

HARMONIZING CENTERS

PART 4: SEX CENTER (PART 1)

AN EXPLORATION of IDEAS

"The Work on harmonizing (spiritualization) of centers is vast and we could speak a year on just this topic."

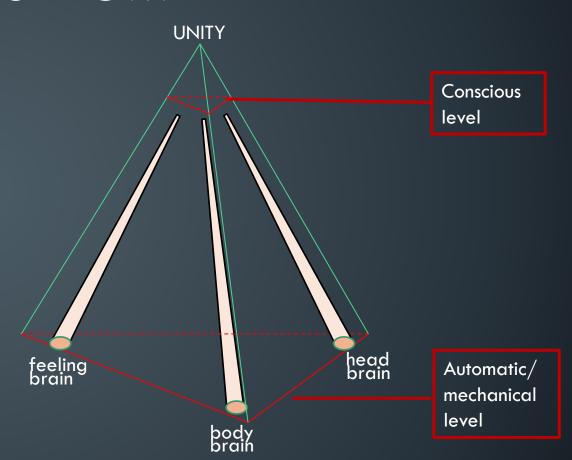
~ TJS email



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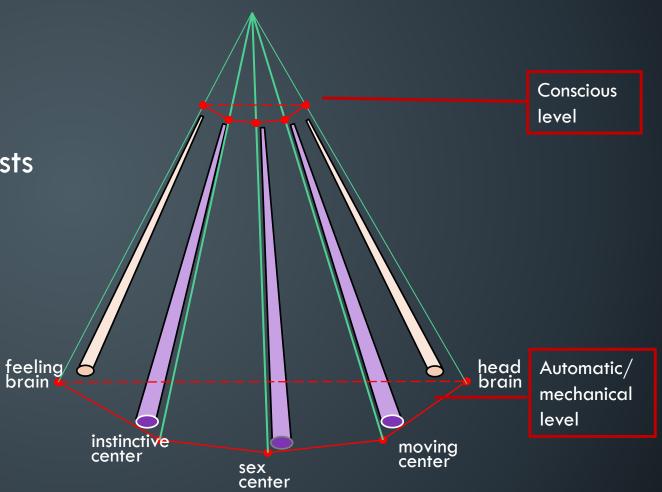




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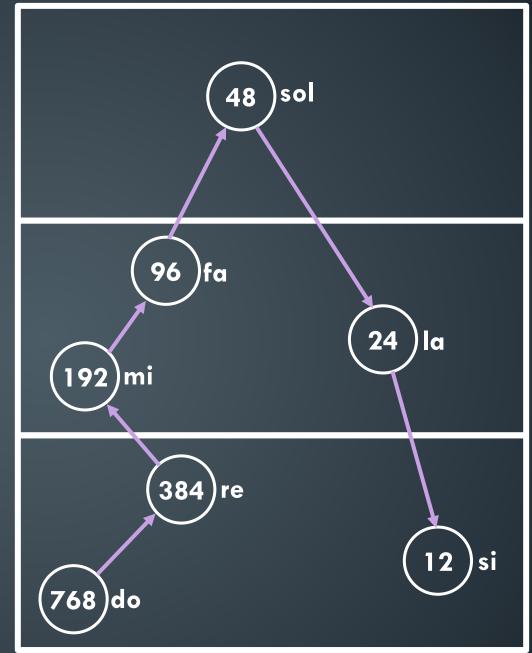
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Impressions

Air

Food





THE FOOD DIAGRAM

MECHANICAL DIGESTION

Digestion creates finer substances.

Last night's dinner became today's conversation.

Tonight's class will become tomorrow's attitudes.

