

sociality

MEDITATION

knowing

Formal Categories

Personal Absolution

MEDIATOR

Permission

The mediator articulates the permission-giving Word about my life as a non-authoritative authority absolving me to participate in the struggle of my life.

Interior Accountability

PRIOR

Demand

The prior assumes total responsibility for enabling my involvement, standing as the detached one and holding me accountable as my spirit mentor

Existential Guidance

SAINT

Exemplification

The saint is always before and beside me as the exemplar of the cruciform life style, guarding and guiding me on my spirit journey.

Missional Comradship

COLLEAGUE

Collaboration

The colleague is the comrade who stands with me in the desert, my collaborator who conspires with me to be mission to civilization.

Phenomenological Categories

THE IMPACT

The impact of an encounter with a historical friend occurs as his life impinges on mine, creating an awareness of my illusions and reductionisms.

WORD BEARING PRIEST

My mediator impacts me as priest, the one who in his lucidity about the Word holds me over against the universal context and gives me permission to say "yes" to my life.

UNFAILING PROMPTER

My prior impacts me as prompter, the watchman who embodies a selective and timely presence of the Word, rule, and style in pointing to an already exposed necessity.

REVERED HERO

My saint impacts me as the hero who provides both a focus for my existence and an operating image out of which to live my life: yet in my exaltation I am cut off from him.

DESTINAL ELECTOR

My elector is the colleague who impacts my life by continually reminding me of my calling, for he will not let me forget my decision to be the chosen one in history.

THE ADDRESS

The address occurs in the depth encounter with another who calls into question my entire life and demands that I take a new relationship to my particular situation.

RADIANT GURU

My mediator addresses the concretions of my life as the guru who is privy to my inner being and whose authentic style reflects his interior appreciation of the Word.

CONCERNED JUDGE

My prior addresses me as judge, the inspector who accuses me of violating my decisions to live out of our common stance and holds me accountable for my life choices.

SCORCHING AVATAR

The address of my saint as scorching; yet I become his obedient lieutenant and embody his style with the knowledge that my existence depends on him.

PRIMORDIAL ANCESTOR

Those spirit ancestors on whose stance in the Word my life depends become my colleagues, for their accomplishments are mine and they depend on me to complete their work.

THE DIALOGUE

The dialogue occurs when I and the other, bound by a common conscience, engage in an intense struggle in which every response confronts me with continuousness of the mystery.

PERSISTENT FRIEND

I appropriate my mediator as friend, the one who out of his lucidity about the particularities of my life persistently engages me in dialogue about the way life is.

UNIVERSAL FATHER

When I receive my prior as father he nurtures me by his wisdom, celebrating my broken existence, recalling me to my expanding vocation, and sending me forth to be a son of the universe

EVER-PRESENT BROTHER

The saint with whom I experience mutual responsibility becomes my brother—he who names my name and whose name I name for it is with him that I struggle to create.

EXPECTANT DESCENDANT

My descendants become my colleagues as I dialogue with the vision of the future and those whose own future depends on whether I stand as a comprehensive, responsible man.

THE COMMUNION

The communion occurs before the gaze of all of history as the past, present, and future converge in my decision to be totally related to the social nature of all existence.

ETERNAL SAVIOR

I commune with my mediator as eternal savior; we passionately embody the one absolution of all of life by joyously submitting to the cruciform style that transcends time and space.

HEAVENLY ADOVDATE

My prior as heavenly advocate before all of history holds me finally accountable for the past and future and delivers the verdict in the Word in which there is no condemnation.

GUARDIAN ANGEL

Through wrestling with the saint who is my guardian angel, I am permanently branded with the Word through which he works his miracles and we become one.

DIVINE HOST

At the point of radical discontinuity, the mystery itself becomes my colleague as all of the past, present, and future of existence converge in my life and I become all-knowing in myself.

mystery

CONTEMPLATION

being

Formal Categories

Phenomenological Categories

Enigmatic Not me ness

EXTERNALITY

Other

Externality is the awareness of an enigmatic Other-than-I, an incomprehensible uncontrollable weird no-me-ness in my life.

