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	FUTURE CREATING ARCHITECTURE		MY LIFE IS NOTHING		HUMBLE SURRENDER		REACHING OUT
	HERITAGE PRESERVING MUSEUMS		THROW OFF ALL ELSE		GRATEFUL RECEIVER		CONSCIOUS OF DRAIN
	MYTH CREATING LITERATURE		EXPERIENCE AWE		JOYOUS CAPTIVE		AFFIRMS PRESENCE
CHARISMATIC INDIVIDUALS	EXEMPLIFYING CARE	DISCERNING MY ELECTION	SPINE TINGLING AWARENESS	GROUNDLESS DECISIVE	ABSURD TENACITY	GANDHI'S LIFE	AFFIRMS HERITAGE
	CREATING STYLE		EXHILARATING CONFIDENCE		CONSTANTLY BECOMING		DECIDES TO CHANGE SITUATION
	CREATING FUTURE		GLIMMATING THE BLOCKS		OPEN TO AMBIGUITY		DEVELOPED NEW TACTICS
	OVERCOMING HANDICAPS		I CAN BE ELECTION		SOCIALITY INTENSIFIED		BECAME SYMBOL
MIRACLES	HUMAN INVENTION	IMPACTING THE SOCIOLOGICAL	TOTAL COMMITMENT	RADIANT PRESENCING	STRIKING PRESENCE	LEO - JOURNEY TO EAST	AS SERVANT
	NATURAL MYSTERIES		UNIVERSAL SYMBOL		HUMAN PRESENCE		ELUSIVE ONE
	ALL OF LIFE		EMPOWER OTHERS		LURING PRESENCE		COURTSHIP OF H.H.
	ENABLING SYMBOLS		TRANSPARENT MYSTERY		TRANSPARENT PRESENCE		H.H. DISCOVERS LEO AS EXEMPLAR
EVERYDAY SITUATIONS	MASS MEDIA	VICTORY UNTO LIFE	REALIZING THE BURDEN	SPIRIT ADDRESSED	CREATES SPIRIT	McMURPHY ONE FLEW OVER	AFFIRMS SITUATION
	FAMILY CELEBRATIONS		SUBMITTING TO DEMAND		HAS PLAN		GLIMPSES POSSIBILITIES
	SPIRITIZED WORK		RELYING ON NOTHING		DOES IMPOSSIBLE		PERSISTS AGAINST OPPOSITION
	SOCIAL ENCOUNTERS		TRANSFORMED ABANDONMENT		CALLS OTHER		SACRIFICES SELF

LIFE-GIVING PRESENCE: TIMES

Life-giving presence in our times shows up in the Arts. The drama, by representationally rehearsing man's life, in the theater, movies, and TV cause man's reflection on who he is, why he lives, and what is his destiny. The John Hancock building, O'Hare Airport, and UICC are examples of architecture symbolic of the promise for man's future. Museums such as the Smithsonian, the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, The Chicago Museum of Natural History, etc. reserve the heritage of the past enabling man to know the cherished life meanings of his ancestors. Literature by Morris, Arby and Campbell is contributing to the creation of the new myth for mankind enabling man's claiming life meaning for his times and for the future.

Charismatic individuals create life-giving presence in our times through exemplifying care, creating style, creating the future, and overcoming handicaps. The lives of Madame Curie and Louis Pasteur were spent in the life long care for human life as manifested in their arduous radium research. General Patton as the demanding presence and Ralph Naider's style of assuming responsibility guide mankind in creating the morality of this century. The phrase, "I am somebody," that Jessie Jackson and Martin Luther King used, and JFK's campaign program, "New Frontier," called forth humanity to new possibility in the human adventure. Ted Kennedy's recovery from the plane crash, Roosevelt's assuming Presidential responsibility in the midst of paralysis, and Hellen Keller's life struggle give each man the possibility of creating the radically creative life out of the actual situation in which each finds himself.