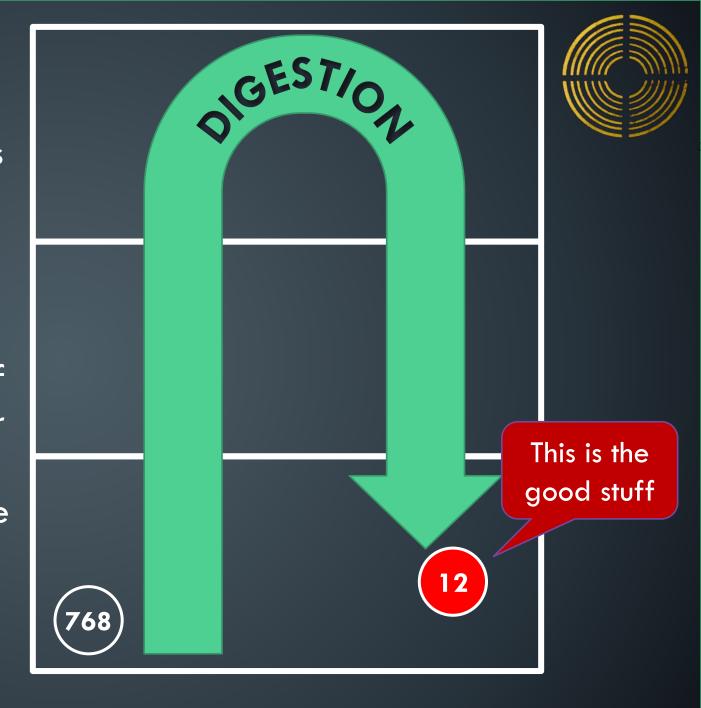
GEST/ON This is the good stuff **12** 768

This is the raw material

MECHANICAL GENERATION

The sex act also produces finer energy.

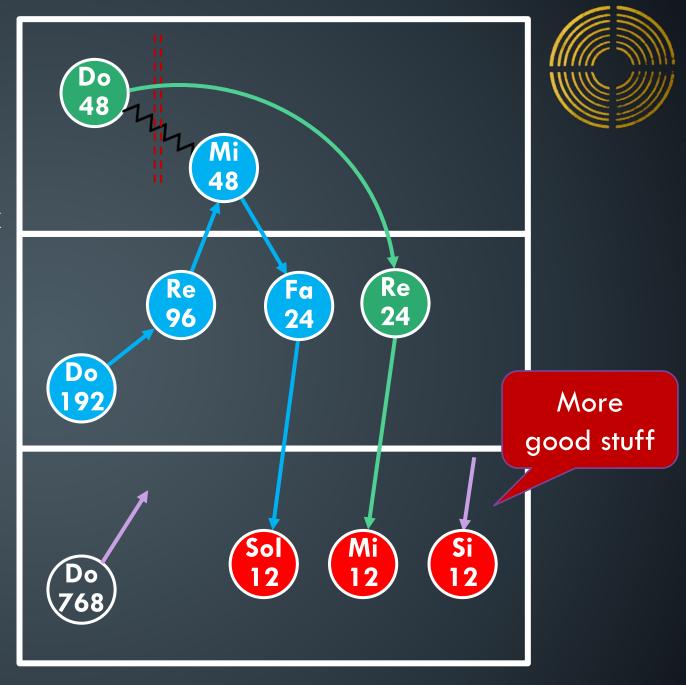
The problem
is that any
experience of
union, unity or
selftranscendence
is fleeting.



CONSCIOUS DIGESTION

Impressions When you do conscious work on yourself, you generate more of the 'good stuff' i.e., **Transformational** Energy

Food

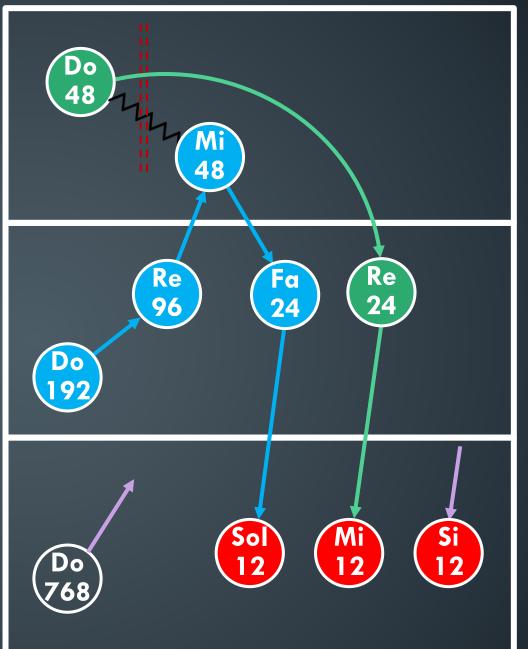


1st Conscious Shock
2nd Conscious Shock
Self Remembering
Byron Katie's work

Conscious breath (Christine O'Brien)

The power of the stars is nothing compared to the energy of a person whose will has been freed from the false-self system [density of being, sleep and habit]" (*The Mystery of Christ*, p. 104).

SOME TOOLS







SO, WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?



