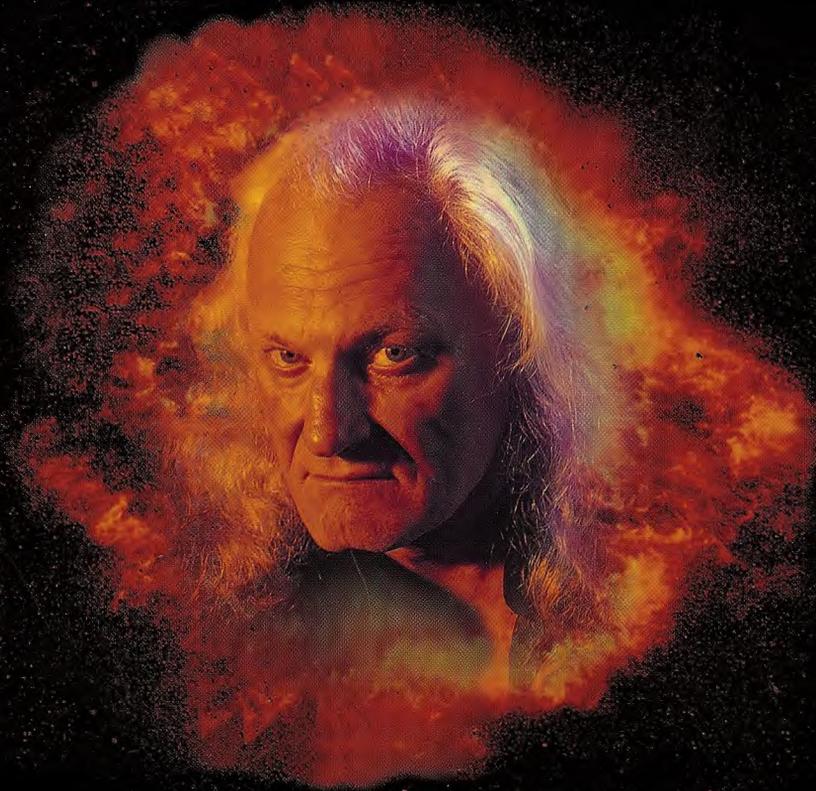


Immediate Eternity



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Immediate Eternity

It Is Blasphemy to Declare Identity!

by

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(Copernicus)

*"Few men have imagination enough for reality."
Goethe*

**"I dare your reality! I
challenge your very being!"**

Allen Ginsberg

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INTRODUCTION

There is an indifference that the religious bureaucracy has implanted in most of humanity that somehow finding Absolute Truth is not the average person's job. The Roman Catholic nuns tried to warn me that I could go insane thinking about Absolute Truth and they implied that it bordered on treason against the Roman Catholic Church to even think about the "mysteries" of "The Faith," the mysteries of Absolute Truth.

Absolute Truth is the basic fact from which all other facts are derived. It is the foundation fact which is unchangeable no matter what happens to the surrounding conditions. This Absolute Truth is something that humanity should want to know as its greatest passion, because from this unchanging foundation fact, from Absolute Truth, humanity acquires the power to explain and understand everything in the totally linked together Universe.

What has historically happened is that a variety of aggressive creative thinkers have popped up in the history of humanity purporting to possess this Absolute Truth. They claimed to communicate with God at will and some went as far as claiming to either be the son of God or the messenger of God. These thinkers or their disciples enlarged their group of followers through religious conversions. At some historic point, these converted or their descendants finally achieved supreme political power over a territory, generally through the success of an army, and proceeded to cleanse their power domain of religious dissenters (heretics) through violence and social prejudice.

This formula of taking a myth, imposing it on people through force and then maintaining its viability through intellectual manipulation and physical violence is a formula which has worked very well for religious capitalists through more than five thousand years of recorded history. However, this intellectual manipulation and use of violence to uphold religion are coming to an end.

These religions, still entrenched and possessing great material wealth, are desperate. They are losing out. For example, the Roman Catholic Pope today, January 23, 1999, is touring in Mexico and what do we find contained

in a bag of Mexican potato chips? Potato chips? Yes. Potato chips plus a photo of the Pope. In addition, just like a rock and roll star, the very same Pope has in 1998 released a performance video and CD with himself singing in the hope of appealing to lapsed Catholics and hopefully forestall the collapse of his church.

