Commentary — From the Margins

The Flat "Unified" Field of Transcendental Meditation

The mapping of brain activity is not a new field of study; it is not particularly controversial. When a person opens or closes an eye, there is a sharp spike and fall in the wave formed by that activity in the front lobes of the brain while the wave formed in back is almost a solid line.

In general, the wave formed at the front of the brain rises and falls with greater rapidity and with greater base variation than the wave formed at the back of the brain. But in the transcended state, the two waves begin to function in a somewhat synchronized manner. In this state of "alert consciousness" or "restful alertness" the mind is as a freshly cultivated field, capable of "growing" new ideas as if these ideas were wheat or weeds, with some ideas creative, innovative, peaceful, providing greater autonomy and mature moral reasoning based on independent principle-based judgment. In the transcended state thoughts become increasingly quiet until the mind is not bound by thought but experiences awareness directly, with this awareness, again, being like recently plowed soil a farmer holds in his hand, feeling the moisture, its potential, the possibilities of a crop, a harvest. The transcended state does not produce followers, intellectual zombies who through blind faith adhere to rules and authority. That is not what mediation is about. It is about reaching *pure consciousness*, the topography from which thoughts and feeling spring forth as sprouted seeds. Mediation, thus, is not a religion per se; rather, it exposes the base terrain of humankind's mental landscape, plowing under anxious feelings, guilt, anger, plans for today or tomorrow, even repentance.

When a person has successfully *transcended* while mediating, the waves formed at the front of the brain level or flatten out and closely match the waves formed at the back of the brain, thereby demonstrating *unity* within the brain: the so-called *unified field*. Whether this transcended state of consciousness is the hypothetical unified field of physicists remains problematic, but what can be said about this leveled state of consciousness is that it geographically represents the mental topography of humankind consigned to disobedience and alienated from God. It is the reality of the equally real landscape of Egypt, as the visible things of this world reveal the invisible things of God, with *human nature* [that with produces personhood] being an invisible "thing" received from God revealed by the geographical terrain of Egypt.

The goal of the person who mediates is to reach *cosmic consciousness*, where the transcended state alternates with daily activities until it becomes permanently maintained as a second level of experiencing "personhood," producing within the person an unchanging state of peacefulness regardless of the activities in which one is engaged. This state of *cosmic consciousness*

eliminates guilt and the need for repentance; hence, this state causes the person to accept perpetual servitude to sin and to the prince of disobedience.

Sin is the transgression of the laws of God (1 John 3:4), and evil is nothing more than determining for oneself what is "good" and what is "evil." It is eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge.

The linguistic icons /good/ and /evil/ exist without any absolute assignments of meaning, if such absolute assignments were even possible. One person's good deeds will lack redeeming value to another; so it is not to human beings that a person can look for a godly definition of *evil*. Rather, it is to the Genesis temptation account, where Eve's eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil introduced evil to humankind. Many will argue that evil is disbelieving God, and this is true. But God did not speak to Eve, telling her not to touch the tree (Gen 2:16-17); apparently Adam did in God's name. Apparently Adam added to what God said when he relayed God's instructions to Eve.

Sin entered the world through the man, not through the woman. Adam's obedience as the husband or head of Eve covered her transgression. So when he ate, his obedience ended. He had no other covering for sin but his obedience to God. Thus, with his first bite, he and she were naked, and they knew they were naked. They were instantly overwhelmed with guilt, which demanded that they make for themselves *a covering* to hide their nakedness, and they made fig-leaf loincloths.

If the serpent would have also taught Adam and Eve how to reach the transcended state through mediation, they would have rooted out their feelings of guilt before sewing together fig leaves, and they would have accepted awareness of existence without thought, especially without condemning thoughts. They would not have been anxious about their nakedness, but would have accepted that they were indeed naked, without covering. They would have been fully free to accept that they would die and return to being the dust of the earth—

But the serpent told Eve that she would not surely die. So who were they to believe? God told Adam that on the day he ate he would die. The serpent told Eve that she would not die but would be like God, knowing good and evil. Either God or the serpent is a liar. And the well established evidence of human life is that human beings die and return to dust as God promised Adam. It is a popular fiction that human beings have immortal souls that will not die but will go to heaven or hell (or purgatory) upon the person's death; for eternal life is the gift of God through Christ Jesus (Rom 6:23), not a gift through the first Adam.

