

*“To turn from everything to one face is to find oneself face to face with everything.” Elizabeth Bown,  
“The Heat of the day”*

Paul, blinded by light, from which he heard, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “I am Jesus (all those people of the way), and you are persecuting me.”

- Archetypal spiritual pattern . . . Paul moved from what he thought he knew to what he fully recognized. He found the very gate of heaven (Gen 28:16)
- From this awakening Paul’s driving mission became “to demonstrate that Jesus was the Christ’ (Acts 9:22). “God revealed his son in him” (Galations 1:16), which was a high degree of trust (faith), introspection, self knowledge, and self-confidence . . . another way of saying more ‘interior & psychological’ than ‘extroverted & literal.’
- Paul became divinely validated . . . self-ordained . . . , you know . . . like a prophet? He did not represent the system, but instead, draw his authority directly from the source.

An Affirmation tests:

“[I] examine [myself] to assure that I am in the faith. The question: “Can I acknowledge the Christ is really in me?” If the answer is “No,” I have failed the test. (2 Corinthians 13: 5-6)

“God must reveal himself in me before God can fully reveal himself to me.” You gotta be it to see it.

“When I can honor and receive my own moment of sadness or fullness as a gracious participation in the eternal sadness or fullness of God, I am beginning to recognize myself as a participating member of this one universal body. I am then moving from I to we.

Thus Paul shows us that we too can know Christ’s infinitely available presence through our own inner mental dialogue or the natural law that is engraved on our hearts.

“There is only Christ (Shm-aya). He is everything and he is in everything” (Colossians 3:11).

Pantheist = god lies within all things, but also transcends them). And so it is with us all . . . as it was with Jesus and Paul.

*“En Cristo,” Paul’s code word for [the gracious, participatory experience of salvation, the path he so urgently wanted to share with the world.](#)*

For En Cristo is the collective unconscious. It is the mastery of purpose, the hidden plan from the very beginning.

“Salvation” for Paul, is an ontological and cosmological message (which is solid) before it ever became a moral or psychological one (which is always unstable)” (p44).

*NOTE<sup>1</sup>: I get from this statement that Paul “was totally awake, totally out of the cave of death before making any righteous proclamations, one given the title through some certification/ordination process or birth right.*

*NOTE<sup>2</sup>Definitions: Ontological means “the nature of being.” Paul seemed to know that Christ in him was his very nature of being. Cosmological is defined as “first cause, origin of all, the very nature of the universe. Another way of conceiving the word cosmology is world view; the lens through which the world is seen. Paul could see everything is his experience as God sees them. Thus being God’s hands and feet on this earth was without question, at least in his mind. Thus Paul’s code word and driver of his ministry: “En Cristo,” the GOOD NEWS to all creatures or every creature, and not just to humans.*

*Paul says, “I have never been separated from God, nor can I be, except in my mind.” (again “d’bwashmaya” . . . Paul remembers his inclusion therein; his awaking made space for the name to be holy*

*“Hope cannot be had by the individual with the view that everything is hopeless. It is hard to heal individuals when the whole thing is seen as not healable.”*

*We are still trying to paddle our way out of this whirlpool, and with a very small paddle. Only with a notion of the preexisting Christ can we recover where this Jesus was coming from and where he is leading us – which is precisely into the “bosom of the Trinity” (John 1:18).*

*“I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you also may be” (John 14:3), the Christ has promised. That might just be the best and most succinct description of salvation there is in the whole new testament.*

### ***A Fully Participatory Universe***

The current world has been largely taken for granted or ignored, unless it could be exploited for our individual benefit. Why would people with such a place where every thing in existence is evolving from potential to actualization all the time?

How much do we each practice such a thing?

How much or how often do I feel the total rhythm of being in total harmony with all that is around me, or, said another way, how often do I feel in unity with the cosmos?

The direct meaning of Paul’s secret Mystery is the Christ being discussed in this very book.

Creation exist first of all for its own good sake; second to show forth God’s goodness, diversity, and beneficence, and then for human’s appropriate use. Our small, scarcity-based worldview is the real aberration here, and I believe I has largely contributed o the rise of atheism and the” practical atheism” that is the actual operative religion of most Western Countries today. The God we’ve been presenting people with is just too small and stingy for a big hearted person to trust or to love back.

## *Great Love and Great Suffering*

Only great love and great suffering are strong enough to take away our imperial ego's protections and open us to automatic experience of transcendence.

The message of Christ twinned with Jesus: universal love and necessary suffering as the divine pattern – starting with the three persons of their Trinity, where God is said to be both endlessly outpouring and self-emptying.”

Loving anything always means a certain giving up of control.

But, we tend to create a God who is just like us, as individuals, -- whereas it was supposed to be the other way around.” God gives up control more than anyone in this universe.

Our pattern of relating, once set, determines the trajectories for our whole lives. “If we are inherently skeptical and suspicious, the focus narrows. If we are hopeful and trusting, the focus continues to expand.

The proof that you are a Christian is that you can see Christ everywhere else . . . as did Cary Houselander's experience on the train.”

“In God you do not include less and less; you always see and love more and more.”

“Anything that draws you out of yourself in a positive way – for all practical purpose – is operating as God for you at that moment.”

Divine seeing cannot be done alone, but only as one consciousness interfaces with another, and the two parties valley back and forth, meeting subject to subject.

It can happen in a physical gesture, a quiet word of smile, a meal shared with someone we care for, where we are suddenly enlivened by a force larger than the two of us.

All you can do is return such presence with your own presence. There is nothing to believe here at all. Just learn to trust and draw forth your own deepest experience and you will know the Christ all day everyday – before and after you ever go to any kind of religious service, church, temple, and mosque will start to make sense on whole new level – and at the same time, church, temple, and mosque will become totally boring and unnecessary. I promise you both will be true because you are already fully accepted and fully accepting.