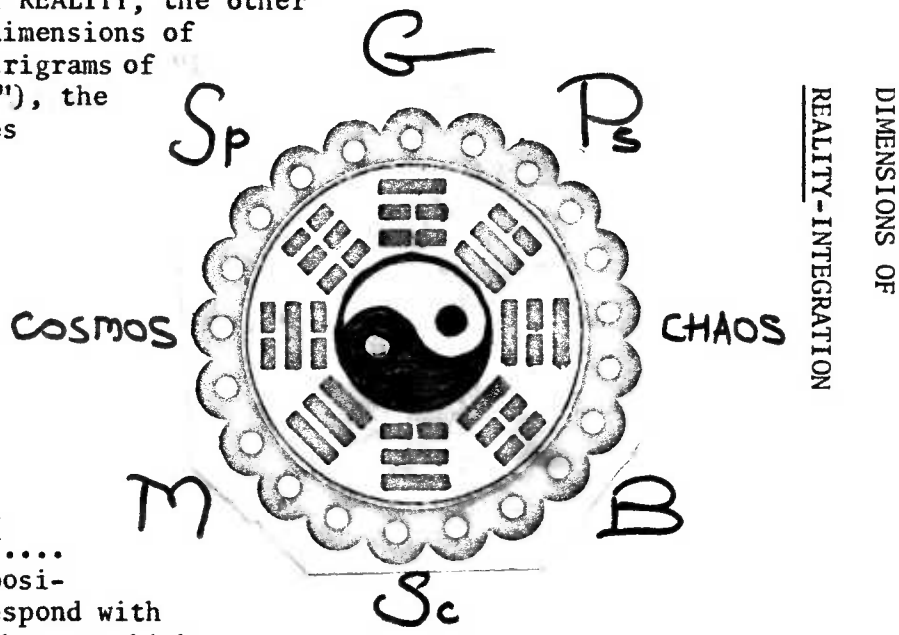


This thinksheet risks bulging abstractions in order to get at and crack open a concept that's "in" but so fuzzy and oozy that it more impedes than furthers rational discourse and appropriate action. "INTEGRATION" is a signal term for the opposite of specialization, differentiation, evolution, explosion, expansion. It's mood is the mood of the global Zeitgeist, which is most visible in resurgent tribalism and emergent nationalism: generalization, cooperation (the biggie word "team"), convergence, involution, implosion, contraction, "getting it together," OM [or whatever else your mantra], unity, "community" [as much a signal word as "integration"], orgasm, "organic" [vs. mechanical], "personal" [vs. impersonal-dehumanizing], "human" [vs. inhuman-necrophilous], "natural" [vs. technical-technocratic], "interpersonal" [vs. bureaucratic], "local" [vs. "big government"], "community control" [vs. absentee power], "mental health" [vs. mental "illness"], "collegiality" [vs. monarchic power], situation-orientation (in ethics, teaching, etc.) [vs. dogmatism and departmentalism], pragmatism [vs. ideologies]....About a billion of us, one-fourth of our species, is into the biggest integration project in history, Maoism, which uses the archetypal Sinic mentality [in the diagram herewith, yang-heaven-masculine-active/yin-earth-feminine-passive] altruistically [self-fulfilment through investing self in "the Revolution"--the yang of which the yin is Rev. Sun Moon's Unification Church, viz. self-fulfilment through investing self in the other in an endless cycle on the model of God in Christ, Mao and Moon both powerful because, in a time of the defeated, shrunken individual lacking in self-belief, both make the altruistic appeal, Mao under the banner of collectivism and Moon under the banner of individualistic antiCommunism]....Hanging in with the Sinic, this thinksheet uses a Chinese mandala for meditation-model on integration. The rest of this side exhibits the dimension of REALITY; the other

side will exhibit the dimensions of ACTIVITY. [The eight trigrams of "I Ching" ("I"="changes"), the basals of the 64 changes and therefore of reality, are appropriate for showing our dimensions. On both sides, the "cosmos-chaos" polarity moves in another plane through all the dimensions, its stasis being the sigmoid, at-rest line in REALITY and the transverse, in-action line in ACTIVITY....

On this side, the six positional dimensions correspond with the six sides of the Cube, on which there are three thinksheets....WARNING: Naming the bird is no substitute for knowing the bird, though it's a temptation to let it be. This thinksheet's two uses of this Taoist [center] - Buddhist [circumference] mandala will be of but little use to you if you only "understand" my gathering projects, instead of "meditating" on the components-in-relation/intention.]

