

To Know or To Fail To Know

All knowing, all knowledge,

constitutes a gradient of **aboutness**.

In every kind and in every degree of knowing,

there are some characteristics, some properties,

some details, we ignore, we neglect, we fail to take into account.

Our nouns, our names for things, do not invoke

the same references in any two users of these terms.

What do we communicate?

What can we communicate?

All knowing, all knowledge,

is partial and is incomplete.

Representational knowing is particularly

remote, intermittent, and fragmentary.

We claim to **know**.

We believe we **know**.

But all that knowing is -

is a processing of energy

and of pattern.

We make some connections. We find some relationships.

Scale, geometry and symmetry

combine

with number, with sequence,

with rate, with intricacy,

with harmony, with resolution and with dynamics.

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Existence is the processing of pattern and of energy.

Kinds and degrees

of separation,

of isolation, of alienation or of closure,

take energy in order to be apart.

There is a system gain,

a release of energy,

the creation of a pattern of relationship

that accompanies harmonic combinations.

Energy flows within and between:

subsystems, components of membership

of a harmonic, dynamic, composition,

and create metafunctional responses

to environmental events or to conditions.

There is a relentless unfolding

of transformation, of evolution, of design,

that can be called the **TAO**.

Openness, connectedness, and relatedness

are ideals that guide and that optimize,

or that idealize the progress, the growth,

the advancement of every species.

Letting things be and become,

helping things be more and become more

is a prime directive.

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Live and make alive:

nurture, support, uphold, bless,
love, cherish, treasure,
all entities and all processes.

Each entity and each process is an exploration of being.

Be a skilful giver.

Direct your attention,
your concern, your compassion and your care
to those who will and who can use it,
to evolve, to relate, to connect and to combine.

Do not contribute to the delinquency

of those who constantly seek
to delay consequences,
to accumulate reserves,
to attempt to furnish
an alienated, isolated and separated, self.

Do not shield such a one

from the consequences
of misspent choices.

They need the feedback of those consequences.

Meaning and Significance

What is **meaning**?

What is **significance**?

To emulate, to simulate, to model . . .

How do we adequately represent or "stand for" anything?

How do we appropriately denote or "point to" anything?

Do we need brevity, conciseness and / or portability?

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Do we need high resolution or accuracy, some kind of precision?

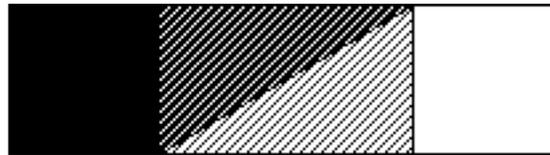
These specifications give us the parameters

of the alloys of **meaning** and of **significance**.

Any and every given symbol

will be some alloy

of those two properties.



brevity
conciseness
portability

high resolution
accuracy
precision or completeness

figure 1. Abstraction Nomer Alloy

We see kinds of precision.

We use invariance as a simplification.

We gain simplification

by means of elimination,

sometimes quite arbitrary elimination.

We seek explicitness!

We seek proof!

We seek truth!

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But these pursuits of explicitness, proof or truth
are insufficiently informed
particularly regarding epistemology:
how we know,
what we know,
if we can claim to know,
anything or everything.

Symbolic logic and mathematics
are thought to be
the ideal, of both representation and of
denotation.

What things are,
as patterns of energy,
is continuously changing.

We can only use derivatives,
instantaneous snap shots,
in a stream of transformational eventfulness,
in our representational symbols
or in our denotational symbols.

The abridgement of reality,
the coarse designation,
the partial and incomplete,
processes of cognition
allow us to navigate and to pilot
our lives.

The least acknowledgment
of this truth
requires humility.