How is the prince of this world to stop a rebellion against him, a rebellion against disobedience? No longer can the prince of this world employ physical coercion to compel disobedience as was done through the Roman Church for 1200 years (325 CE to 1525 CE); so one way would be to remove guilt and anxiety about transgressing the laws of God, to make the person feel good about being enslaved to disobedience, to have the person experience existence without self-condemning thought. And as Sabbatarian fellowships gained worldwide membership and access to international media mid 20th-Century, a trademarked meditation technique was introduced by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in 1958, a technique that promised inner peace without seeking righteousness by faith.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Which came first, widespread rebellion against the prince of this world or equally widespread anti-rebellion meditation? The rebellion of the 1st-Century resulted in many souls under the altar of God in heavenly Jerusalem (Rev 6:9-11) as the divided waters above heaven (Gen 1:6-8) never returned to earth. The rebellion in the 16th-Century [the Radical Reformers did not amount to much as principally only Andreas Fischer and his followers escaped spiritual Babylon. All of the Reformed Church and most of the Anabaptists remain shackled to lawlessness through their observance of Sunday, for to break the law of God in one point makes the person a lawbreaker (Jas 2:10). So it wasn't until Sabbatarian Adventists [Seventh Day Adventists & Church of God, 7th Day] in the late 19th-Century and early 20th-Century built a large enough base to be noticed by society that it became necessary for the prince of this world to stop the rebellion against disobedience then gaining converts among the unChurched masses of the Western world. A decade of free love and rebellion against authority followed by meditation and feel good pop psychology was enough to ensure that the generation which might have turned to God with hearts and minds turned instead to Zen and the stock market.

If the *unified field* obtained when *transcended* is analogous to the flood irrigated fields of Egypt, then brain wave activity in the *transcended state* provides hard evidence for biblical typological exegesis. Typology is a form of reasoning by analogy. The Apostle Paul wrote that the invisible things of God were plainly evident by the things that are (Rom 1:20), that the physical precedes the spiritual (1 Co 15:46). Biblical typology will have the visible, physical things of this world revealing and preceding the invisible, spiritual things of God. Therefore, prior to the work of Freud and Jung and a host of others who have followed in their footsteps, human psychology could be understood through perceiving the subtleties of the Egyptian landscape, realizing that Egypt represented sin [disobedience] and that all of humankind had been consigned to disobedience [or imprisoned in sin] prior to being born of Spirit, that the baseline mental state of human psychology conformed to the geography of the fertile bottomlands of Egypt.

If a person is willing to accept that the history of physically circumcised Israel in Egypt serves as the informing shadow of the history of spiritually circumcised Israel (a nation that has actual life in the supra-dimensional heavenly realm though having been born of Spirit) from the 1st-Century CE to the second Passover liberation of this firstborn, holy nation of God, then the mostly level unified field of the transcended state — truly a mental landscape not dependent upon rain from heaven (Deut 11:10-11) — is the base landscape for children of disobedience, which is the state of all human beings prior to being born of Spirit (cf. Eph 2:2-3; Rom 11:32), with this divine Breath of God represented as rain falling in its due season, an earlier rain that ripens the early barley harvest and a later rain that ripens the main crop wheat harvest. The Spirit of God, now, gives life to the otherwise barren hill country of Judea where feet are washed and not used to move irrigation dams on laterals and ditches that bring river water to leveled fields.

If the person accepts the reality of Scripture as good history (as opposed to popular myth), the person can by faith employ typological exegesis for typology is based in realism; so if what is recorded in Scripture is, to the reader, "real" and "meaningful" then this reader can accept both *intertextual* and *hypertextual* events as also real and meaningful ... an *intertextual* analogy exists when a New Testament event becomes the fulfillment of an Old Testament historical occurrence. A *hypertextual* analogy comes into play when the reality exists in another text, such as in the spiritual *Book of Life* in which the lives of disciples are epistles written with Spirit on human hearts (2 Co 3:2-3).

Intertetxual analogies are easily studied and accepted although they are usually much more complex than cursory examinations reveal. *Hypertextual* analogies, however, require the creation of an additional text produced in the mind of the disciple practicing typological exegesis, with this text then compared to extra-textual literature known to the disciple. Without the production of mental texts, sealed and secret prophecies must, necessarily, forever remain sealed and secret; for no additional inscribed texts will be accepted as genuine.

If now quantifiable brain wave activity in the *transcended state* provides a *unified* level field analogous to the flood-irrigated fields of Egyptian agriculture, then the base mental topography for children of disobedience is visibly observable ... the waters of the Nile brought forth garden vegetables to both Egyptian and Israelite in Egypt in a manner analogous to how creative thought springs forth from the *transcended state*. But when a person separates from the expectations of society and begins to live by the laws of God, the person cuts him or herself off from flood irrigation; for separation through keeping the commandments, especially keeping the Sabbaths of God, causes mental conflict that precludes a person from having a flat *unified field*. The Apostle Paul wrote about this conflict that becomes an actual war between the mind and the flesh (Rom 7:7-25). Paul said he didn't understand the reason for this war—it can now be said the reason for this struggle that can be likened to how an isometric form of physical exercise is employed to produce mental strength and maturing comes from resisting what is *natural* to do.