Religions die just as all the religions of the past that were no longer able to convince their followers of the correctness and practicality of their vision have died. What will take the place of these no longer effective religions, but only as a transition to the next great religious movement, will be the "Greed is good" gang. For the 21st century the "Greed is good" gang has already begun to take over globally.

This "Greed is good" religion's goal is not to reach some eternal heaven where you will be judged by the way you have lived your life and consequently be rewarded or punished depending upon that final judgment. No. The goal of this new up and coming materialistic religion is to make a materialistic Heaven on Earth and the standard of judgment of each individual will be determined by how much material wealth has he or she been able to accumulate in a "lifetime." He or she who accumulates the most material things measured really by American dollars is the winner and hero. Intellectual Absolute Truth is not a part of this scenario. In fact the pursuit of intellectual Absolute Truth is an activity which will not only prevent you from attaining the goal of the ultimate acquisition of the most amount of material things- the pursuit of intellectual Absolute Truth is considered an anti-social joke!

The role of artists in this materialistic world therefore is not the expression of the vision of Truth that they possess, but rather the role of artists is to make money for their sponsoring company. Artists are not valued for the new vision of Truth they present but rather for how much money they make for their sponsor and of course for themselves. The consequence of this intentional corporate and in addition selfdiminution of artists is that these sold out artists cannot be intellectual leaders of a society that is headed into new worlds. Rather, these sold out artists are insipid repeaters who do not threaten the "Greed is good" power elite. They paint worlds to which the most simple minded can relate. "I love you baby and I want you to be my girl! Let's get together and make another worker for the global elite's factory system. (Also, I want you, the entire human population, to be dependent upon the global

power elite for everything.)"

However, this superficial materialistic phase will not last and is actually a transitional phase from the world of the myths to the "New Philosophical World." This "New Philosophical World" will be derived from all human experience including modern science. Please realize that the most important religions of the world were formed and continue to be followed without taking into account any discoveries of modern science. Founders of current world religions did not have a clue that there was such a thing as science. However, due to modern communication technology, the ideas of the "New Philosophical World" will be broadcast worldwide and quickly. The world is tuned in to the dial and the old old walls are tumbling down.

I stated thirty years ago that I did not believe that humanity could take any other road or come to any conclusions other than the philosophy of nonexistence to which I had come. Yet, to break from the old world that defines reality with the bare human senses will not be an easy break, since humanity has been using its bare senses to define reality from day one. **We will have to break from a five million year old mistake! Now to break from this error of defining reality with the bare senses, the first basic desire must come to the fore which is the desire to have Absolute Truth and the optimistic belief that humanity can achieve the acquisition of a complete understanding of Absolute Truth.**

This need for Absolute Truth and its acquisition is the greatest adventure that humanity can experience. This need for Absolute Truth and its acquisition is a greater adventure than man's descent from the trees. This need for Absolute Truth and its acquisition is a greater adventure than man's discovery and use of fire. It is greater than the invention of the wheel, greater than the discovery of evolution and greater than the flight to the moon since in respect to importance, all of these adventures are minor. These past achievements are just supporting man's greatest challenge which is to understand everything- to possess Absolute Truth.

The discovery of Absolute Truth may curb the further evolution of the over evolved aggressive ego gene in humanity which has now turned on itself and become self destructive as evidenced by war's domination of the history of humanity culminating in two world wars in the past century. The discovery

evolved from the same needs through the human mind all on planet Earth perceiving the Universe through their bare senses. Ignorance of each other's teachings prevents religions from appreciating the true philosophical brotherhood of the human world. Religious and political bureaucrats would rather emphasize the superficial differences in religions than reveal their basic and profound similarities. What is the difference between Allah and God, and Yahweh? Different names. That is all. Allah, God, and Yahweh are the same God. Yet the murder that occurs and has occurred among Moslems, Christians, and Jews against each other based on so-called religious differences is and has been criminal.

