek me and live' (Amo 5,4)

Look at life, disease, danger, war and death. Question them. Choose life.

My Word is comprehensive life science.

Faith carries it by inspiration and confidence.

It calls symbolically for a comprehensive analysis of all objects towards innocence (Mat 18,2), based on His eternal (Isa 54,8) love (Joh 3,16), light (1Joh 1,5) and mercy. (Eph 2,4)

God assists man also by having send prophets, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. (Rom 8,26)

1c) Man

1c1) Man is a complex mental, functional, multi-dimensional, regenerating form of life, reaching from his human center, conviction, into the extremes of life. He is independent and social, abstract and concrete, dynamic and passive, free and submissive, reflective and thoughtless.

1c2) Acting forces are generated out of spiritual, mental, social, psychological, emotional and biological motivations and expressed by communication and action along possible relations in various modes.

1c3) Essential parts are a physiological base, freedom, development and conviction.

1c4) Man is seen globally in past, present and future by self-set, objective and spiritual standards.

1d) Society

1d1) Society, a pool of interacting people, a man-made object, constitutes itself out of man, population, man-man and man-society relations.

1d2) Acting forces are that of man, growing into cause setting, interwoven social forces as larger motivational engines to initiate and realize along possible relations a social subject matter.

1d3) The sum of multiplying individual-social forces are responsible for all man made phenomena.

They are able to sustain, mold, advance or destroy man, society and nature.

1d4) Essential parts are a physiological base, freedom, development, public discussion, problem solving, conflict solving and ethics.

1d5) Individual, social and historical events are open in time because of the large number of factors.

1d6) Results of individual-collective actions are seen by the corresponding standards for man.

V 2 Man's position

'...dust you are and to dust you will return.' (Gen 3,19)

2a) The distance between man and God is an infinite way.

Man cannot bridge the distance out of his own resources.

The distance can be overcome by the Grace of God.

He reaches out to man, to his faith, the only joint divine and human component of man. Rejecting His offer, the creature without the creator disappears in unintelligible nothingness. (Gaudium et Spes 36)

2b) Man's position in nature

2b1) He is a form of life within the cosmos, its individual mortal organisms tied to a short existence.

2b2) He does not take any privileged position in the cosmos, a seed in its living environment.

2b3) He is physically, chemically and biologically dependent on the micro-, meso- and macro-cosmos.

2b4) He has an universal genetic code in common with a multifarious plant and animal life.

2b5) He stands at the end of a long biological evolution.

2b6) He stands at the end of a long heterotrophic food chain.

2c) Man's physical constitution

His physical constitution, community and succession of generations are vulnerable to adverse natural and social environmental conditions:

2c1) In nature to degradation of resources, climate and the atmosphere.

2c2) In society to imbalances, deception, destruction and war.

2c3) In minute traces to natural, synthesized and technological toxins for eg electro-magnetic-bio-chemical-genetic manipulations to steer him genetically, physiologically, psychologically and ethically.

2c4) Large scale to irresponsible political-social behavior, leading to planetary catastrophes and with modern technologies to the self-destruction of man, society and the natural living environment.

2d) Man's psychological constitution

He acts out of a mix of spiritual, mental, social, psychic, emotional, biological, instinctive, archaic needs, drives, motivations, intentions and conceptions with a huge reservoir of con- and destructive forces.

2e) Man's mental constitution

Evolutionary forces have elevated man above an animal by a fraction. At birth his state is helplessness and non-knowledge. His acquired knowledge constitutes only a drop out of an ocean.

2e1) He can recognize objects with their identity of characteristics, relations, forces, interactions and effects, - but to not more than 5% of the energy-matter of the universe of what has to be there.

2e2) His cognitive capabilities through observation, experience, reason and artistic-contemplative scientific methods are insignificant in comparison to the universe. - He cannot create of his own or explain space, time, energy or matter with their complete origin, forces and behavior. Even with an eg 10^6 increase in resolution of measuring devices, he cannot measure eg Planck's length $l_p = 1.616 \times 10^{-35}$ m.

