

The misconception of territory: The energy expansion and the yang at the skin surface and as expressed in all unmarked boundaries

When we look out from the perspective of the human-condition things appear to have clearly defined borders. This means we see things as being separate from each other and everything is seemingly in a materially-based subject-object duality. However energetically there is no such clearly defined zone and in fact it is all a bit fuzzy at the edges. In Masanobu Fukuoka's timeless inspirational outlook on natural-farming described in his book "[The One Straw Revolution](#)" he points out that while fields of grain we are used to are all in straight lines and neat rows, nature doesn't follow this pattern. The following of nature is not something that is hard and linear, even the most crystalline natural structure is not absolutely pure or absolutely straight, and there is no consistency in nature the way that humans look for it. The intent of the human warped-masculine mindset to make everything linear or box-like goes hand-in-hand with the intolerance of the feminine and the absolutism of this warped-masculine perspective of "self". There is a striving for straightness, a want for absolute purity and in this attempt a discarding of everything else that is misunderstood because it does not glitter like Olympic gold.

However this said, energetic bodies form a bubble-like edge at their greatest expansion, not that this makes them separate but it is joined energetically to absolutely everything in the universe. The edges of all life forms are actually like concentric circles, they expand outwards infinitely so there isn't really an edge energetically, it just appears to be so from the superficial physical-only perspective.

In nature animals have clearly defined regions where they live. It is clear that one group of monkeys will live perfectly happily in an adjacent group of the same monkeys. Two groups can live side by side area-wise but not come into contact, or contact only occurs at the borders of the energetic -territories of these two groups. A group is very much like a single human or a single body, so it has its inner organs and its outer expression or skin. Just as there is a kind of auric field around a human body so does a group of people or other animals. The nature of this surface has always been seen as being *defensive*, viewed as the *protective layer to defend from the exterior attack*. However this is not the case energetically, only from the warped human perspective, it is simply a manifestation of energy.

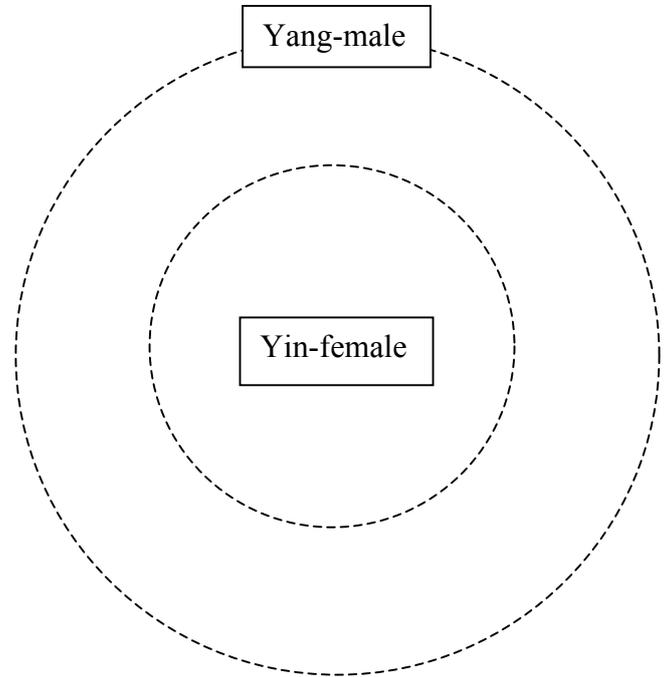
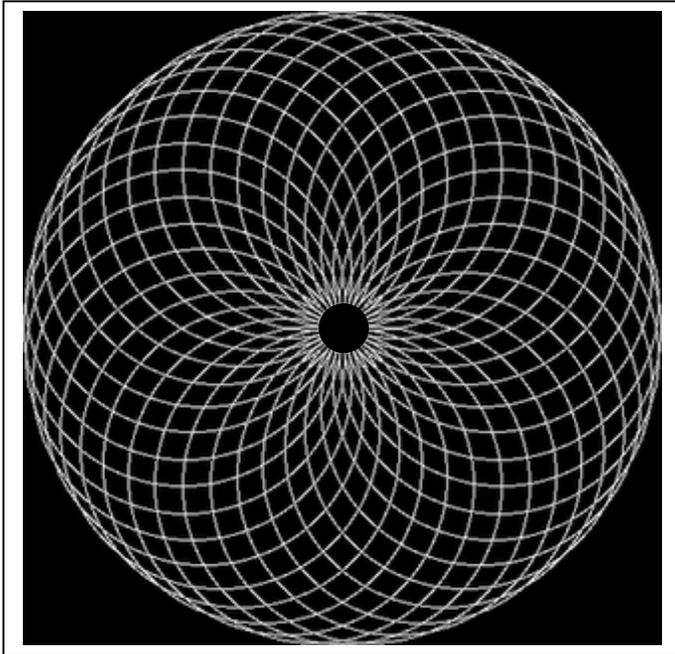
A bubble is not trying to protect the air within it, just as the skin isn't trying to protect the body, there is no intention. What really occurs is that the skin or boundary of energy is the region which is where the yang energy of the entity of group gathers, it is the outer edge of the ability for the whole energy of the body or community from which to extend its expansion. The more energy within the system, whether a larger body or a larger group, the more this boundary will increase in size simply because it has more energy that pushes to the exterior and the yin anchors within the centre. So the surface is about the yang. This yang quality is quite coarse, tight and more erratic, the inside is soft, yielding, sensitive, gradual and even. The boundaries of things are the place at which the yang is pushing its borders outwards. This is why skirmishes always occur at the outer perimeter of a situation. In tribal societies there are of course skirmishes and these are about the yang-energy of the surfaces of two groups rubbing and creating friction, friction is expressed as fighting or conflict. The nature