Religious freedom does not mean that each man has his own truth and lives within the borders of that truth and is not bothered by his neighbor or his government regarding philosophy and that no interfaith conversation should take place. On the contrary, religious freedom implies the right and the responsibility to exchange ideas with neighbors of a supposed different philosophical belief. Again it is the power of the religious bureaucracy whose self interest works against the interfaith conversation. In 1995, public radio station, WBAI, in New York City accepted a proposal of mine to do an interfaith show where I would moderate on the air a panel of representatives of different faiths in an attempt to compare each one's definition of Truth. I would also allow the public to participate over the phone. Rabbis from three Manhattan synagogues refused to participate. However, a very open minded Protestant minister from Brooklyn joined me in mutual conversation and in answering calls from the public for two three hour shows and we had wonderful illuminating moments and so did the listeners.

I believe that no man or woman yet has a monopoly on The Truth. On the contrary, the prevailing visions of The Truth have recently led almost to the extinction of humanity. Another warning. I believe in warnings. All great disasters always give warnings. Great disasters are not surprises. We have all been warned, but again the use of violence always seems in the short run to have rewarded the most violent and therefore the use of violence deceptively maintains its validity. However, the mistaken use of violence to achieve an end always in history returns to finally punish the violent perpetrators or their heirs. Though if you observe the present Germans and Japanese in this year, 2001, they are people who now apparently hate violence. Man's needs lay not in aggrandizing or solving through violence, but rather in attaining a clear

philosophical worldwide understanding of what is the nature of reality. **Give world thought and interfaith communication a chance!**

This search for the nature of reality and whatever conclusions are made must not be kept from the human populations of the world. The people must be part of the search. If as it has been in the past, the searching dialogue is reserved in thick books read by a minuscule percentage of the people in universities who write papers to each other, the conclusions again will be handed down from above probably through violence or whatever unwanted aggression is necessary to make the new point stick. There is now the Internet which is available for a daily world conversation! Everyday through my computer I have spontaneous conversations with people on the other side of the world. The effort toward a universal philosophical dialogue must be made.

Unfortunately, certain religious bureaucrats may try to stop a universal philosophical dialogue. They are powerful and materially profiting from philosophy and are kept in power by their carved out monopoly of old worn out materialistically wealthy religions. They want no change; they want no dialogue. They want only that you listen to them! They have nothing new to say to the new world and they have no example to give. The priests- will they always be with us?

Yet, maybe I am also some form of a priest. Though I have not profited from philosophy, I have created and released seven philosophical music albums which I have presented to the marketplace. My marketplace activities were never for self profit, but rather to acquire enough means to pay the bills for the next project. Then again, maybe I am a priest if the definition of a priest is someone whose work it is to defend and communicate a believed in truth. However, I am not a corrupted priest whose goal is to use an idea to oppress the people and exploit my position to materialistically better myself in society. Oh. Oh. It looks like we may always have priests. Beware of the priests. They have five thousand years of imaginative but selfishly suspicious history.

I could not have written this book five years ago because five years ago I was not sufficiently in control of the necessary material which would empower me to climb this philosophical mountain, look into the heart of the matter and cross the intellectual bridges from existence to nonexistence to immediate eternity. It is very important what we think and believe. For those

who try to think for themselves, what you think and believe are major factors influencing your actions. At least, your thoughts should influence your actions. You should not just think and believe in an idea and not act on your idea.

For some reason there is nothing that I care about more than the search and acquisition of Absolute Truth and notwithstanding my severe criticisms of human beings, I care about them and want to give them something special that if not for me, they might have to wait some extra time to obtain.

It is not easy to be me. I live with a philosophical quest 24/7. I may not be Mr. America when it comes to muscle building, but my philosophical muscle is very large. The only question is, though I have worked very hard, am I smart enough to get the philosophical job done? You, the reader, and future generations can judge.

For Copernicus fans who have listened to my five albums, this treatise is a hundred times clearer and deeper than any of the albums. Nevertheless, along with this book, there is a sixth album being released in English and translated in a seventh separate release in Spanish entitled "Immediate Eternity" and "la eternidad inmediata" respectively. The music was recorded in Ecuador with varied South American musicians. The lyrics for the two albums were derived from this book.

