

# **ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL**

The Eight Ordered Steps to Finding our Oneness with Being (Tape Code X-13)

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## From Metaphysics to Science

## The ordered steps to finding our oneness with Being (Resolving the "personal I" into the "I AM")

## ascending way

## Metaphysics: the contemplation of ideas

- 1. All is mental (cogito, ergo sum)
- 2. The mental can be good or evil
- 3. Thinking in terms of ideas
- 4. Thinking in terms of the synonyms for God

### Science: the contemplation of the infinite One, including all ideas

- 5. Only the synonyms for God in us can be one with synonym of God
- 6. Life, Truth, and Love is the only "I" of us
- 7. The synonyms of God are the only "I" or Ego
- 8. The "I" is "I AM"

## descending way

## Science:

8. I AM	that I AM
7. This I AM	is the "I am" of all
6. This I AM	is infinitely individualized as "individual I am"
5. This I AM	has no other "I Am," no "personal I"

#### Science including metaphysics:

4. This I AM	is "the thinker" of us
3. This I AM	gives us ideas/makes God's thoughts and "my" thoughts identical
2. This I AM	gives only good thoughts
1. This I AM	makes us "the thought of" God and therefore, "I am" ( <i>cogitor, ergo sum</i> )

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#### ascending way of understanding and descending way of demonstration:

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## A Scientific Approach to God: A Revolution of Paradigm

- 1. What is reality?
- 2. How do we approach reality?

1. concept of reality		2. approach to reality
old concept	carries	old approach
new concept	demands	new approach

## A. Parable of Jesus:

\* New cloth tears an old garment: an old garment cannot be patched up with new cloth.

\* New wine cannot go into old wineskins, else:

- the new wine is spilled, and
- the old wineskin is burst.

old concept:	old approach:	new concept:	new approach:
Ptolemy: geocentric model	accept the sense-picture	Copernicus: heliocentric model	challenge the sense-picture
many gods	serves through idolatry	monotheism	loyalty and service to one God only
Mosaic concept of God	outward worship	Christian concept of God	inner acknow- ledgement of oneness with the Father
religious personal God	blind faith in the person of God	God as divine Principle	approach to God through Science
human system of reference	relies on human beliefs	divine system of reference	relies on the method of Science

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## B. The "Word" Chapters of "Science and Health":

- 1. a statement of what God is, and
- 2. a statement about the right approach to God.
- I. "Prayer": Concept determines approach.

Only a right concept of God can give us a right inner approach to God.

II. "Atonement and Eucharist":

Awesome requirements and awesome possibilities are implied by the new statement of reality for our approach to reality.

III. "Marriage":

An elevation of the approach to reality opens the door for us to receive a higher statement of reality—provides a new wineskin for new wine.

IV. "Christian Science versus Spiritualism"

In the new paradigm of Christian Science in which Spirit alone is reality:

- Part 1: the statement of reality in terms of divine ideas must be integrated with
- Part 2: the approach to reality through the Mind of Christ, having the outcome of
- Part 3: the acceptance of the final reality of the spiritual as the only basis for solving the problem of being.

## C. Revolutions of Paradigms: T.S. Kuhn,

"The Structure of Scientific Revolutions", University of Chicago Press, ©1962.

- \* Science develops by revolutions of paradigms, not by the accumulation of truths.
- \* "paradigm": an accepted model for understanding reality;

an accepted model for problem solving.

- I. A scientific paradigm is necessary for a scientific approach to a subject.
- II. Accepting a new paradigm carries demands for every aspect of the scientist's activity.
- III. A progressive approach opens the door for progressively clearer, more exact, scientific paradigms:

paradigms more congruent with the structure of reality.

The pattern of progress Kuhn describes:

- 1. Paradigm<sub>1</sub>: an accepted paradigm, more or less adequate;
- 2. Normal science activity: devoted to articulating the paradigm in all its implications—living with paradigm<sub>1</sub>;
- 3. Anomalies appearing: challenging the reliability of paradigm<sub>1</sub>;
- 4. Extraordinary science: where the scientist breaks free of the tradition of paradigm<sub>1</sub> to seek new fundamentals, until:
- 5. Paradigm<sub>2</sub>: a new paradigm is accepted; a more comprehensive model is found.

"Mature science: is experiencing steps 1 to 5 as an on-going cycle.

- IV. The elements of a paradigm's statement state:
  - 1. What are and what are not scientifically legitimate methods of discovering the facts of reality and uncovering errors?;
  - 2. What are and what are not scientifically legitimate methods of discovering the facts of reality and uncovering errors?;
  - 3. What are and what are not scientifically legitimate solutions—criteria for determining solutions on the new paradigm?

#### Incompatible 1. What is reality? 2. How do we 3. How are solutions 4. Anomalies attained, judged or paradigms approach reality? determined? (wineskins) through the five material, according to the breakdown, matter, material laws material situation entrophy, chaos, physical senses psychic phenomena mixing through my right mental, mentalities, according to the trying to improve paradigms my thinking thinking, mortal mental condition mentality from metaphysical mind-reading mentality spiritual-God and through the by accepting the final anomalies resolved (enigma of mortal His idea Mind of Christ. reality of the spiritual scientific existence resolved) divine Mindreading

Three parts constituting a scientific approach

\_\_\_\_\_ consistency with paradigm

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