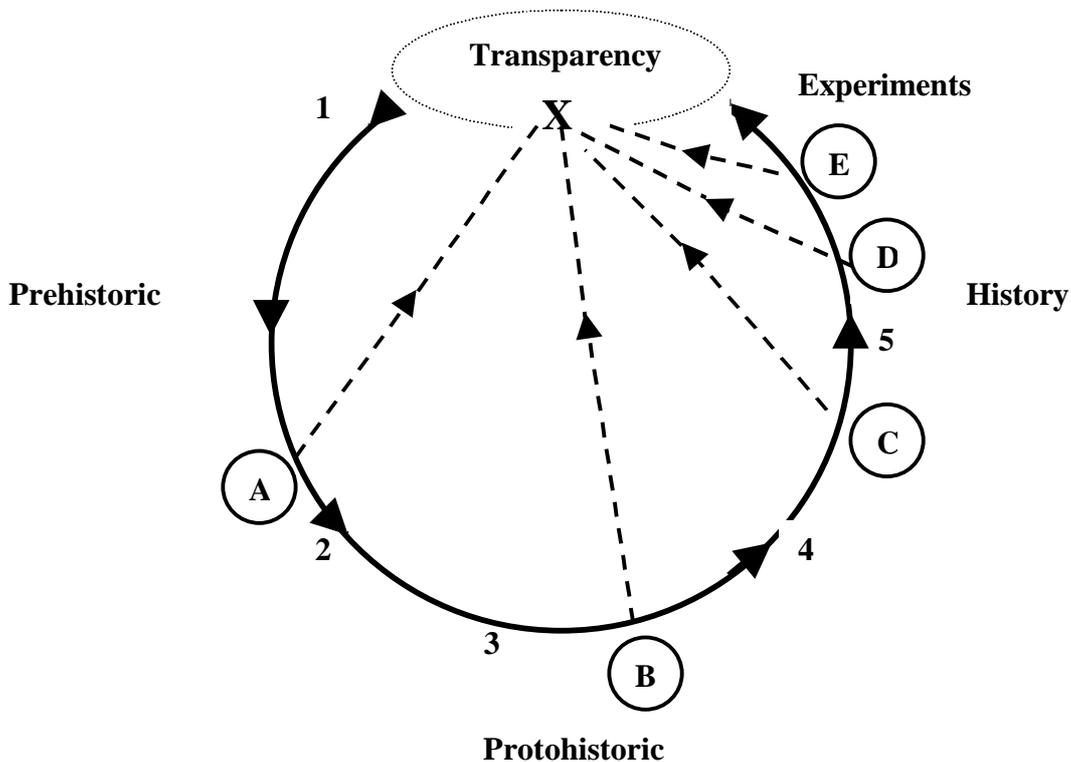


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Dear Carl,

As we discussed on the phone, enclosed a brief variation on Figure 2 of my recent letter. It seems to me we can chart the course of the Temporal Dimension in even greater detail by incorporating "individual experience" - the workings of a vertical, a radial Grace (the spirit blowing where it listeth) - within the wider context of a horizontal circumference, a seemingly time-bound Providence that, offering direction and limits and operating through a history now revealed as both meaningful and goal-oriented, finds itself no longer bound and limited but delivered. There *where* so many have arrived singly at the Gap - the X that marks the spot (which journey I've indicated by the broken lines) - single vision becomes available to all *when* the fullness of time meets up with the emptiness of space, two sides of the same coin making in all One. And as promised (whether as First or Second Coming), *it is* the fullness of time. If it weren't we wouldn't have the experiments - a circular argument, perhaps, until we realize because we *see* it that, open at both ends, the only Self-fulfilling prophecy there is ends up as it began by making *sense* of what is referred to as the resurrection of the body.



Thus, somewhere around designation 1-2 in Prehistory, we find the cave-drawings, for instance, where though the animals - the sacrificial prey - are depicted with heads, the Paleolithic hunters are not, which phenomenon I've indicated by line A-X. And so on as we go down and around the line: B-X, Shamanism; C-X, Yoga in India and comparable

methods in China; D-X, the mysticism so characteristic of Near East and Western spirituality; penultimately, E-X, Zen, and finally and ultimately the experiments. It's interesting to observe how the last - Headlessness, the Omega - consciously approximates and "completes" the "natural" vision of the first, the headless hunters, and so makes the infant Alpha actual and intelligible. And why not since, the one emerging from its place of origin, the other, *incorporating* even as it supersedes its beginning, can only be fully grasped at its end?

And if I've omitted prophecy it's simply because with a few somewhat dubious exceptions (Moses and the burning bush, the testimony of Job), its claims have largely been based on the hearing of the ear - the organ that, by measuring time and then taking, first, story and then history to the end of the line, paradoxically and providentially leads the way to its own apotheosis and redemption. In fact, it was precisely the "failure" and subsequent attrition of its "faith" in hearing - the Word - that proved instrumental in uncovering ultimate vision. Which alone should give us pause as to the nature of Grace and Providence. Though the instances of a Grace, special or otherwise, are as innumerable as sunsets everywhere and everywhen - and who knows how many have gone unregarded and unrecorded? - the fact that the last word (which is no word at all) has been left to a Providence taking the long way round, like the experiments themselves speaks louder than words to our present condition.

Just some thoughts. I'll be in touch as soon as I return from Nacton.

All the best.

George