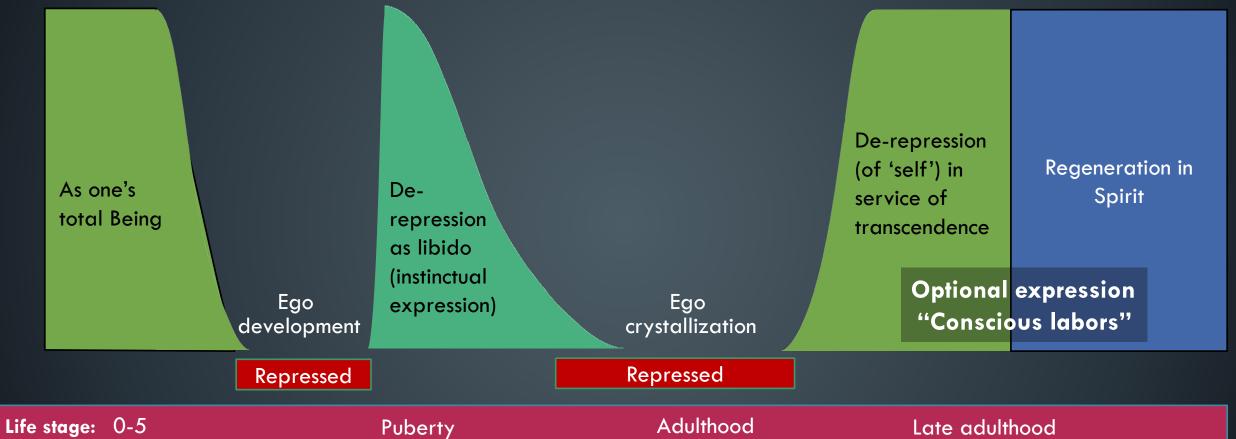
CYNTHIA BOURGEAULT TEACHES THAT EROS ENERGY CAN EVOLVE THROUGH OUR CONSCIOUS LABORS INTO AGAPIC ENERGY

A = ek

A = agape ; e = eros ; k = kenosis

Emergence of the Dynamic Ground (of our being) in various stages of life







EVOLUTION OF CONSCIOUSNESS

States of Consciousness

Unitive

Mental Egoic

Mythic membership

Typhonic

Uroboric

Evolution of consciousness – personal, and as a species

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EVOLUTION OF CONSCIOUSNESS

States of Consciousness	Prime Orientation
Unitive	What's Good
Mental Egoic	What's good for the greater us
Mythic membership	What's good for my group
Typhonic	What's good for me
Uroboric	What's good for survival

EVOLUTION OF EXPRESSION OF SEX ENERGY

Sex Energy Expression	Prime Orientation
Self transcendence	What's Good
Creativity (beauty, innovation, the greater good)	What's good for the greater us
Family-group-nation expansion/power	What's good for my group
Personal pleasure	What's good for me
Genetic (species) reproduction	What's good for survival



We should never confuse sex with love, they are quite different things. The energy of love, the unitive energy, stands above that of sex, the creative energy. Love is beyond. ... So long as we remain attached to our own worth [self-referential], love cannot enter.

J.G. Bennett, Sex, p.21



EVOLUTION OF EXPRESSION OF SEX ENERGY

Sex Energy Expression	
Self transcendence	NEXT WEEK'S FOCUS
Creativity (beauty, innovation, the greater good)	
Family-group-nation expansion/power	THIS WEEK'S EXERCISE
Personal pleasure	
Genetic (species) reproduction	

LOWER EXPRESSIONS OF SEX ENERGY

• Fantasy (every type of idle fantasy, not just sexual thoughts) "I wish.... If only...."

- Non-creative use of imagination
- Domination of others, destructive violence (opposite of creativity), war, perversion, fundamentalism, some pathologies that lead to self-destruction
- Over-activity, restlessness, identification with persons and things
- Achievement for the sake of pride/vanity/success (vs. genuine creative impulse)
- Disturbance of the instinctive function (greed, gluttony, addictions)
- Co-opting the emotional center, esp. states of excitement or irritability
- See this week's email for others...



HOMEWORK

- Using the Work tool of specific and nonjudgmental self-observation, how is sex energy being co-opted, misused, leaking or expressed by other centers?
- Is there work you see for yourself related to sex energy?
- Watch Peter's talk from last Sunday