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Model System

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Summa Sophia: Dedicated to every seeker of wisdom
What do you think? What does it mean? What can be done?

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A house is as great as the design of its architecture. The architecture of a house is as great as the library around which the house is built. And the library is as great only as the life of the people who live in accord with the spiritual teachings that are readily available. When these are fulfilled, the house is truly a spiritual home. From this setting, a new and advanced humanity arises.

Having said this, the same applies to a temple, church, mosque, synagogue or any place of spiritual dedication. Thus, a temple is as great as its symbolic architecture and as the contents of its library. And its library is as great only as those who are able to live the spiritual teachings that are there.

If there is not such a temple nearby, it can begin with one who can transform any house or simple space they live in into the qualities of a spiritual home.

A *computechie* might say, 'Who needs a library with physical books around, the Internet or Website is my electronic library.' As of now, that is, 1998, the Internet as a library system is more like a pandemonium panacea. Such a Website with a deeply universal spirit has yet to be put together. For now, this will be the cutting edge yet to be. Until then, meanwhile, for the rest of us, hardbound books, mostly rare ones, are the way to go.

Here is a simple grid system for a personal library that can very well serve other sincere seekers too:

	A Science	B Religion	C Philosophy	D Art
1 Spiritual	--	--	--	--
2 Mental	--	--	--	--
3 Emotional	--	--	--	--
4 Physical	--	--	--	--

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Definitions

Science is the search for knowledge. It is a voyage into the unknown; from hypothesis, to investigation, verification and, finally, the formulation of a principle or law of nature. The study of science disciplines our power to search, behold and apply the whole truth.

Religion is the search for goodness. Discovery is from error to the ethical, from selfishness to altruism, or from the imperfect to the perfect. False faith, superstition and blind belief are resolved by enlightenment, spiritual knowledge and perfection. The study of religion (all religions) is aspirational, redemptive, revelational and, most importantly, realizational.

Philosophy is the search for wisdom. In the love of wisdom there is the wisdom of love. We progress from ideas to ideals, from the love of self to selfless love, or from ignorance to wisdom. Thus the study of philosophy is the awakening of wisdom.

Art is the search for beauty. Art is our handmaiden, from chaos to order, from intellectuality to intelligence, from the ideal to the virtuous. For the basis of art is order. The basis of order is intelligence. The basis of intelligence is in the virtues and ideals. And the basis of the virtues and ideals is in the essential nature of our own humanity. True art awakens the intuition. Its study and appreciation refines human character.

The Physical is of the nature of the material universe. Its density ranges from the solid, liquid, gaseous, thermodynamic, electromagnetic, chemical, onto the nuclear state of matter.

The Emotional is of the nature of desire. There is no emotion that cannot be directly or indirectly traced back to a desire. When one is emotionally happy, a desire has been fulfilled. Just as when one is emotionally unhappy, a desire has been denied. Thus the control of the emotions is in the conquest of desire. Our desire for material objects is vanquished by the aspiration for the spiritual virtues.

The Mental is twofold in nature. Its lower nature thrives on ideas. Its higher nature dwells on the ideals. It is the collective accumulation of ideas that jells into an illusory separate selfish self or a bogus ego. Know that the aggravated problems of communication are in direct proportion to the size of the egos communicating with each other. When ideas are in complete accord with the spiritual ideals, the mental nature is made whole and healing. Competition resolves into cooperation. Thus, there is wholeness or holiness.

The Spiritual is of the nature of the Universal Spirit. The divine and the human, function as one. In this unity, the One is without a Second. And the Dharma or our true nature is fulfilled. Δ

The Summa Sophia or Highest Wisdom of the Dharma
is in the integrative unity
of art, philosophy, religion and science.
The wholeness is the holiness.

ART	Theater	BEAUTY
	Music	
	Dance	
	Literature	
	Painting	
	Sculpture	
	Architecture	

PHILOSOPHY	Ethics	WISDOM
	Aesthetics	
	Epistemology	
	Cosmology	
	Ontology	
	Metaphysics	
	Logic	

RELIGION	Mystery Traditions	GOODNESS
	Scriptures	
	Myths	
	Legends	
	Fables	

SCIENCE	Mathematics	TRUTH
	Paranormal	
	Psychological	
	Biological	
	Physical	
	Chemistry Physics	