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## **Awakening Connectivity**

The objective of this essay is to encourage and support individuals searching for a personal connection to the non-material living-reality of the First-Manifest of creation. That 'reality' is normally religiously referred to by a variety of names used to depict the creator and upholder of everything within creation. However, the First-Manifest is the first non-material 'entity' to exist within infinity and besides being timeless and genderless is also so nameless. Subsequently, all names used to depict that non-material entity are *unknowingly* interconnected to each other, even if the names themselves establish a false separation. Suggesting, this similar to the story of ten blind people each touching different parts of an elephant and describing it by what is being touched, making each interpretation accurate, but also potentially misleading.

The foregoing implies no matter what name you resonate with to describe the First-Manifest, it is the same non-material entity being referred to. And similar to the names given to the different parts of an elephant being touched, the variety of names given to the First-Manifest are simply an interpretation of 'how' it is being 'touched', with the 'how' used to establish a containing border to define the 'touching'. However, that artificial border is causation for endless forms of past, present, and future conflict. As its protective containing 'walls' establish a theological polarization from others with different border 'walls'. Those 'walls' are what prevents an honest and sincere exchange of ideas and ideals, thwarting a progressive interchange of individual conviction, by misusing that bordered 'how' as a shield to defend or as a weapon to attack. But, if that artificial border is bypassed, a true and binding recognition of personal and religious commonality would naturally arise, exposing individual conviction as equal parts of the same thing. That borderless vision allows each part of the symbolic 'elephant' to be exposed. Thereby creating the potential for the whole to be seen, establishing honest and open enlightened-connectivity to each other: enlightened, as an artificial weight is lifted to reveal a commonality that is both connective and inspiring.

As a consequence of those artificial confining walls, it is essential to appreciate how self-containing information establish their internal 'form' and become self-protective. If that 'form' is unknown, learning to 'bypass' constricting-walls becomes a trial as border-walls can shape-shift to appear as something new. But they are still the same old border-walls in a new disguise, and so remain hidden in plain sight.

Having an appreciation of how self-containing bordered-walls of information create their confining 'form' provides insight into how they control without their initiator being aware they exist. And that control is what creates a separation from others that have different self-containing 'bordered-walls' of information, engendering endless forms of conflict. Knowing how those

controlling border-walls are created and maintained establish an opportunity to experientially ‘see’ our connective commonality.

When that ‘opportunity’ is recognized it then becomes a personal decision to use or ignore. And that is where the real struggle begins. As knowing is one thing, but doing requires ‘bypassing’ self-created border-walls to honestly accept another’s border-walls as equal to yours: not contrived or insincere but as genuinely being equal. That open-hearted acceptance is unknowingly ‘touching’ the living Heart of the First-Manifest’s nature, revealing compassionate-equanimity as a pathway to that Heart. That form of ‘touching’ is a personal decision that will ultimately define your life. However knowing, but doing nothing about the knowing, also defines your life. And both forms of this definition have consequences.

Everyone has self-created internal protective bordered-walls of information. They are established from early childhood to provide a ‘secure’ understanding of whatever is transpiring within a child’s immediate environment. The vision initiates a variety of bordered information *encasing* an understanding or interpretation of the environment that child exists within. It does not matter if the interpretation is real or imagined, as the result is identical: a ‘walled-in’ interpreted vision of a particular circumstance remains. Therefore, when the same or similar situation arises, the contained bordered information is used to define and react to that new circumstance, using the enclosed information as a guide.

Meaning, the enclosed or bordered walled-in information is determining how the individual responds. This is normal and essential. As the resultant bordered information establishes a belief or construct in the correctness of that internally held information, providing an inner sense of protective continuity, which is a form of personal security. Then, as an individual grows older, an endless stream of new information is accumulated, altering the content of each bordered ‘cell’ of information. The bordering ‘walls’ of that ‘cell’ will continually expand to accommodate new information, potentially making responses from that expanded ‘cell’ appear different from its original creation. However, the ‘cell-walls’ remain identical, only the information they hold is different. Thus, the original protectiveness remains locked with those ‘cell-walls’, protecting new information.