of conflict always occurs at this surface place never at the centre, which is the place of the yin only.

This is why when a system has too much energy within it, it expands beyond its limits which is what we find with the city-based expression, it takes over and sucks dry the land for miles around it as its energy consumption is too high and unsustainable. The nature of natural community is the formation of a sustainable group that lives side by side with other sustainable groups as they do in natural environments. Because there is only a certain amount of land and so a certain amount of food, there is a self-regulatory system based on local provision of nutrients. Massive conflict occurs only when one group expands and pushes the boundaries of another, but if it is just a small expansion which may later be followed by a small reduction in size as with the ebb and flow of nature, then this forms sustainability and only minor skirmishes occur, but naturally. This was the case with many of the Amazonian tribes who lived in communities and groups which did not necessarily mingle with other tribes of similar region and kept to themselves, but when contact was made there was a sensitive and careful movement of one past the other, like two tigers eyeing each other up to watch out for the energy of expansion, i.e one trying to overcome the other. Sometimes there would be a skirmish but most of the time there would not because that uses up much of the whole tribe's energy and the tribe needs what it have. Also there is no requirement to push out at the borders because there is no need to do so, everything is balanced by nature. If a tribe can't support more children then they will naturally die off, so sustainability is literally built in when it comes to purely natural societies.

In the modern world there is no such connectedness but as there is a transition back to the land and to the reliance on nature to provide, there will also be concerns that communities might be overwhelmed by numbers. The key is not to make numbers too big or too small. There is a basic number of up to 120 people or so (please read the brilliant "[Sex at Dawn](#)" for more information about this) which the human can keep in regular contact with, this is the maximal limit. There is also a minimal limit which is the appropriate number needed by the tribe in order to create food and sustain itself effectively say perhaps 10-20 people. In the nuclear family model those numbers always far exceed this. This expresses the natural limit of the borders of the energetic size of the community. The main thing is to see communities just like people and to realize that at the borders there can be skirmishes but that those are in the nature of things. When life is lived sustainably and with the recognition of nature providing rather than the human directing nature, then this brings about a whole new understanding.