Fearful never again ness

ARCHAISM

Past

Archaism is the mysterious irretrievable, fearful never-again-ness which birthed man and continues to be build man, and which is constantly rewritten in his memory.

Awesome Not yet ness

FUTURITY

Future

Futurity is the anticipation of the awesome "beyond the now" which demands that it be created, yet promises to remain the unreachable "Not Yet."

Dreadful in myself ness

DEPTH

Self

Depth is the consciousness that arises out of the wonder and dread filled mystery in the I, self-consciously relates to the other, past and future.

THE ENCOUNTER

The encounter is the experience of the first crashing awareness of the discontinuity in life in which my universe is destroyed and my entire life is called into radical question.

DANGEROUS INTRUSION

Intrusion of the external takes place whenever the Other impinges on my life as judgment; in this intrusion I encounter the mystery itself, responding in rebellion of acceptance.

WONDER-FILLED FATE

I encounter the mystery in the past as fate, the awareness of history as the unchangeable irretrievable, unknowable, and tragic "gone ness" which has decided who I am.

CUT-OFF UNKNOWNNESS

As I anticipate the future I experience myself as being cut off—determined by fate and having no power in the face of what is totally unknown and uncontrollable.

UNEXPLAINABLE THERENESS

The encounter with the mystery of myself is the stark awareness that I am unexplainably and unrepeatable in history just as I am, and that therefore history claims me.

THE ENTRAPMENT

The entrapment is the experience of realizing there is no escape from the surrounding abyss in the midst of my concrete involvement in history.

EVERLASTING INESCAPABILITY

As I realize in conscience despair that I cannot hide from my situation and that the mystery is unavoidably everywhere, a decision about my life is inescapable.

REFORGED TRANSFORMATION

My entrapment by the mystery of the past is transformed as I realize my guilt and shame in being bound to history and in saying, "yes" to the past; that my past is re-created, and I use that past to create the future.

FRIGHTFUL POSSIBILITY

In experiencing the wild possibility of the unlimited arbitrariness of the future, I am entrapped by the demand to bring to bring to order what is unknown and create the form of the future.

IRREPLACEABLE UNIQUENESS

I am entrapped by the mystery of the self as I realize that my particular, most intimate, unknown self is unavoidably all I have and is the unique possibility, which is mine.

THE COLLEGIALITY

In the midst of my being bound to my limitingness the collegiality is my decision to embody it totally as my very being and so realize communion with the limiting power.

HALLOWED HONOR

Collegiality with the other is acknowledging the intrusion as a gift, honoring the other and recognizing my common thrust with every other and my dependence on the final "not me."

SHEER RE-CREATION

The collegiality with the mystery is my awareness that I am responsible for and embody the past; thus my past is recreated and I use that past to create the future.

LUMINOUS CHANGE

I become radical change as I embody the unknown as the one responsible for its creation in communion with the "Not Yet," and my whole life becomes the anticipation of the future.

APPROPRIATED PASSION

Collegiality with the unrepeatable mystery of myself comes as I choose to live the horror that I am and passionately expend the possibility, which is myself.

THE ADORATION

The adoration is my intentional transformation toward total appropriation of all that is, which brings the recognition of having unlimited freedom.

BEING ALL THE OTHER

As I embrace all that is "not me", aware that all there is finally is mystery, I am completely free to act only for the other and say in fear and fascination, "I am the universe."

ALL THAT EVER WAS

The adoration of the mystery in the past is experienced as I appropriate all the past and completes it by totally re-creating it and becoming all that ever was in myself.

ALL THAT'S YET TO BE

When I decide to be the unknowness of the future, I experience the bondless creation of tomorrow as my whole life and am united with all there is to be.

