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With an Introduction
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consistent with a spiritual interpretation of
The Quantum Field Theory of EM Neurodynamics

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encouraged look up items of interest for themselves.

A Creation Myth for a Technological Society

"...religion is both eternal and temporal – it is the child of permanence and change. No religion can live and be a power in this evolving world unless it changes and adjusts itself to its environment..."

Rufus Jones, *Studies in Mystical Religion*, pg xii, Macmillan, London, 1919.

The spiritual traditions and philosophies of people everywhere and in every era are typically framed in the context of stories explaining what we are, and who or what is responsible for creating everything that exists. In retrospect, such stories may be classified as myths. In this era dominated by technology, credible myths will need to harmonize with our modern understanding of natural phenomena and cosmology.

This commentary attempts to develop a science-related myth around the Thomas collection of Jesus' sayings. The myth presented here is an interpretation – not only of Jesus' sayings in this authentic, recently rediscovered gospel, but also of relevant aspects of Freeman and Vitiello's Quantum Field Theory of EM Neurodynamics,* which models mind/body interactions. According to this theory our minds and memories are

nonlocal,* outside of spacetime, and yet they are quantum field structures. This commentary takes the position that our minds are best described as dreams* spun off by quanta* of the field of Spirit (the field of life) described herein as the animating "inner-light" of each living entity.

As we enter the era of "AI" (artificial intelligence), some of the tech-experts who continue to upgrade such systems, which are already capable of doing many human jobs, are having second thoughts. Obviously, we are in for profound long-term economic and political changes. But some of these second thoughts turn upon issues of identity. How are we more capable than machines that can potentially do most of the jobs we do, and predictably will eventually do them better than we can? If you ask a publicly available "large language chatbot" how it works internally, it may tell you it refines data hierarchically, narrowing down to answer an inquiry by using the processing principles of brain neural networks. So, this crisis of identity becomes personal: how am I different from an artificially "intelligent" entity that uses the same design and processing principles as my own brain?

This plaintive question fails to take account of simpler life forms that do not have brains. The cells of our bodies are social creatures that communicate with one another, show individuality, live in communities, and engage in amazing feats of group organization, forming together as fungi, plants, and animals. If we say we are "made out of" cells, then we must also admit that cells are made out of mitochondria with support from other bacterial species. These lowest-level living entities communicate with one

another, are social, and organize to form higher order microorganisms. Human bodies have many trillions of cells. Human neuron cells, which are highly energetic, each have as many as a million mitochondria to supply that energy. But although they build our bodies with their own bodies, neither of these two underlying levels of life have brains.

Apparently, brains are not essential for life, social life, individuality, or creative activity. What is essential, then? This commentary takes the position that all forms of life are unified by quanta of the field of life. Every natural entity is a quantum of some sort of field; for instance, take the electromagnetic field: its simplest quanta are photons of light. Its most complex scientifically recognized quanta are organic molecules such as DNA. Even though all three levels of living entities we are discussing use electromagnetic (EM*) effects to operate and interact, EM effects alone can not explain the essential qualities of life. This commentary proposes that living entities – bacteria, cells, and animals – model their environments and their own bodies with bubbles of perspective in the nonlocal zone where the past is present. Being in that zone means you can remember the past.

Various sayings in this gospel suggest that Jesus believed we are expressions of a universal Holy Spirit that gives life to our bodies. As its creations, the Spirit understands and endorses our will to survive in this competitive world. As our species evolved over the Pleistocene's many millennia, survival while awake required our perspectives stay locked to our surroundings.

This leads us to identify as bodily beings living in a physical world. But our bodies are populations of living cells, and we are expressions of the spiritual quanta that coordinate our cells so we can function as unified individual organisms. A quantum is a manifestation of a field, so the spirit that animates us would be a quantum of the field of spirit. Adopting terminology consistent with the idea of calling expressions of the EM field "photons" or "electrons," or expressions of the gravitational field "gravitons," this commentary calls expressions of the spiritual field "Spiritons* (also see "Animating Quantum" in Appendix A-2) ."

Each animal is animated by a single Spiriton, which experiences itself as a dream. Dreams have a noetic, creative front end that generates a multi-mode storyline of experience, and nonlocally records it for future reference. They also are able to spin off dreams of their own, such as those that decentralize a Spiriton's regulatory job. Our bodies are complex, with subsystems like the heart and the different functional areas of the brain. So, the animating Spiriton spins off a family of dreams to interact with these functionally specialized bodily subsystems. Like the Spiriton itself, its functionally dedicated dreams are field expressions. But instead of being quanta of the universal field of Spirit, they are quanta of the Spiriton's own dream.

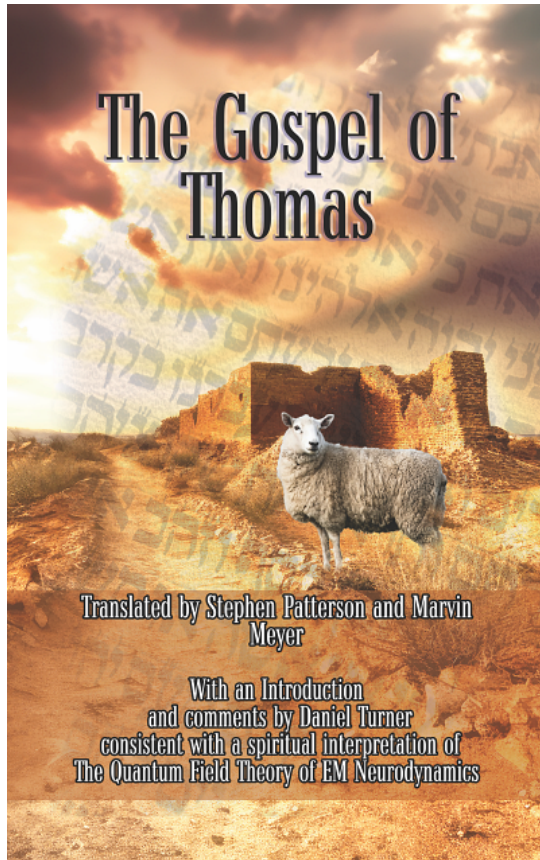
As I interpret this gospel, Jesus most important message is that a person's dream of personality needs to identify with its Spiriton parent, and by virtue of that with its entire dream family. If the family ends up disunified,

the Spiriton's purpose of nurturing a life in this world fails. In effect, Jesus is telling us the purpose of our lives is to join a macroscopically higher unification that Jesus calls "the single one." In this gospel when Earth's biosphere is perceived as spiritually infused, it is "this Heaven." The "single one" is a "Higher Heaven" than "this Heaven." Because we are locked to the competitive world in order to survive, Jesus explains our dilemma in Saying #113, "the Father's kingdom is spread out upon the earth, and people don't see it." If your personal dream doesn't relate to Earth's biosphere as "this Heaven," it's not positioned to join the Higher Heaven.

The Quantum Field Theory of EM Neurodynamics

As readers may be unfamiliar with this scientific theory, and as this commentary's spiritual interpretation further complicates the theory's esoteric character, readers may find that aspects of the theory are often repeated in the ensuing commentary. However, because this gospel's sayings generally make distinct and unique points, their relationships with the theory are best drawn out in descriptions with some reiteration of the relevant aspects of the theory.

According to a truism of our times, the brain is where thinking happens. In this theory of QF Neurodynamics, that truism is only half of the story. During the last quarter of the 20th century scientists who studied electromagnetic fields generated by the brains of laboratory animals found that EM fields in the brain are dynamic, always moving



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