Consequently, that original ‘cell-wall’ protectiveness is now being used to protect, maintain and so guide adult accumulated information. Or: the original childhood created ‘cell-wall’ protectiveness has morphed into a clone of itself, appearing to be something new by the information it holds: hence, adult responses can *potentially* be childhood guided. The clone is the same old ‘cell’ that has stealthily shape-shifted itself by altering how its containing ‘walls’ appear, allowing it to emerge in a new disguise, appearing to have new protective qualities created by new information. That ongoing alteration has information clones of clones continual materializing; creating what is referred to as a persona, or an individual’s *assumed* identity or personality.

Thus, the original ‘cell-wall’ protectiveness is continually used and re-used in new emerging information cloned ‘cells’, effectively and unknowingly

subjugate an individual's free will to that protectiveness. That occurs as it is no longer necessary to think about information held within cloned 'cell-walls', as their protectiveness creates certainty as personal security. This displaces any requirement to rationally scrutinize information, just respond by whatever information is being protected: hence, relinquishing free will to the protective 'cell-walls' of a clone.

That self-limiting action has individuals reacting protectively to information that is contrary to what is being held within his or her many bordered 'cell-walled' information clones. And that occurs as 'cell-walled' information clones exist for self-image security, protecting individual self-worth, and so are used to defend the 'walls' that define them, or used to attack others with dissimilar 'cell-walls'. This is where problems initiate and potentially grow to consume any or all parties involved in a wide range of 'cell-wall' conflicts. Even though those conflicts can potentially destroy individuals and countries, it is rarely appreciated that all individuals in that conflict have unknowingly subjugated their free will to a 'cell' of 'walled-in' information that now controls them without them being aware of that control.

Thus, 'cell-wall' information clones continually mutate, with each new clone 'cell' of information imbued with border 'wall' protective security. Hence, whatever goes into new cloned 'cells' is pre-protected. This is why individual *certainty*, created by that 'walled' protective-security, can *instantly* arise to protect newly acquired beliefs and constructs.

The foregoing particularly applies to various protectionists (isolationistic) thought-forms, sometimes referred to as fundamentalism. But the term fundamentalism can be misleading, for there can be supportive (progressive and reformist) as well as conservative (unquestioning traditional or orthodox) fundamentalism: and subdivided again as both can be unsuspectingly or unknowingly potentially damaging.

The 'choice' of one or other of the above-mentioned opposing positions relies upon the *certainty*, created by the original 'cell-wall' protectiveness. And that occurs as the *certainty* has *subliminally* created an individual's disposition or temperament, founded upon the content of 'walled-in' information, resulting in what has been termed left-wing or right-wing tendencies. Those 'tendencies' are what make the containing-borders of beliefs and constructs, whether personal, societal, political or religious, relatively easy to accept or reject. For, depending upon the 'tendency' they resonantly align with either restrictive or non-restrictive ideas or ideals.

With everything in life, there is an upside and a downside and sometimes one leads directly to the other. Thus, left-wing and right-wing dispositions or temperaments can have individuals holding different views on a wide variety of topics. But the cloned 'wall' that divides them has unknowingly been formed by a *similar original protective border 'wall'* within both. The information used to form those individual 'walls' will in all probability be different, but the result is identical. Thus, whether those holding opposite positions appreciate it or not, they have a common link that subliminally binds one to the other. And as easy as it is to state or write, accepting that common-binding-link is normally rejected.

There are many reasons why that commonality is disregarded or rejected. But primarily all reasons rely upon the strength of protective border 'walls' that maintain and protect an individual's self-image, and so their self-worth. And if one of those 'walls' appears to be losing its protective qualities, or in some manner appears under attack, it can feel as if an individual's persona is being attacked. Or, their personal identity is in some manner being diminished.