Life presents itself new to man through the miracles of nature and science. Although the majority of men in the world still spend the major part of their time providing food and clothing, modern science offers man the possibility of participating in other life arenas. The natural wonders are life giving presence as they continue to cause man to consider his place in the universe. Man is called forth constantly by the wonder which is found in all of life, i.e. in any possible situation of joy or suffering. Man has invented ways to hold himself over against the mystery in life, e.g. cathedrals.

Every day situations are fraught with life-giving presence as seen in the mass media which reaches the majority of the world's population with the complexity, problems, and possibilities of the times, calling for man's response. Another life-giving every day situation is that of the family which today has many and varied roles in the community. The spirit of vocation has become a life-giving presence in three arenas: 1) the question of meaningful engagement is being seriously wrestled with today; 2) The increased working safety laws have been established, affirming human value; 3) and the many different job openings and types have been broadened in the face of the needs of our times. Social encounters today raise the question of what does it mean to care for the world and gives a vision of what one's action might be.

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LIFE GIVING PRESENCE: DYNAMICS

INTRODUCTION

The dynamics of LIFE GIVING PRESENCE of RADICAL INTEGRITY of Sanctification are four-fold. They fall under the general categories of Ontological, Objective, Sociological, and Trans-logical. Perceiving the will of God is the act of seeing the ontological reality you have been given. Discerning my election is that which takes that ontological reality and pushes it into the objective posture that lays the burden of the will of God upon you. The third phase of the dynamics is impacting the sociological--the manifestation of the decision that has been made. The translogical is that which is beyond reason--Victory unto life is the submission of all that you are to the quest that you have been given, and with this submission comes new life and life abundant.

PERCEIVING THE

WILL OF GOD

Perceiving the will of God points to the ontological perception of the way History is moving as the friend of God in the world, in relationship to which I see my life as nothing and throw off all else and therein experience the awe of life lived in the midst of God's will being worked out through my participation in creating the future.

DISCERNING MY

ELECTION

Discerning my election is the dynamic which creates the objective stance one embodies within the dynamics of Life Giving Presence. When hearing the demand for giving of one's life, there is a tingling awareness of one's relationship to all of life and upon capturing the significance of this in fear and fascination, there is an exhilarating confidence that releases one to overcome the self in the midst of what is, creating the way life should be, by eliminating the blocks that destroy humanness and finally, with gut response to the givenness of one's life, one can announce, "I can be my election."

IMPACTING THE

SOCIOLOGICAL

The third dynamic of Life Giving Presence is impacting the sociological. The sociological is impacted when one totally commits himself to the situation and becomes the universal symbol which points to the divinity within every man and thus to the universality which empowers others to act. Thus the Life Giving Presence is transparent to the mystery of all of Life.

VICTORY UNTO

LIFE

The final victory unto life is exemplified as the dynamical relationship which occurs in the midst of the struggle to be sacrificial freedom on behalf of the universe. This is the most glorious aspect of radical integrity. For man realizes the burden of existing in this pain-filled world and his responsibility for the spirit void. Submission to his destiny comes as a crushing weight at the end of a long struggle; yet when consummated, submission breathes refreshing exhilaration into his lungs, bringing joy unspeakable. Although sanctified men rely on nothing, confidence in being who we showed up to be on this planet then becomes inherent. So - suddenly - life has no chains and abandonment to joy becomes apparent. For life enjoys me and I enjoy life. And I have become victorious.

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LIFE-GIVING PRESENCE: QUALITIES

The qualities of the sanctified man living in radical integrity acting as the life-giving presence include being the triumphantly enslaved one who unconditionally surrenders all the life he has to God, the groundlessly decisive one who decides in the midst of absurdity to be the life-giver, the radiantly presencing one who advertises possibilities with his transparent style, and the spirit addresser who catalyses others into leading the sanctified life.

TRIUMPHANTLY
ENSLAVED

The initial quality of the sanctified man in the arena of life-giving presencing is that he is triumphantly enslaved. That is to say, he has decided to be obedient in living out his given possibilities on behalf of the world. He has humbly surrendered his "would be" ambitions and decided to offer up his broken life to the glory of God. He is the grateful receiver of that which is. And finally, he has become the joyous captive of the enigmatic power that controls his life.