2e3) He can recognize the past, present and predictable future with objects' positive and negative effects. - He does not have the knowledge to survive over geological time spans in the galaxy.

2e4) He cannot transgress boundaries, universal natural, mental and spiritual limits between man, nature and God, without erring into misdevelopments, conflicts and damage to himself.

2e5) Enlargements of frontiers of the thinkable, calculable, do- and usable, unfolding new capabilities, are possible by stepwise, systematic, institutionalized, generations spanning efforts.

2f) Man made products

Man's self-made products by utilization of energy and matter are limited by their properties, man's imagination and knowledge and are as

2f1) Mental-human products of organic substrate unintelligible without an educated mind.

2f2) Mental-human-natural products decaying through environmental forces over time.

V 3 The guiding light

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Ps 119,105)
Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.' (Joh 14,6)

Man is a nomad before the Lord, searching and erring into all directions.

The three wise Magi from the east followed the star of new born life to worship. (Mat 2,1-12)

The star of new born life directs human nomads over cosmic time spans.

The divine light radiates through His Word.

It envisions by creative scientific, contemplative and aesthetic research over successive generations expanding knowledge about God, nature, society, man and human boundaries a long term live story of mankind, well able to survive in changing cosmic environments.

V 4 Spiritual efforts

Concerning this salvation, the prophets...searched intently and with the greatest care... (1Pet 1,10)

Individual and collective spiritual efforts start from questioning, searching and faith to grow with the energies of self-determination (Matt 21,21) into social forces.

4a) Spiritual forces

Bundling faith, reason, maturity and ethics, they refute other forces in any political environment by example and advice where welcome, by example and criticism where corruption prevails.

4a1) They spring out of spiritual needs, drives, ambitions and ways of life.

4a2) They free themselves from moral failures by purification in faith.

4a3) They collect themselves as eg esprit, ethos, conscience, conviction, faith, prayer and call.

4a4) They speak as eg lone voices, institutions, traditions, zeitgeist, activisms and historic events.

4a5) They touch all phenomena in their spiritual-mental-human-physical dimensions.

4a6) Collective spiritual efforts are conducted institutionalized, systematically, generations spanning to mass effectively pass on His Word and traditions to succeeding generations.

4b) Questioning

Man asks basic questions:

4b1) Who is God? What is nature? Who is man? What is life? What is death?

4b2) Which is the best way to proceed?

4b3) What are faith, truth, love and hope?

4b4) What are reason, energy, matter, space and time?

4b5) What are maturity, intentions, conceptions and mental operations?

4b6) Have all spiritual, natural and human forces been considered?

4c) Searching

Man searches in the directions of his questions.

He finds access to all objects with the tools of cognition, proceeding from the simple to the complex.

Each object reveals a spiritual, natural and human dimension.

4c1) Spiritually, man realizes a star of new born life, to be grasped by faith in God and in a future for man, where a sparkle falls on each object.

4c2) In nature, man realizes the forces, characteristics and relations of objects, explainable in reason with the ethos to pursue true over false. Compiled knowledge about the cosmos generates its laws of behavior, technologies, applications, innovations and expansion of boundaries.

4c3) Within himself, man realizes intentions, conceptions and mental operations, understandable in maturity with the esprit to pursue good over evil. Compiled life experience promotes emancipation with a personal will to question, search, see, hear, think, act and proceed towards new horizons.

4d) Cognition

Access to all spiritual, natural and human objects is by cognition.

Cognition is the most basic of all individual-collective generations running challenges of mankind.

Main intent is to shed light on an object and to investigate further for a more accurate description.

Epistemic research goals are knowledge and avoidance of errors.

Scaled up intent is promotion of the spirit of man and integrity of nature.

Data domain reaches from the micro- to macro-cosmos, from the beginning to end of the universe and throughout all layers of reality. There is no definite, cognition exhausted object.

Starting from questions and searches, it proceeds along all factors of the object, relation and subject

4d1) Objective factors are: Focus, observation, denotation, description, deliberation, interpretation, evaluation, documentation, propositional support, publication, public discussion, problem solving, conflict solving and development.

4d2) Relation factors are: Information, transmission and medium.