The result of that rejection is what we witness today. The norm appears to be left and right wing confrontation dominating our social and political environment with religious ideology being held as sacrosanct. And they all use varying forms of minor or major attack/defend positions that ultimately can be used to maim or kill, with the perpetrator, or perpetrators, thinking their actions are justified. Thus, the downside of internal bordered 'cells' of information, used for personal security, can unknowingly be used and controlled by others, potentially destroying in the guise of protection.

However, the upside of the bordered 'cells' of information can also create socially progressive individuals who are heart-centered and devote their lives to the mental, physical and spiritual welfare of others, regardless of religious persuasion, ethnicity or political beliefs. And both of those opposite positions are 'cell-wall' created, as the 'wall' establishes personal *certainty* because of its pre-protectiveness.

Hence, depending upon the information held within cloned protective 'cell-walls' the result can be beneficial or potentially destructive. Unfortunately, because of the protective-certainty cloned 'cells' provide, destructive results can be seen as beneficial by those that believe their way is the only correct way, regardless of the potential damage it does to individuals and property. In those situations, personal, societal, political and religious conflict is nothing more than an individual's *subjugated free will being used* by an artificial cloned 'cell-wall' to confront another's information cloned 'cell-wall'. The result, sadly, is no different from children playing in a sandpit claiming their sandcastle is better than another's sandcastle. But in this circumstance, the 'sandcastle' can destroy in the guise of protection, feeling justified in doing so.

Consequently, from a religious perspective, an 'elephant' will retain its many descriptions. As those who are doing the 'touching' maintain their isolationism from others who have done the same thing, just differently.

All of the abovementioned information can appear like a complex way to demonstrate what prevents most individuals from appreciating the First-Manifest, being non-material, yet can actually be materially seen, not just the way expected or desired. Or, individuals can have difficulty connecting to a non-material reality, as that 'Reality' cannot be directly seen or held. And that occurs as everything learned in life is internally held within 'walled-information-cells', creating a border separating it from other information 'cells'. Those 'cell-walls' establish a clear definition, making it easily recalled and so knowable, giving or maintaining information credibility.

But the First-Manifest is non-material and borderless, having no 'walls' to contain that entity, making it appear as unknowable for it cannot be held or

grasped. Or, as your life has evolved by 'walled-in-cells' of information their 'edges' allow you to grasp and hang onto the certainty they create. However, the First-Manifest being borderless has no separation 'walls', and so no 'edges' to hang onto. And as everyone has built their existence upon walled-in-information, anything that has no-containing-walls 'appears' to have no place (space) to exist within a self-created walled-in persona. It is outside the structural-construction used to create what each thinks and believes they are, making a non-material entity difficult to accept as credible.

Thus, at first sight, the borderless and so 'edgeless' existence of the First-Manifest can appear as a problem, as the non-restrictiveness of non-materiality cannot fit into restrictive 'cell-walls'. As a consequence, some try to restrict what is absolutely unrestricted. But that artificial restriction effectively imprisons what cannot be imprisoned, *as it is attempting to bind what is boundless*. The attempt artificially endeavors to confine the Life of the First-Manifest within a bordered 'cell-walled' description, so it can be held. Not only is this potentially misleading, but it can destroy the very thing an individual may be searching for: because absolute non-restriction cannot be restricted.

That action would be no different than expecting the bones of a sepulcher to hold life. Likewise, particular 'aspects' of ritual and theology can have the 'life' extracted out of them, leaving scriptural bones to be a substitute for life. And that occurs as religions can become so focused upon ritual and theology (as both can be 'held' within pre-established 'cell-walls') that the 'life' (what cannot fit into pre-established 'cell-walls') of that ritual and theology is being unintentionally camouflaged in favor of what can be 'held'. Thereby, potentially missing the 'life' the ritual and theology are formed upon. This is not suggesting ritual and theology is inherently wrong. Just that, because they can be 'held', their restrictive formulas can unwittingly begin to dominate the unrestricted 'life' used to create them, potentially missing why ritual and theology exist.