ALL BEING IN MYSELF

I become the sign of authentic humanness as I embody my peculiar showed-upness and embody the totality of all life in celebrating my uniqueness, as I be pure being in myself.

freedom

PRAYER

doing

Formal Categories

Phenomenological Categories

Perpetual Repentance
CONFESSION
Sin

Confession is the articulation of lucidity in the Word: seeing my brokenness and pain. I self-consciously acknowledge my guilt and defiance.

Situational Affirmation
GRATITUDE
Dependence

Gratitude is acknowledging the Word, embracing the totality of life, responding thankfully for particular blessings and experiencing joy where there is no joy

Unlimited Inadequacy
PETITION
Surrender

In petition I recognize the helplessness of man, yet I identify with the world's corruption, crying desperately for help, and am thus forced to transcend.

Universal Responsibility
INTERCESSION
Obligation

In intercession I take responsibility for all that is, interpose my body between my neighbor and the abyss, and point with my deed toward life, becoming pure symbol.

THE BURDEN

The burden is the experience of being driven by my contingency to come to terms with the way life is and being overwhelmed by responsibility for all of life.

PAINFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The burden of confession is acknowledging the pain of the world: the future of the past and present, the fatefulness of the future and the fact that all of life is finally escape.

DARING EMBRACEMENT

The burden of gratitude is embracing the Word that calls me to accept my acceptance within separation and demands that I receive each situation as a gift and name that final reality.

ABJECT HELPLESSNESS

In petition I recognize the overwhelmingness of the universe, my helplessness, the inadequacies of man, and the total dependence of all men demand radical trust.

UTTER AWARENESS

In intercession as burden I am utterly aware of my responsibility for the entire world, every problem is my problem and I am summoned to the task of reconciliation.

THE PASSION

The passion is the interior awareness that I am specifically responsible for concrete individual suffering in the world and the acceptance of the responsibility to decide what is needed.

PERSONAL VIOLATION

The passion of confession is the awareness of my responsibility for a particular situation I have personally violated by my insensitivity and that I am the source of destructiveness.

SPLENDID VICES

The passion of gratitude is the rejoicing in and celebrating of my particular cultural gifts, my own neuroses as my gifts, and the glory of my uniqueness as utterly affirmed.

REPRESENTATIONAL SIGN

Identifying with the world's chaotic helplessness, and partaking of its corruption, I as the church honor the orders of creation and become for the world a sign of the Word.

PARTICULAR CONCERN

In intercession as mission I focus spontaneously upon the one particular problem, which most needs my attention at this point in history, daring to decide what history demands.

THE INTERVENTION

The intervention in history is the cry on behalf of all men which is occasioned by my awareness of my utter inability to humanize the world

BESETTING SIN

In light of this responsibility, my own sins beset me am neurotic patterns and my everlasting will to escape make heavy the weight of my being and name me chief of sinners.

MANIFOLD BLESSINGS

The intervention in gratitude is thankfulness for all of life as a gift, my many blessings, all the gifts of the world which are mine, and my own life as gift to the world.

IMPLORING SUCCOR

Knowing my aid depends upon my complete submission before the vicissitudes of existence, I utter my most intimate cry for help, pleading in my personal need for inner strength.

AGONIZING PREDICTION

In intercession I am intervening in history in agonizing ambiguity by daring to predict what is necessary to create the future before the Lord of history.

THE EXPENDITURE

The expenditure is the ecstatic intentional surrender to the utterly desperate human situation—joy and sorrow, helplessness and entire freedom—in deciding to die, to expend my life.

HEAVENLY SORROW

Confession as expenditure is heavenly sorrow when the weight of the world commands repentance I become one with the brokenness of life and my life becomes the way of tears.

UNSPEAKABLE JOY

Expenditure in gratitude is to see eternal wholeness within life's brokenness and be at peace in no peace, transmitting life from the source of experience itself.

LEVITATIONAL SUBMISSION

In the conciliation of petition is born the distance that surrenders the burden of the humanly impossible: I witness the reality of the way life is and say, "Not my will but thine be done".

PROMISSORIAL OFFERING

I claim the promise of the future by expending my own body my death my vocation and my nothingness on behalf of all men: here my life and death is pure symbol.