4d3) Subjective factors are: Onto-phylogenetic development, the senses, emotions, mental capabilities, experience, way of life, self-understanding, historical factors, schools of thought, present day trends, institutional factors, codetermining factors, ethics and inhibiting factors.

4e) Faith

Faith is man's bond to God by divine inspiration and interwoven human vision.

Its credo, a symbolon, accepting the living God (1Tim 4,9), is a synopsis of catechesis.

A living organism, it carries spiritual-mental-human-natural efforts in an open mentality with inner repentance, confession, penance, reconciliation, contemplation, prayer, freedom and peace. (2Cor 3,18)

It gives direction to psychic realities, mental activities and expressions.

Its range extends throughout all subjective activities from conception to realization and throughout all objective dimensions of space, time and realities:

4e1) Subject true treatment constructs a conscious mental draft of an item with desired content.

4e2) Object true treatment, crossing subject - object relations, constructs a practical mental draft according to its spiritual-human-physical characteristics and relations.

4e3) Design of expression fuses both drafts into a final blue print for implementation.

4e4) Realization is evaluated by universal, class, professional and item specific standards.

It is extremely vulnerable to hypocritical seduction, subversion and corruption.

As carrier of thoughts it stands before His judgment, - not accumulated good deeds. (Tit 3,5)

4f) Overall comprehension

Overall comprehension is a figure of faith, representing present day knowledge about God, nature, society, man with their driving forces and properties to be applied in envisioned projects from their responsibility for a positive cause to non-violent means to a commonly acceptable result.

Carried by faith, a responsibility combines love with a benefit and hope with the betterment of man and environment as long time challenges over succeeding generations.

Enlightenment utilizes knowledge to generate seamless arguments to convince and correct.

4f1) Every project requires the fitting spiritual, natural, human tools like out of a well stacked tool chest of a technician to be applied in sound theory and praxis. They allow universal treatment of all objects in the

- Dimensions of God, nature and man within sound theology, reason and maturity.
- Range from the micro- to meso- to macro-cosmos.
- Process from generating intention and conception to cognition to realization to result.
- Accompanying gestures, usages, formalities and liturgies.
- Transparent position of the author.

4f2) Enlightenment promotes acquisition of knowledge about God, nature, society and man in freedom of choice for positive or negative consequences.

4f3) Enlightenment regards spiritual-natural-human goods of life as responsibilities.

They are furthered and protected by non-violent means of values and tasks.

The results serve the common welfare.

4f4) Hostile forces are overcome without arbitrary means - bound to law in conflict solving and correction of violations in a determined, though long winding, complex causal chain from conception to regulation to supervision to law enforcement to compensation to reconciliation.

4g) Prayer

Prayer is communication with God.

4g1) It collects the spiritual-human senses to step into the presence of God.

4g2) Its main subjects are praise, thanksgiving, confession, question, request and intercession.

4g3) It can adopt various forms, eg individual or collective, private or public, spontaneous or ritual.

4g4) His answer can range from direct response to silence.

4h) Call

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, who is without limits, can be every single person. (Luk 11,13)

4h1) An appearance of a spiritual symbol of God in simile (epiphany) indicates His presence.

4h2) A sign or voice transmits mostly softly, quietly, encouragingly an instruction.

4h3) A miracle is the working of the hand of God against an expected course of events.

4h4) A vision is an inspired visualization of a future object to be avoided or realized.

4h5) A vocation centers on a gift, responsibility, means and result as a contribution to life.

4i) Church

A church is an institution of organized spiritual forces.

4i1) It defines itself out of its past history, present faith and common destiny of man.

4i2) It represents a religion by its collective credo, teachings, traditions, spiritual life and renewals.

4i3) Its faith and theology, interpreting His Word, aim at the best possible finding of His Will. (Col 1,9)

Theology transforms the mystery of the hidden God (Isa 45,15), His will (Eph 1,8), works (Ps 92,5) and incarnate Son Jesus (Heb 1,3) into truth and presence. (Joh 16,13)

It leads by example (Rom 12,21), taking a stand against depravity (Ps 45,7; 1Tim 6,12), protecting its sheep against damages (Ps 23,1; Joh 10,14) and warning of dangers to come. (Neh 9,26; Rev 22,20)

4i4) Its congregations worships the Lord in a liturgy with word, music, song, confession, credo, reading, sermon, instructions, reconciliation, intercession, sacrament, prayer and praise.

