

Blog #11: Some Spring Thoughts

On 25 March 2022 I published here on tefistry.com my sixth free eBook. It is titled Five Essays In Tefistry. Only 57 pages long, it is a short “book”. It is about Value (which originates in microscale Evaluation), as well as some of my personal Values. It ranges out into ethics, motivation, and the contrast between Stayers and Leavers. It concludes with a utopian wishlist from a Stayer perspective. Though recently edited and updated, the original versions of these essays are decades old. I hope they will augment and support my other writings.

Spring is here again! And only just in time! For me, February and March are always difficult months. Despair and ennui and gloom set in too easily then. But now, at last, the world is bursting with vernal enthusiasm. The sun shines longer and stronger. I think I may just make it!

April is a universally popular month. For me, it brings the birthdays of both naturalist John Burroughs (3 April 1837) and my long-time friend, Tom (4 April 1944). For everyone in Southern Oregon, it brings wildflowers upon our valleys and hills. It also brings migrant birds, returning from their wintering places: swallows, Vaux’s swifts, blue-gray gnatcatchers, orioles, kingbirds, black-headed grosbeaks, various warblers, and others. April also brings pollen and sneezes! And it brings new stars to grace the eastern sky at night.

My thoughts range widely now. What is Awareness (if other than what Tef Theory says it is: orthoreal Herenow percepts in Contef)? Is it the same as Consciousness (and Consciousness-of)? What are the most important and enduring themes of Beltane (the Neodruidic cross-quarter day, that I celebrate on or about 3 May)? Will humanity (myself included) rise to the stark challenges of climate chaos and environmental degradation and human overpopulation? What will my remaining years be like, as I approach Older Old Age? How can I become a better husband, father, kin, and citizen—even after practicing the art of life for more than seven decades? Is Covid-19 gone, or is it only resting before another assault on us? Why do we humans still tolerate bigots and autocrats?

Most of these questions lack tidy answers. But, as always, the Vector of Value and our quest for Harmony will show the way. May Harmony Prevail! Love Thy Tef!