

Q.7. (Sandy Gillis) You wrote in Q. 5 about Alpha points to something that “deserves” passing on. What you say is suggestive; could you please say more about this...?

1. A.7. (June 8th) Too much more to work out and say at present, but let us think of Alpha presenting a paper. Alpha has not got SM, the Standard Model: you might think of this in terms of the General Categories listed in *MiT*, 286-8. Nor has he figured out what he has got, and certainly he is not in the second half of *MIT* 250. He [let it be **he** in my illustrations!] comes upon something he deems worth attending to. In what sense, 'attending to'? He is not clear. Something to get into the future. How? He does not know, has only the usual random strategy. His followers, his books, his Lonergan journal articles...

This is already a help in savoring the FS strategies.

To savor further, contrast: “this deserves attention leading to implementation” with “this deserves cycling”. Hang with the Tower image, {Lonergan Bio, 163}, and with as much of the full naming of the heuristic as you can chemically rally “round”. This includes *Arriving At Cosmopolis* as well as “the sloping” in *Cantower* 8. Here, indeed, we are talking about something like Gauge Theory [recall the comments in Q/A 6]. It is a remote world of the complex pseudo-Markov matrix [see *Randomness*, index Markov, or BHT page 108, note] that make possible a geohistorical control of meaning. THIS is a powerful effective future. Can we get Alpha – or his disillusioned students – to get on *The Road to Religious Reality*?

First step is to get Alpha to notice vaguely the Existential Gap IN HIM between his “this deserves attention” and “this deserves cycling”. This is THE major job in these next generations of theology. [we are talking of theology, but eventually it will be globology – or better, of course, Fusionism]. This is getting him to read *Insight* 7.8 realistically and hopefilledly Lion and lamb together, recalling Lonergan’s concluding hope of an early essay. Cosmopolis as a real global desperation, climbing to that start which is global functional collaboration. This has all the difficulties that I summed up in *Humus* 2 re Axial Superego – add Zanardi’s appendix D (pp. 19-55) to Fuse 12. We are in the zone of needed therapy, not too welcome, in normal circumstances, by Alpha. Maybe after a few drinks?! Or, sadly, only after a significant few people get into print on THIS topic, and on Alpha’s failure. “Doctrines that are embarrassing” (*MIT* 193) may make a print-exposure entrance if a bloody mary entrance doesn’t work!

But let me skip on, or back, getting away from fringe strategies to that core strategy of somehow revealing descriptively the nature and heuristic value of the new “this deserves”. Only descriptive and only skimpily: recall the 10 *FuSe* essays on *Research*. Recall the doctorate advice Lonergan got. Add *Verbum* 238 on context of **this**. The better such context [at least a suspicion of SM] in Alpha’s minding, the better the handing on. Handing on? Recall the 8-by-8 matrix C_{ij} on page 108 of BHT. Let’s not go there, at least yet! Think rather of the handing on of the article in Thomas to Lonergan the interpreter, or the handing on of a research anomaly in a natural science. Good to notice, too, that we

are back at the beginning of chapter one of MIT: how to move to “cumulative and progressive results.” But here we have the possibility of a massively rich vision: from problems in a village [Jones-ville in either sense] to answers in similar villages all round the globe, answers that are to be tried and recycled, “this deserves more cyclic attention”.

That last sentence compacts the task of sketching better what is poorly described in the second half of MIT, and it seems appropriate to halt so that questions about the stuff can generate more conversation. Indeed, we need more extended questions, questions that include searchings. Such efforts will lead, I hope, to a more communal flow in these Q. and A. sessions. Already I have questions 8 and 9 to hand, which lead us on.