4i5) In its mission, it spreads His Word and Grace to everybody to be heard, discussed, understood, accepted and converted to. (Kerygma) (Mat 28,19)

4i6) It assembles in synods to develop opinions on regional and universal issues.

4i7) It opens rooms of movement for individual and collective spiritual forces. (Ps 119,45; Gal 5,13)

4i,8) It cooperates with all people carrying responsibility for the common good. (Ex 33,19; Eph 6,8)

4i9) It promotes the global ecumenical movement in dialogs to let the faith of religions grow together.

4i10) Its community services enclose eg

i10,1) Individual-communal praxis, administration and maintenance.

i10,2) Contemplation with analysis, reflection, evaluation, correction, compensation and restart.

i10,3) Exerzitien train the mind to arrive at spiritually responsible decisions in imitation of Christ.

4i11) Its professional social services are mainly worship (Ps 29,2; Luk 4,8), catechesis and schooling (Ecc 1,13; 2Tim 2,15), healing (2Kin 2,21; Luk 9,6), diaconate and charity. (Pro 19,17; Act 9,36)

4i12) Its professional political-social services are mainly regulation (Exo 35,1; Heb 10,16), supervision (Ecc 3,15; Luk 16,2) and conflict solving. (Mel 2,5; Mat 5,9)

4i13) Against prosecution, as 'Christians are subject of hate because they oppose worldly pleasures' (Epistle to Diognetus V), its survival strategies are independence, love, truth, unity and perseverance.

4i14) Its bishops, priests and laity as torchbearers of His Word are accountable to the Holy Spirit.

Their true intent, sacrifice or egocentricity, can be read from their actions as a visible acid test.

Against violators of basic human rights the public has a right to criticism, resistance and prosecution.

4j) Exegesis

Exegesis is cognition of spiritual objects.

They are grasped in faith and sound theology. Its categories, rejecting violence, are the determination of the Will of God and address of major issues.

4j1) At center stand word and sense in direct language to further adequate reception and response.

4j2) Major intent is empirical, aesthetical and spiritual reconstruction, interpretation and evaluation of the scriptures and testimonials (depositum fidei) by a diversity of methods along all causal factors.

4j3) Text reconstruction aims at recovery of the original or furthest back wording, language, document, illustration, commentary, distribution, version, translation and media praxis.

4j4) Situational analysis describes the immediate psychological, communicational, communal-social, economic, scientific, political, zeitgeist, ritual, theological conditions and context of place and time.

4j5) Text analysis describes form, style, content, semantics, grammar, syntax, diction, structures, relations, models, references, creations, paradigmatic and syntagmatic lines, semiotics, pragmatics, mediums, performances, artistic renderings, position, logic, function, usages, variations, statistics, coherence, elasticity, centricity, stability, uniqueness, aesthetics, entropy, context and inter-context.

j5,1) Text history describes conditions, traditions, editions, paths, interpretations and influences.

j5,2) Text comparison describes its traditional, cultural and inter-confessional contexts.

j5,3) Text Interpretation highlights the intent of the author with his perspective, biography and real life conditions teleologically, tropologically, typologically, eschatologically and femininely.

j5,4) Considered deductively and inductively, restrictively and extensively are place, time, type, commonality, generality, similarity, analogy, probability, possibility, complexity and functionality.

j5,5) Assisting are clarifications, outline of limits, adaptations to languages and cultures.

j5,6) Assisting are archeological findings and scientific methods of all fields.

j5,7) Evaluation is by standards of accuracy, plausibility, credibility, sincerity and significance for eg errors, gaps, add-ons, changes, scope, corruption, instrumentalization and deception.

