

from the α -Phædrana:

∇7 The future of the Universe will always be consistent with the nature of the Universe itself: we humans can see this as present and future options established by the past behavior of the Universe. The future will unfold as an average-fulfillment, an average weighted by the state of the universal matricoid at each point on the time-horizon of the Universe.

We Danaans guide our lives into the future by accepting full responsibility for our lives—no sloughing off responsibility by blaming the fictitious malevolent demons of an ignorant past, the machinations of a fickle god or the malicious excesses of an imaginary ruling class. We accept accountability for our mistakes and in so doing earn the right to take full credit for our triumphs. We cherish our freedoms and gladly accept our duties in the preservation of those freedoms.

We are discovering our long-hidden past, as individuals, as citizens and as a species: as living beings, the children of a verdant, fertile Earth. We order our lives with a calendar dated from the birth of our Planet, in calendar-years rich in the cycles of terrestrial existence.

Yet how is it that all other creatures follow the Prime Imperative without trauma, while this one animal—*humanity*—has had such trouble in not being able to accept its guidance?

The increase in the mental abilities of humans led us from a state of existence within Nature to an apparent existence alongside Nature—we became an observant species instead of being only a participative species. Our early observance period was one of great learning and development, of learning from the Natural Order while cherishing our participation within Nature. This was the early period of devotion to the Goddess: the era that began about 50,000 years ago, in which agriculture, writing, mathematics, law, the arts, commerce, that is to say *Civilization* was discovered and nurtured. This period is comparable to an individual's pre-pubescent childhood, and the joy of learning and of life in those years of growth and hope.

The increase in mankind's observational abilities created an ever greater awareness on conscious and subconscious levels of the Three Imperatives individually, yet some humans were unable to realize their interrelation. Inability to perceive the Imperatives as a unity, to recognize their requisite need for interbalance, led to a tremendous over-emphasis on Self and its associated dysfunctions, such as insecurity, jealousy, greed, guilt, megalomania, tyranny, *Pseudolex moralium*, indeed, led to all sorts of attempts by the few to impose their will on the many. It was from this stormcloud that the Indo-european warriors appeared, swinging their blood-stained iron swords.

This transition period is cognate with that period of imbalance some experience in post-pubescent childhood, the 'terrible teens', when one must struggle to establish a self-identity, and must fight the doubts that arise from that struggle, the doubts which can lead to such diverse reactions as extreme withdrawal in one person, to the much more wide-spread lemming-like group- and leader-dependent behavior of others.

During this time in the life of the human species, these past 3000 years, devotion to the Mother of Civilization has remained strong. And, although mostly covert in action, subtle in expression and subconscious in psychological impact, it has been the single influence urging mankind forward to a better, more fulfilling existence: at once more free, more just, and more in harmony with the Truth that is the Universe.

During this latter part of the observant-species period, there has developed an escapism, a shifting of blame for mistakes from the one responsible to a scapegoat, to messiahism: *waiting for Big Brother to come back and fix it because we are so evil, so inept, so ignorant that we cannot possibly do anything right*. Foolishness! The weak love tyranny because they are terrified of the responsibility inherent in self-government. Self-government and the assumption of adult responsibilities frighten these individuals because they would have no

one to blame for their mistakes but themselves! This is the source of the tyrannized-religious' adoration of their abusive lords: priests and preachers, popes and prophets.

The Danaans, however, realize that it is in assuming control of one's own life, in accepting responsibility for our own mistakes and shortcomings, learning from them, then using them to accomplish what we had set out to do that the triumph is ours, as individuals, as a people and as a species. This is why we place so much emphasis on the contractuality inherent in all human actions, on our Rights and Freedoms. One is as responsible for his or her every action in Life as he or she is in any commercial contract of deliberate expression.

We Danaans are the first of our species to have evolved from that original, participative era, through the observant period and into the guardian epoch of humanity: we are the Guardians of Life, Liberty and of the Joy those two bestow: we are the Adults of the Goddess.

The life-occurrences of human beings are not set by fate, nor have they been predetermined by the empty whim of an ancient thunder-god. Humans are not pre-programmed nor are we pawns: we are not predestined. We each choose our own destination, and by our own efforts purchase our tickets and make our transfers.

Each of us possesses (1) a set of personally, socially and genetically established capacities, in (2) a life of statistically ordered options with (3) the ability through the three aspects of human mentality—*reason, experience* and *intuition*—to coordinate those capacities and those options in order to optimize our existence in such a way as to benefit Life—the Life of our Selves, our Communities, our Species. This is the Prime Imperative realized in Human Life.

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