GROUNDLESSLY
DECISIVE

The second quality of the sanctified man is that of being groundlessly decisive. Under that category, absurd tenacity is the quality of total chastity to the final No-Thing. Constantly becoming is the quality of never-completedness as each moment comes as a totally new demand. Open to ambiguity points to the quality of standing on nothing in each moment and taking this in to oneself in the process of decision making. Finally, sociality intensified is the quality of participating in the decision to be a radically social being.

RADIANT
PRESENSING

Radiant presencing is the quality of sanctification which sets one apart, as a striking presence, while being at the same time a human presence; and as a luring, or magnetic presence, while being at the same time transparent, or mysterious. The striking presence is undeniably noticeable, stands out in a crowd and appears to be 7 feet tall in every situation. The Human Presence points to the undeniable reality of the sanctified man as one who knows what it means to be weak and broken and to embrace that weakness and brokenness. A third way to explain the Radiant Presencing is as Luring Presence, or the charismatic one, the one who calls others to move with him beyond despair, the one who draws forth from others the ability to transcend their own lives. Lastly, the Transparent Presence can be seen as that which is the wholeness of Being, that which radiates the Mystery

SPIRIT ADDRESSER

Another quality of Sanctified Man is that he is a spirit addresser, or the exposure of the fulfillment of life. This is initially seen as he creates spirit in the midst of chaos. As the intentional one he has a plan whereby he does the impossible. Thus his life calls forth others to participate in intentionalizing the authentic humanness of all.

LIFE-GIVING PRESENCE: STORY

The life of Mahatma Gandhi demonstrated the sanctified style of life-giving presence in his affirmation of India's heritage. He decided to change the situation of oppressive British colonialism and, in order to succeed, utilized tactics which were unique to the culture he was affirming, namely asceticism, poverty and non-violence. In this mission, Gandhi gave up his own self and became a symbol.

The story of the woman touching the hem of Jesus' garment is a prototype New Testament story of the sanctified man as life-giving presence. Jesus, as the charismatic one, the sign of power and possibility, drew a crowd along his journey. The suffering ones, the despairing ones saw him as a source of life, particularly one afflicted woman. She pushed through the crowd to touch the hem of his garment. Jesus sensed the expenditure of power and called the woman to him. He pushed beyond her humility before him to the transparent, affirming the presence of life in her.

In the Journey to the East, Leo is the servant, the baggage carrier for the League. As the League continues their long and arduous journey, Leo becomes the elusive one. He disappears, the meaning which has held the League together dissipates, and the members scatter. H.H. rediscovers Leo, whose intentional presence reminds him of his own lost ideals, gradually revealing Leo as the leader and exemplar of the League. This provides H.H. with the possibility of re-engaging.

In the story of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, McMurphy shows up as a wild, redheaded Irishman in a dehumanizing psychiatric ward. In the midst of his blustering, disruptive behavior, he begins to glimpse possibilities for the other patients and impacts them by consistently calling into question the authority of Big Nurse. He decides to persist in his signal style against all opposition in order to enable the other patients. Finally, McMurphy is destroyed, but his self-expenditure has given the other patients the possibility of embracing their freedom.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. We reviewed the Advent Priors' Council and JWM's papers.
2. We wrote 16 paragraphs .
3. We clarified the triangles assigned to Sector VI to the third levels.
4. We created a lecture 4x4 on Life Giving Presence.

CONCLUSIONS

1. One can see Life Giving Presence where there is a sanctified man.
2. Gnosticism is a subtle demon.
3. Life Giving Presence occurs in the very mundanity of life.
4. Sanctification boomerangs.
5. It is easy to float and be abstract.

IMPLICATIONS

1. 4x4 and triangle need to be cleaned and taken down another level.
2. We need more common memory stories to keep grounding sanctification.
3. We need to read Hero of 1000 Faces.
4. Go back to the Fathers in the Faith for clues on sanctification.