4k) Dogma

Dogma, an abstract of the fundamental teaching out of divine revelation, tradition, worship, preaching, observation, study, education and criticism, accessible to all, comprises three basic catechisms: a religious catechism about God, reconciling man with God, a natural catechism of the creation, reconciling man with nature and a secular catechism of man, society and worldly affairs, reconciling man with man.

4k1) Its intent in imitation of Christ is pedagogical towards sound comprehension, principles and praxis by true light for all life and people (Joh 1,9) for their spiritual, mental and physical welfare.

4k2) As credo it is approbated, publicized and serving as study guide for the old and new. (Mat 13,52)

4k3) It incorporates a multitude of dynamic aspects, eg religious, political, military, economical, environmental, cultural, existential, ontological, analytical, self-critical and speculative ones.

4k4) It incorporates in an open system testimony of all people in the unity of mankind. (Act 17,26)

4k5) Development of teaching is by opening up of new sources, enlargement of context, raising of standards, impulses from public discussions, new grasping of issues, advances in knowledge, methods, maintenance of knowledge and technologies, correction of errors and failures.

4k6) Inter-confessional dialogs arrive by rectification, compensation, forgiveness, reconciliation, tolerance, respect of human rights, hospitality, cooperation, integrative praxis and recognition of interdependencies at incorporating statements of faith with superseding, generalizing and unifying principles.

4k7) It self-restricts its statements. As a single light beam of truth out of divine abundance, it abstains from absolute definitions of truths, being first a spiritual-mental tool of cognition.

4k8) The finality of the divine revelation is up to His infinite wisdom. (Joh 5,20)

Human teachings are superseded by enlargements of revelation, comprehension and praxis.

V 5 Summary

‘There are no non-humans.’ (Gustavo Gutiérrez)

3a) Present day situation

There is not one major church around the world that does not fail its responsibilities to fill the larger issues of life, faith, love, hope, truth with real meaning and guard against their despotic perversion.

3a1) Zeitgeist

Their leaders hardly address the zeitgeist issues of pseudo-mental products like ideology, illusions of human capabilities and convenience and social programming, leading to depravation of human esprit.

3a2) Hegemonic policies

Their leaders hardly address the political-social issues of hegemonic policies.

Instead they have forge alliances with global players for exploitation of man and nature.

Continuing are famines, epidemics, inequities of life essentials, overpopulation, environmental destruction, leading as mass effective misdevelopments to planetary catastrophes.

Continuing are exploitation, polarization of resources and wealth, human rights violations, leading as mass effective power tools to refugee streams, terrorism, mass murder, civil strife, war and collapse of political-social structures.

Threatened is a 'human hand directed evolution' to transform man into a cloned cyborg-chimera with augmented capabilities by programmable electro-magnetic-mechanical-bio-chemical-genetic means.

3a3) Power

Their leaders hardly address the moral issue of power with its negative character.

Power, the most devastating archaic notion, narrow, vile, hateful, persistent and scheming instrumentalizes responsibilities, values, constitutional structures and processes towards their self-destructive end.

3a4) Crimes

Their leaders participate in a global, clandestine, dirty B-C-R-G war between government, private, independent defence leagues' security services of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Worlds and their populations. Together they operate a global system of labor camps for electro-magnetic-bio-chem-genetic programming of social-psychological-physiological profiles and elimination of dissident, hostile and moral voices.

3a5) Historic warnings

Their leaders do not heed the historic warnings of colonialism, two world wars and genocide, today as escalating gross corruptions with modern technologies of mass destruction to lead inevitably to planetary catastrophes, collapse of political-social systems and self-extinction of mankind.

3b) Public Accusations

The major church and secular political-social leaders are in image fascism in hundreds of millions of cases a year worldwide by universal standards accused of:

- 3b1) Environmental violations by eg pollution, eradication, depletion, climatic shift
- 3b2) Deception by eg misinformation, mock discussion, opinion control
- 3b3) Exploitation by eg unfair trade conditions
- 3b4) Subjugation by eg torture, enslavement, sterilization, child misuse, rape
- 3b5) Degrading by eg surveillance, stalking, profile control
- 3b6) Physical injury by eg gassing, radiation, poisoning
- 3b7) Murder by eg physical injury, terrorism, civil strife and war