Conscious Energy*, The Fallen Angel Model (FAM)** and the Catholic Church

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The Catholic Church has a long tradition of working to better understand and present the truths of our doctrine in terms that are understandable in the current environment. In the early Middle Ages, St. Augustine used ideas and terms from Plato's philosophy to do this. Centuries later, when Aristotle was gaining popularity, St. Thomas Aquinas did the same with Aristotle's philosophy. We have been in the modern scientific age for over a hundred years, and it is past time that we did that again. However, the Church does not have a philosophy to use that is based on the findings and uses the terms of modern science.

Scientific atheists use words like energy, evolution, and change of state, while we use words like substance, accidents, and form. The truth of our arguments is not the issue; timeless truths can be expressed in any language at any time. The issue is that our arguments are not expressed in words that resonate in today's environment. The lack of this ability is one of the biggest reasons why so many people are leaving or avoiding the Church today. We need to use ideas and terms that are based on the findings of modern science and are consistent with Catholic doctrine.

A new paradigm or way of looking at reality is presented in both books referenced in the title above. This paradigm uses words like energy, evolution, and change of state. The potential to help the Church is enormous. What's different about this new paradigm is that it views the spiritual and the physical as two aspects or states of one underlying reality. The current belief paradigm that most Catholics have today is not like that. The current paradigm views the spiritual and the physical as two separate realities, i.e., God created the angels, and in a separate act, God created the Big Bang which began the evolutionary process.

Conscious Energy is a complete philosophy based on the findings of modern science and some insights from Jesuit priest and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. By complete we mean that it provides answers and insights into the fundamental nature of reality and what that implies about how we should live. This philosophy is consistent with Catholic doctrine and could be used by the Church to gain insights into our faith and present them in today's environment. An example (FAM) is provided in the book described below.

The Fallen Angel Model also makes the case that materialism is wrong, but it does so in a more scientific manner. The argument in this book is based solely on the results of modern physics experiments and modern physics theories. The conclusion is that reality can best be described as

consisting of entities that exist in three categories: physical, non-physical, and "not-so-physical." With this paradigm, some entities can change state and move from one category to another. Given this new paradigm, Scripture, and the doctrine of the fall of the angels, the book then suggests a theological speculation: Some of the spiritual (non-physical) gifts lost by the fallen angels became unstable and devolved/evolved into non-physical and not-so-physical energy in the Big Bang. We call this the Fallen Angel Model or simply, FAM. This model of creation provides new insights linking faith and science, shows how *everything* God created was good, and how the sin of free-willed creatures is the source of all the evil and suffering in the evolving universe.

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