

THE SYNERGY PROJECT

Memo Regarding Preparation of "A GUIDEBOOK TO THE UNIVERSE"

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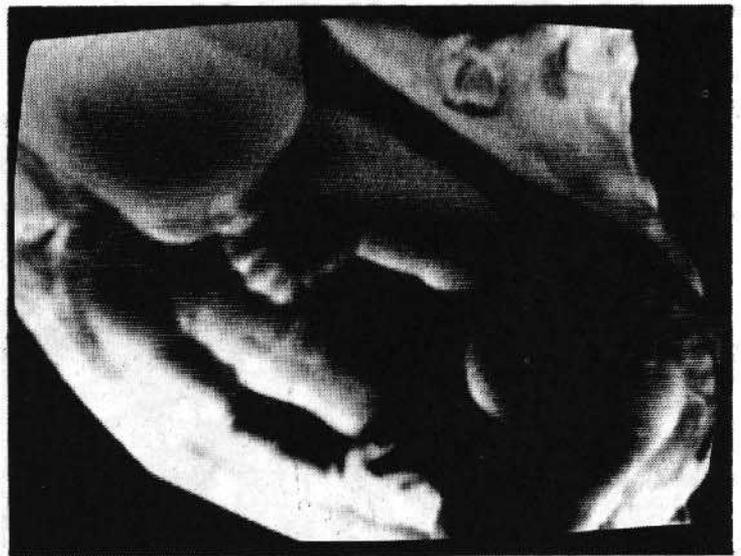
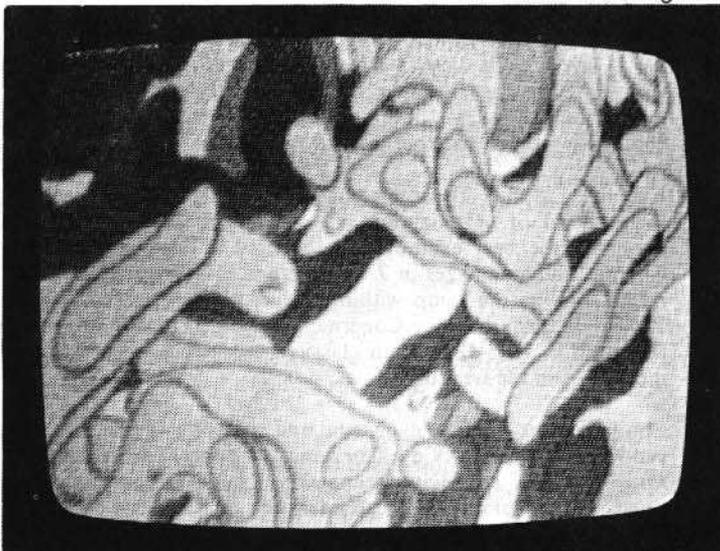
On January 1, 1964, I experienced a fundamental insight into the nature of the universe followed by an "awakening of Kundalini." Since then I have been deeply concerned with synergic processes and with formulating methods for increasing synergy in this region of universe. Many people, both known and unknown to me, are now involved in a project to study and facilitate synergy. Marvelous new fields of being await us. But our situation is quite precarious.

The universe has certain essential requirements which humanity must meet if we are to survive. The great holy books and cultural patterns of the past are not adequate to guide us through the present crisis, partly because they have been distorted by imposition and partly because of vast changes in our situation. The Chinese have a relatively current guidebook to the universe in the writings of Chairman Mao, but this too has grave limitations.

In effect, we do not have an adequate appreciation of what the requirements for survival are and how to meet them. Obviously, we need to achieve a new degree of synergy—profound structural reorganization, not just rhetoric. But without a few basic and commonly understood formulations to guide us, we are liable to miss our main chances in a mass of details.

Thus, for a number of years, I have been trying to comprehend the requirements for human survival and develop methods for meeting them. I want to communicate about these requirements and methods in clear and simple terms. In other words, I want to write a guidebook to the universe. Necessarily, this will be a guide to the universe as I see it. I hope that my efforts will encourage other persons to make comparable studies—and that, by combining our efforts, we can assess the priorities accurately, take the necessary actions, and survive to enjoy our full human capabilities.

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Only with a great deal of help, however, will I be able to prepare and circulate this guide while the need for it is most critical, within the next year or two. An initial outline is attached for your reference. I need your advice on what really ought to go into this guide, how it should be organized and presented. I also need sufficient support for this project so that I can devote my full attention to it for at least a year. Please get in touch with me if you want more information or want to contribute to the project.

Initial Outline for a Guidebook to the Universe*

Introductory: An epistemological, historical, scientific, religious and personal rationale plus a brief statement of synergy theory to explain the orientation.

- I. A poetic and mythological formulation of where we've been, where we are, and where we're going. *Eg.*, "The Mother Earth Tribe Comes Together."
- II. Human Priorities—what they are and how to fulfill them (person-centered reference system).
 - A. Physiological synergy—a guide to proper nutrition and exercise of the total organism.
 - B. Long term maintenance of physiological synergy.
 - C. Basic social synergy.
 - D. Justice.
 - E. Self-actualization.
 - F. Transcendence.
- III. Facilitative Systems (technology and society-oriented reference system).
 - A. Basic social and territorial organization—the world university/college system and attendant technology/methodology.
 - B. Communications for commerce—the human credit system (one person, one credit) and attendant technology/methodology.
 - C. Creative processes—research and articulation systems.
 - D. Land use and control, basic energy cycles.
 - E. Housing, transportation, and communications.
- IV. Cosmology and Ecology (a theoretical reference system).
 - A. A dynamic equilibrium theory of universe.
 - B. Synergy theory.
 - C. A theory of groups and an organizational method for earth and beyond.
 - D. A theory of personal development.
 - E. Human differences and relationships—genetics, anthropology, geography, astrology, yin/yang, diet, etc.

Conclusions and comments regarding the synergy project.

*A working edition of "a guidebook to the universe" should be in print by May 1973. Copies will be available @ \$2.00 each from The Center for Curriculum Design, 823 Foster Street, Evanston, Ill. 60204 beginning June 1973.