CHAPTER THREE

THE EMBODIMENT OF THE LOGOS IN THE SECOND PHASE: TRANSFORMATION OF SENSE

I. THE TRANSFORMATORY STATION OF SENSE

We have thus far been studying the logosic constructive elan as it is embodied within the forms and patterning of the play of forces uniquely specific to the individualizing living beings inserted within the great logosic schema of the cosmos. We have so far touched on their fundamental relevancies in the grand context of the cosmic forces of the logos, and on the harmonizing correspondences between the organic/vital play of forces — those involved in growth, in particular — and the cycle of the seasons following on the cyclic motions of the heavenly bodies. The existential necessity of life’s creatures to combine periods of activity with those of rest harmonizes with the diurnal and annual cycles of the heavens.

Now we have to turn to the second phase of embodiment, that in which the logos of life makes far reaching moves to convert these primary process of generation and growth by endowing them with new significance. Living beings, in contrast to the heavenly bodies that follow their prescribed course without being actively involved in their conduct or path, not only act to promote their course, but, what is most significant, to control it and direct it. No logosic move or device is ever conceived in “isolation.” On the contrary, the stars remain in place even if moving; they do not “fall” and collapse inadvertently, owing to the action of the laws of attraction/repulsion given their particular weights and inner composition. Even so, the logosic strategy for the embodiment
of life carries with itself an essential existential communication/inter­
connection device. So in this new phase of life, of liberation from numbly
following of the rules of nature and entry into a self-directive stage,
what is really in question is the conversion of the organic/vital sense of
life into a vital/communicative/self-directing sense of life.

We will briefly sketch to this effect the entire sweep of the evolution
of life's stepwise progression from the least autonomous species of ani­
mals to the creative human being possessing a high level of autonomy.

We will bring out the two most significant stages of this progress.
The first is the phase of self-revelation. That phase, however, is just a
foreshadowing of life's establishment of the great transformational sta­
tion, that is, its unfolding of a full psyche crowned by the mind and the
soul. This station embraces the foreshadowing phase, is itself complex,
and comprises a vital soul, a bodily/organic brain, and the thinking mind.

The intermotivation of these three factors is of the greatest interest
and has throughout history created numerous difficulties in thought, es­
pecially the so-called mind-body controversy.

We will bypass controversial issues that do not occur within our per­
spective and center on the main problem of the conversion of sense.

II. THE FOUR STAGES OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENT
OF LIFE’S SPACING/SCANNING
— WHICH INTRODUCE VALUATION AND MEASURE,
WITH FULFILLMENT BEING THE CRITERION

Life's unfolding and expanding of the logos advances through most
minute operational moves that form in their concatenate efficaciousness
segments punctuated by the accomplishment of an aim, a purpose, a
telos. It is indeed through the constructive orientation of the entire project
of life that this gigantic play may unroll the initial virtualities of forces
and energies. Telic constructivism appears to be the engine of the drive
of the logos to expand, the key to the reign of reason. In fact, and what is
most intimately relevant to the spacing/scanning organizing principles,
its proportioning and measuring draw from the evaluative criteria that
the telic schema of life's individualization installs. With reference to the