

My thesis in this thinksheet is its title, which is in quotes because I'm quoting my anima, the feminine within this male. I intend to set out several lines of evidence that my anima has got something there--something I, other males, and male-dominated institutions and cultures need to hear.

1. It turned out that Nazi Germany was nowhere as near the atom bomb as the West had thought. That fact deepens the tragedy that "our finest minds" (?) were set to produce the most hellish product in the history of the human mind, a product we human beings perhaps will not survive. Monomaniacal thinkers, they were: "I think, therefore I am." War is masculine, its weaponry penile; peace is feminine, its tools connective, human-relational. Eccl. was right that there was a time for both --but, now? Now it is death, or the flowering of the feminine.

2. Rodin's "The Thinker" is a seated male: thinking is not relational, though the thinker may think about human beings and human relations: thinking is individual, rational, cool, impersonal even when passionate --and, thus, masculine. (Need I warn that I'm not talking about ALL women/men or even ANY particular man/woman?) Descartes' bromide identifying being and thinking celebrated the Renaissance's glorying in the masculine and suppressing the feminine.

3. Sadly, Einstein, though a global humanist at heart, applied his mind in directions that made nukes--earth's most antihuman device--possible. Hear, however, his own thinking-feeling unity: "Cosmic feeling is the strongest and noblest enticement to scientific research. Propositions arrived at by purely logical means are completely empty of reality. All knowledge of reality starts in experience."

4. Analogizing from Einstein's spacetime curvature, I believe that "I think..." curves back on "I love...." (1) Paul Tournier's THE GIFT OF FEELING (Jn.Knox/81), esp.chap.14: The Ren.-modern world is masc., with nature only object and woman only servant (confirmed by Ann Lander's 1985 "the act" survey). (2) Lotfi A. Zadeh's "fuzzy logic," everyday life's logic, with unsharp boundaries --I say, feminine-- wins backgammon in a computer: nonWestern cultures aren't hung up on "a precise, Cartesian world" (77NW28Jan85). (3) Keith E. Davis' research comparing/contrasting "Love and Friendship" (22-30PT Feb85), from which comes this chart--on which I've added the 3 (Gk.) dimensions of love.