When it is clear that the skin is simply the yang and the interior is the yin, then there is a realization that territory belongs to no-one, in fact that there is no such thing, it is simply the energetic quality of various bubbles or forms expanding and meeting in their expansion and forming friction which is the ideology of territory. However territory is never defined, it's always based on the energy of the whole tribe and when it is aligned with nature there is no time and energy for "war" as the focus is on the yin-female inner not on the yang-male exterior. This is explained more completely in my article "Nature's Blueprint" but the following structure is the torus of the expression of the human society:



The diagram above illustrates the nature of both the body of a single form, be it animal, mineral or vegetable, and this extends outwards to the expression of the structure of society or community or tribe. The outer border is what we might call the skin and this is pushing outwards, BUT when it is focused on the female-yin within then it doesn't expand without her acknowledgement and her allowance for this to occur as she is the root and foundational strength. When the yang takes off of his own accord and/or displaces the female-yin, then society turns into what we have today...expansion without limit.

Today most people's fear about the nature of conflict and the nature of living in community in a post-apocalyptic image of Mad Max-like fervor, is that it will be a situation of "every **man** for **himself**", and indeed there is the possibility of there being a total focus on the masculine and the basis of society being based on his direction without the anchoring internal energy of the yin-female. The way things are going this may well be what occurs which has expressed itself in stories of old and in films since they originated. The other possibility is a re-establishing of the matrifocal society could arise and this therefore stabilizes the yang as it is anchored and cooled by the yin at its centre. It is like the father/warrior who doesn't go out beyond a certain limit for he knows he cannot be of service to his women and children if he does so. It is like an elastic band, the yin is like the queen bee that the more yang hive bees will always be connected to and draw back to which will not go out beyond limit and risk losing their queen. This is not matriarchal, there is no punishment for doing this, that or the other, it's simply a natural magnetic draw. This is the key approach.

When the yang is energetically tied to the inside then conflict is never about total megalomania of expansion beyond means, it's always about something which connects to nature through the female in the ebbs and flows of life. Skirmishes in the animal kingdom between tribes of apes are not constant everyday events, they occur rarely and there is an instantaneous response for each group to re-establish its arena from the skirmish, there is no revenge policy or any other such ideology.

Instead of looking through the human-conventional perspective of things being about ownership and "self", and territory as being a region owned by a group, if all is seen to be about the expansion of the yang energy at the surface of the body, then it becomes clear why we always we always anthropomorphise nature, rather than recognising the non-dual expression that it is, simply a sea of energy expressing itself without reason.

This is described brilliantly in the matri-focal understanding of non-duality described in the Tao Te Ching:-

Chapter 80:

Reduce the size of the population of the state/country.

Though there are machines of war that have ten or a hundred times more energy than a single human, they are not needed.

The people will be reluctant to travel long distances without reason, for they have no requirement to.

Even if they have ships and carts, they will have no use for them, weapons and armour have no occasion to be worn.

One day people might return to the use of knotting strings and hand-weaving

They will relish in their food

And in the beauty of their simple clothes

And will be content in their simple abode

And happy in the simplicity of Natural existence.

Though neighbouring states/countries are within the sight of one another

And the sound of dogs barking and cocks crowing in one state/country can be heard in another.

Yet the people of the one state/country might grow old and die without having had any dealings with those of another.

When we describe nature and we look at problems of how society is formed today and see the discrepancies, it will always be due to the fact that the yang has gone off on its own and the yin is enslaved and so expansion occurs erratically and without limitations, this simply leads to an early death or transformation as expressed here, again from the Tao Te Ching:-

Chapter 30

If Naturalness takes the interest of a ruler, he will see that Nature uses no force or show of arms to "take control" of the universe

To take action based on the ideology of "control" would cause a balancing, polar response.

After the place where troops have camped, only thorn bushes can grow there

Food will be scarce in the wake of a mighty army and its battles.

A ruler who desists in offensive battles does not use military tactics to gain power or supremacy.

A result will arise, but the result cannot be owned

A result will arise, but the result cannot be boasted about

A result will arise, but the result cannot be made proud of

A result will arise, but it is through no choice

A result will arise, but not due to ideas of military supremacy

That which is in its prime, forcefully attacking the old and weak

Is a form of madness

Thus by Nature it will come to an early transformation.

When there is a clear way that nature expounds, it is only the nature of the resistance of the “self” that tries to stand in the way, which is like a matchstick feeling it has the ability to withstand the force of a Tsunami.

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