THE VERTICAL TRANSVERSE: God/society
 THE LEFT CLUSTER: spirit and mind as cosmizing
 THE RIGHT CLUSTER: body and psyche as chaizing.
 Meditate also on the pole-set of the polarities (THE HORIZONTAL).



The other side of this thinksheet is static, about "reality." This side is dynamic, about "activity." This difference appears in the stasis position of the "cosmos-chaos" polarity: on the other side, along the sigmoid-flow-communication line to point to coincidentia oppositorum, the at-rest coherence of the opposites; on this side, in the confrontational position, vertical, as much indicating discontinuity and transcendence as the other side indicates continuity and immanence.... Thus the vertical exhibits "action/" [this side of the sheet] as the horizontal, "/reflection" [the other side of the sheet].

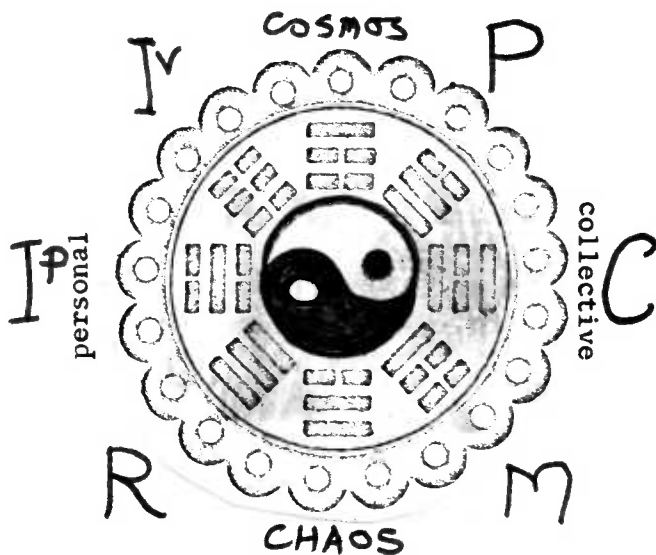
THE CENTER:

On the other side, faith in the nature and intention of the biblical God yields trust, peace, joy, hope for the heart and for history.

On this side, the moral dimension in nature/history transposes the yang/yin into as eschatological struggle-sign. How one sees the denouement--dreams/nightmares, day fantasies, vague hopes, concrete plans--is a powerful component in how one lives today, here and now. Is even the divergence to be taken up enrichingly into ultimate convergence [Bible, Teilhard, etc.]--or is the action cyclical atemporally [Sinism, Stoicism, etc.], or materialistically aimful [Marx], or spiritually aimful [Nietzsche], or aimless [atheistic existentialism]? Our Christian faith teaches that God intends, and there will be, an integration of the whole creation into mature communion with God in total community. That is both a deduction from theism and, priorly, an induction from prophetic experience [Abraham, Moses, the prophets, Jesus/resurrection, Pentecost, the martyrs, humane politics, modern prophetic action, prayer].

THE VERTICAL presents all human action as either a chaos-risking effort to impose or reveal order or, on other occasions, or a tyranny-risking effort to achieve liberation from oppressive "order" (Gk. "cosmos"). This double-double dynamic cuts across...

THE HORIZONTAL, which is the essential tension of "person-in-community"--the fact that our individual humanity is created-informed-distorted-renewed in the interplay between the intimate "interpersonal" and the wider and seemingly less personal "communal." ["Communal" here includes local, ethnic, national, international integration of resources for pro-human, pro-ecological ends--domestic, social-service, economic, political, religious, academic, technical (knowledge, skills, equipment, research).]



The left, ACTION transverse [spirit/body, on "over"] is personal "Involvement" and collective "Mission," the former requiring the integration of one's own resources in action and the latter the integration of a Christian group's resources into local and larger mission--all denominational and conciliar levels, all congregations and parachurches and exploratory and experimental communities.

The right, STUDY transverse [psyche/mind, on "over"] is "Planning" on the collective side and "Reflection" on the personal side. When the reflection is toward involvement [the left cluster] and the planning is for mission [the right cluster], integration exists doubly. Where any one of the four factors is isolated, fragmentation and weakness deny integration.