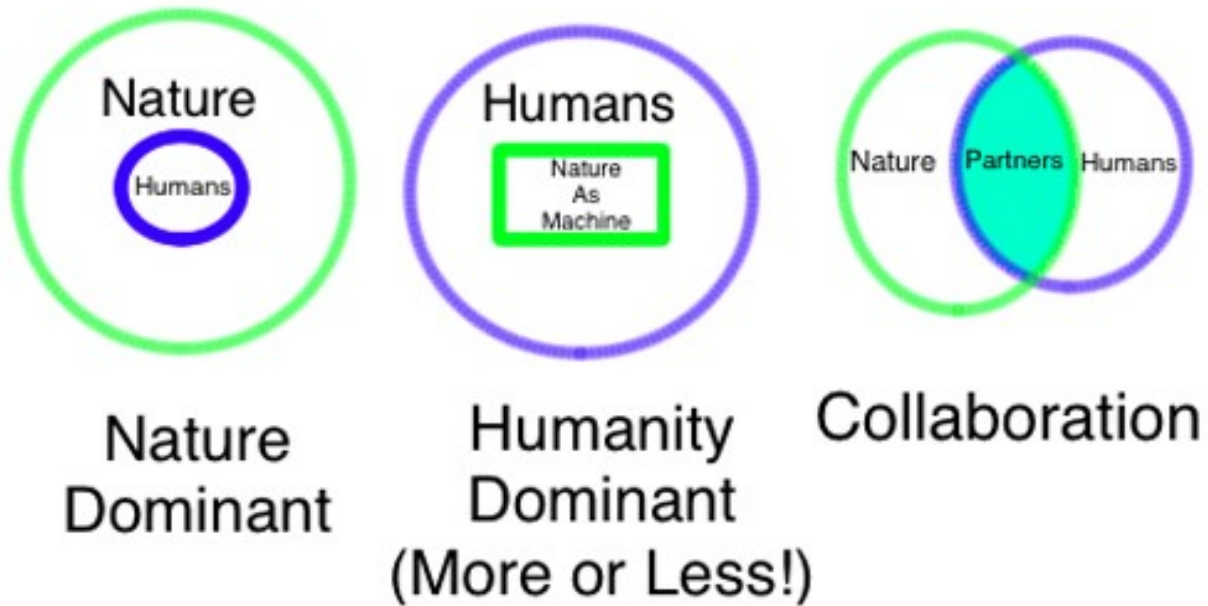


The Three Worlds



In a universe that is inert or filled simply with forces and energies, manifestation is a process of manipulation based on the exercise of will (through visualization, affirmation, etc.). In a living universe, however, manifestation is a conversation based on connection, relationship, partnership, and caring. It's a wholly different paradigm.

One of the major shifts that I see occurring in our time is one away from a mechanistic, energy-based vision of creation to one that is more organic, ecological, and living: creation as Being instead of as Machine.

Much esoteric imagery and technique, particularly in magical arts, stems from a time when the Machine vision was just beginning to take hold and was replacing the older organic vision of the Great Chain of Being.

This was also a time when, with the rise of the Ages of Reason, Industrialization, and Technology, the vision of the individual was changing from being a participant in an organic order to being someone who could bestride and control nature through will and technology.

This shift in vision was reflected in the occult and magical arts by the development of the concept of the "magical will" and of the mage as a figure of control and domination over the forces of nature and spirit.

This vision of the human being standing apart from the natural order and manipulating it through will informs most of our modern versions of manifestation as well, including the one that Peter Caddy taught at Findhorn.

Our approach in Lorian to manifestation breaks with this and is essentially one of partnership with the universe

as a living being, not as a machine to be understood and controlled. We are partners, not parts.

Thriving in a Living Universe is a statement of this participatory, organic, relational, partnership approach. It treats manifestation as a conversation with the universe.

The “conversation” of manifestation thus has three elements

- the person entering into conversation with the living universe,
- the topic of conversation (the manifestation project),
- the Being with whom this person is conversing (the subtle and spiritual realms, Gaia, etc., all making up the living universe).

Layers of Life & Energy