The person committed to obedience cannot enter the *transcended state* because of the inner conflict produced between obeying God and doing what comes naturally. The mental landscape of the person who has been truly born of Spirit becomes like the hill country of Judea, a mindscape that is now dependent upon the Holy Spirit as the early barley harvest of Judea hillsides was on the early rains.

Until the second Passover liberation of Israel, though, most of Christendom lives as their uncalled neighbors live. No separation is apparent. The *Christian* can be seen shopping on the Sabbath and playing golf Sunday afternoon. Whereas plagues four through nine in Egypt established a separation between Egyptian and Israelite before the first Passover lamb was selected and sacrifice, the "second" Passover Lamb—the Lamb of God, a Lamb appropriate to the size of God's household—has already been sacrificed. Physical separation of Israel from Babylon/Egypt occurred a second time when Cyrus sent a remnant of Israel back to Jerusalem to rebuild the house of God; thus, Christians have been living through the single long spiritual night that began at Calvary. This night will not

end until the kingdom of this world is given to the Son of Man (*cf.* Rev 11:15-18; Dan 7:9-14).

Heaven is a timeless dimension ... if the passage of time is perceived as a continuous line stretching from eternity to eternity, this line becomes the "x" axis of a simple "x/y" graph, with all events that occur in the supra-dimensional heavenly realm occurring along the "y" axis, or occurring without the passage of time. The separation of Israelite from Egyptian that occurred by successive events spaced along the "x" axis approximately a millennia and a half before this common era (CE) began, and the separation of Israel from Babylon that occurred a millennia later along this same "x" axis are as a doubled rainbow [the two primary points where refracted light exits spherical rain droplets] reflecting God liberating humankind from bondage to disobedience (sin and death) at the end of this era. And as in the case of refracted light, when the separated wave lengths are "put back together" they become invisible white light, the metaphor most commonly used for God and for Christ Jesus. Thus, the object of Christendom is to *put back together* what has been separated from God.

In the nearly two millennia between Calvary and the present age, Christians returned to living as their Gentile neighbors live, believing the same lie of the Serpent (that they shall not surely die – Gen 3:4) as their Gentile neighbors believe, pursuing the same values and goals, marrying and divorcing and remarrying at the same rates as their neighbors. Long before God formally sent the Church into Babylonian captivity at the Council of Nicea (ca 325 CE), the Church was spiritually dead and awaiting resurrection. Thus, so-called Christian congregations are filled with hypocrites whose righteousness does not exceed that of the Pharisees (Matt 5:20). These congregations are shepherded by pastors who teach Israel to be lawless, and these teachers of iniquity will be denied by Christ in their judgments regardless of the great works they have done in Christ's name (Matt 7:21-23). So the separation that should exist between Egyptian and Israelite is not presently visible through actions that would disclose a circumcised heart within Israel.

If a circumcised heart exists in Israel, God will have to "display" it through persecution analogous to the martyrdom of the saints in the first centuries of the Jesus movement.

Without displaying the single fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23), a fruit of the tree of life, the visible Christian Church is without unity [oneness] with God—and without being one with the Father and the Son, the disciple lacks any *unified field* for God will not permit a disciple to figuratively return to Egypt, the *transcended state* which establishes unity with the prince of this world. Rather, God will kill this person as He slew through the passage of time all of ancient Israel countered in the census of the second year except for Joshua and Caleb.

God kills by not intervening on the behalf of Israel. He hides His face from Israel and uses time to end the provocation of His sons (Deut 32:19-20). Without the work of His renewing Breath—without visible miracles—the Church, crucified with Christ, died long ago and remains dead to this day. When it is resurrected from death, public miracles will return.

Once born of Spirit, every disciple will experience "existence" through law and thought as opposed to experiencing *existence* without thought. The person born

of Spirit cannot return to experiencing existence without thought unless the person kills the son of God domiciled within the heart and mind. And if the person murders this son of God, the person's *existence* will end in the lake of fire, the second death.

Repentance is turning from lawlessness and turning toward the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, loving Him with all one's heart and mind, thereby keeping His laws and commandments by faith, with this faith being counted to the person as righteousness. Repentance is not accepting oneself as he or she is, but initiating a war within the mind and heart to kill that which the person was. The goal of repentance is to become Christ-like.

Whenever the Christian who truly seeks to serve the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob begins the journey of faith that will be counted to the person as righteousness, the person leaves the level plains of Egypt or of Babylon and begins trekking toward the hill country of Judea. The person will not suspend thought and wander aimlessly on the flattened topography of mediation. If the person does, the person will die in the wilderness of Sin/Zin as did the physically circumcised nation that left Egypt. The person will not cross the Jordan and enter into the Promised Land.

It is a testament to scientific advances that before an audience the *unified* field of the *transcended state* can be shown as a matter of fact. This would have been unimaginable to disciples even a generation ago.

The scientific community lacks comprehending the significance of what it can display, and that is truly the great tragedy in all of this.

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