Special thanks to Marcela whose hard work and dedication allowed me to be me at a very high level.

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Special thanks to journalist, George Gilson, whose challenging pre-book interviews of the author added significantly to the clarity of the book's text.

Joseph Smalkowski
Copernicus

PS. I did say three years ago before I started this treatise that at the end of this writing, I would come away existing or nonexisting. As of October 10, 2001, I still do not exist and have never existed.

The Illusioned Historical Preparation for Perceptions

Immediate Eternity

Joseph Smalkowski
Copernicus

Joseph Smalkowski (Copernicus) is a natural born philosopher. He always took his previous religion, Roman Catholicism, very seriously. Everything had to be true or it had to be discarded. The clash of elementary and secondary religious education with secular university education was too much to bear for his Catholicism. By the time Joseph finished Queens College in New York City, he was an independent, confused free thinker with no religion and no vision.

With a major in history and a fervor to understand what he called Absolute Truth, the free searching philosopher was born to roam the Earth hounded by the need to understand. He searched everywhere he could. His pursuit led him to India, Africa, Egypt, Asia, Latin America, Europe, the highways and cities of the United States, and as Copernicus, the performer, the rock stages of New York, Prague, Berlin, Moscow, Guayaquil and the release of five state of the art rock albums documenting his philosophical discoveries.

Only in this book, "Immediate Eternity," do we actually receive a completed vision of the reality that he was searching for in his first five audio albums. This book is the inspiration and contains the main lyrics of his new music album, "Immediate Eternity," most of which he recorded in Ecuador with South American musicians.

Learn more about Joseph Smalkowski,
Copernicus, at his website:

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IMMEDIATE ETERNITY

JOSEPH SMALKOWSKI
COPERNICUS

All of the work of Joseph Smalkowski, better known in the Western World as the performer and philosophical rock poet, Copernicus, has been contained in four unpublished books, a thousand unpublished poems, five world acclaimed philosophical art rock albums and a sixth album released in 2001 in Spanish in South America and in English in the United States entitled "la eternidad inmediata" and "Immediate Eternity" respectively. This first published book, "Immediate Eternity," the fountain of lyrics and ideas for his latest album release, has been also translated into Spanish and published in South America. This revolutionary text portrays Copernicus on an intellectual pursuit of what he calls Absolute Truth.

Copernicus delves into the atomic and subatomic world, the world he calls **MAGOVA**, and struggles to extract a vision of reality and bring that vision back into the consciousness of the world of the bare human senses, a world he calls *Illusiona*, in order to free humanity from the limited vision of the bare human senses.

In the struggle to portray his vision of reality, he attains a deeper level of philosophical enlightenment, a breakthrough for his understanding. This book documents that passage from the primitive "mine-I-me" consciousness to the world of atomic consciousness and immediate eternity.

Copernicus' past five audio albums actually document the struggle to secure what has been finally attained in this manuscript, the uncovering of the illusion of identity and the total and immediate assimilation into the eternal Universe. The final lift out of the illusion of yourself is here reached for and achieved.

In this document, Copernicus does not even recognize that he is undergoing what many call a deep mystical experience. It is all happening to him subtly as he struggles from one logical detail to the next and tries to put the puzzle together. We witness his moments of enlightenment emerging from his intellectual needs and struggles. A mystical experience happens to him, but he does not recognize it as mystical, only logical and real growth.

Copernicus enters into a new state of awareness with the intellectual development of a more evolved vision. The entire book documents a positive process of evolution and growth. The book speaks nothing of encountering a bright light or of sensations of floating or of feeling a limitless sea or changing sound into color past the limits of time and space unifying with a bright light and attaining a great mental calm. However, clinically, and Copernicus is clinical and technical with up to date science supporting his stand, all of what most will call a mystical experience happens to him because of his clinicality and technical stubbornness. He stays clinical and technical unaware of what is happening to him. The reader is watching it all happen to him as he spills out his guts and puts his brilliant philosophically bent experienced mind to work to take control of a vision that he has spent the last forty years of his life trying to put together.



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