However, if ritual and theology *steadfastly remain focused upon revealing the 'life'* they are formed upon. And not upon the tenets used for their formation, ritual and theology will not dominate. Then, internal connective 'doors' are left wide open, effectively allowing *space* for the absolute unrestricted and so 'edgeless' nature of the First-Manifest to make its Presence 'felt', revealing a veiled opportunity. And that opportunity becomes visible by **anything** that instigates a connective-feeling to a non-material *truth, beauty or goodness* thought or action *revealing* an internal connective-space *beyond* what an individual thinks they materially are: beyond the controlling 'walls' of any restrictive self-created information 'cell'.

Thus, connecting to an 'edgeless' action, thought, or vision is simply witnessing absolute unconditional truth, beauty or goodness, recognizable by how the result makes you 'feel'. Therefore, 'feeling' becomes the crossover between material borders and borderless non-materiality, as it can transcend or bypass border 'walls'. In those transcending non-material connective-moments, names disappear, as the living-reality of creation is personally 'felt' and so experienced as BEING within. So, *within is where to look for a non-material*

*connection to the Source-of-Creation, and the 'looking' has pointers, but no parameters.*

Recognizing truth, beauty, and goodness by 'feel' is universal, requiring no coaching or instruction to be recognized, as each is borderless and so 'felt'. Everyone can do this without trying. As that connective 'feeling' is not learned and has no borders to contain it, the nature of that unrestricted 'feeling' naturally connects to the non-material nature of the First-Manifest. Whereas restrictively held material 'cell-wall' information, creating a connective-feeling, is different from unrestricted 'feeling' because of its pre-existing 'cell-wall' restrictiveness.

So, regardless of what many may suggest, the First-Manifest is knowable by 'feel', and the attributes of that non-material 'entity' is experienced through the revelation of unconditional truth, beauty and goodness, with truth being compassion as that is how truth 'feels'. On an individual level, the moment you allow truth (compassion), beauty (anything that 'touches' an inner sense of unrestricted connective-joy), and goodness (self-explanatory) to prevail in your life, borders instantly melt away. There is no requirement to work at it. They simply evaporate, exposing the falseness of their protective nature. Or, that protective nature has been displaced by a personal connection to borderless truth, beauty and goodness within everyday life, requiring no attack/defend or win/lose stance to confirm that vision. And within that borderless protection, you are now able to witness everything without border 'walls', which is true freedom that must be experienced to be appreciated. As within that freedom, what you once saw as potential conflict simply does not arise, as its falseness is self-extinguishing. As well, that freedom opens your vision to what has always been right in front of you, but 'walls' hid it from view.

However, if the freedom of that vision is not wanted, ignored or have 'walls' constructed to prevent its inner illumination, the growing restrictive polarization within societies, politics, and religion that is witnessed today will only worsen in the future. And then environmental adjustments may be required to reset human thinking. Also, individuals can knowingly create strong border 'walls', preventing truth, beauty, and goodness from being experienced, and so inadvertently become a danger to others as well as to themselves. But, *if not actively blocked, truth, beauty and goodness will always randomly impact upon your life.* How you respond to that connection can instantly redefine your life - or gradually wear down the 'walls' that protect what does not require protecting. That action (decision) is knowingly allowing truth, beauty and goodness into your life, with the result creating a personal experience of whatever name you have given the non-material reality of the First-Manifest.

If you are still unsure what a bordered 'cell-wall' is, the next time someone says something that causes you to cringe, feel hurt or insulted, that is a 'cell-wall' being hit. And that is not wrong. But, just being aware that a 'wall' is causing the problem, may lessen the impact. However, if you want to experiment freeing yourself from that 'cell-wall' protection, you can try *'standing-aside', allowing words to bypass the 'wall'* and you will experience a new freedom that is exhilarating. Try it and see for yourself. You will discover

it works the same way, every time. The 'standing-aside' action will make you 'feel' good, both about the action and about yourself.

The foregoing suggests your self-worth no longer requires a self-created 'cell-walled' self-image to maintain it. And that is a freedom, once experienced, reveals your self-worth is now allied to the unrestricted non-materiality of the nature of the First-Manifest, and so requires nothing beyond that connection to maintain it. It reveals a new life within the old, which some have referred to as being reborn because that is exactly how it 'feels'.

However, it is appreciated that some individuals will have difficulty 'standing-aside' of restrictively held information (letting-it-slide-by, not sticking anywhere), as it has formed an individual's self-image and so self-worth. But to experientially 'feel' what is non-restrictive, restriction must be bypassed. Since religious beliefs and constructs are information 'cell-wall' bordered, it is essential to 'stand-aside' from those 'walls' to experience what they contain. However, standing-aside of religious or spiritual beliefs and constructs, as well as other beliefs and constructs, do not destroy them, just temporary 'bypasses' them. The 'bypassing' is what contains the potential to release an inner freedom, effectively opening-closed-internal 'doors' (walls) to see and experience the non-material reality those 'cell-wall' restrictive enclosed. That occurs as the many and various supportive beliefs and constructs inadvertently, by their restrictive nature, potentially and unknowingly block the very thing they define by the borders they create.

Thus, *temporarily* experiencing an inner borderless state (no confining 'walls') is 'felt' as being centerless and endlessly expansive, which is your *self-worth experiencing 'life' free of self-created self-image restriction*. The resultant inner connective-quietness it produces is where you come 'face-to-face' with your true inner borderless existence, releasing the startling realization that the core of your existence is non-material. And that realization, the instant it occurs, resonantly-connects your non-material existence directly to the non-materiality of the First-Manifest. This can occur in an instant and disappear just as quick. However, the aftermath lingers as being bathed within a subdued and soft luminosity that melts old borders to reveal both 'who' and 'what' you are. And life changes forever.

There are many ways to do the same thing. What is right for one may not be suitable for another, so no one way is the right way or only way. So do not be concerned by the suggested 'standing-aside' from 'walled' religious and spirit-based beliefs and constructs if you do not think or feel you can do that action. As even though beliefs and constructs are bordered and so restrictive, holding onto their border-walls is also setting a precedent to try. And trying is what is important; as this exhibits a free will decision to, if not now, sometime in the future to be experientially enfolded within the non-material arms of however the Source-of-Creation is personally conceived. Meaning, futuristically you create your own directional existence by how to enter that enfoldment. No matter how difficult the road to that end is, enjoy the journey, as that end is a new beginning.

It is always worth remembering, if you choose to work at eliminating self-created 'cell-wall' containment, you still retain all the information the cells contain. But now that information no longer controls, nor 'channels', thinking along predefined pathways. This eliminates the erroneous belief that borderless thinking creates a pathway to unrestrained forms of excess, licentiousness, or chaos. The reality is that borderless information is only a platform to stand-upon to begin a journey, without the platform binding you within its predefined limits. If you 'accept' the experiential and exploratory freedom of that journey, daily life will gradually reveal a new-vision of personal existence that was hidden from view because of those containing 'walls'.

Then, you are no longer bound and blinded by those self-containing, controlling and artificially protective 'walls', allowing you to see what exists beyond them. Some have referred to new-found freedom as enlightenment, as an artificial screen (veil) has been lifted, revealing a new world that was blocked from view because your vision was locked within 'cell-walls'. The resultant borderless freedom is where truth, beauty and goodness are seen everywhere in everyday life, as there are no walls to obscure your vision.

And finally, as there is only one Source-of-Creation therefore, one human family, it makes everyone non-materially connected and materially related. Consequently, whether this is appreciated or not, the human race is one large extended family. And family members normally have disagreements and tend to quarrel from time-to-time. But they are still family.

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