

We came to know God only when we came to generate human and phenomenal possibilities, for God is in the phenomena He presents to us. He is in people and their communities and cultures; in organizations, corporations, and marketplace economies. He is in machines as well as nature, information as well as individuals, mathematical cells as well as biological ones. He is in all environments, including especially our physical universes.

We can approach God only when we "*phenomenalize*" His Universes, for God assumes the form of His Phenomena: multidimensional, interdependent, curvilinear, asymmetrical, and, above all, continuously changing (see Figure 7-5). In this context, there is phenomenal movement toward change and away from static conditions; movement toward freedom and away from security; movement toward human beings and away from humankind.

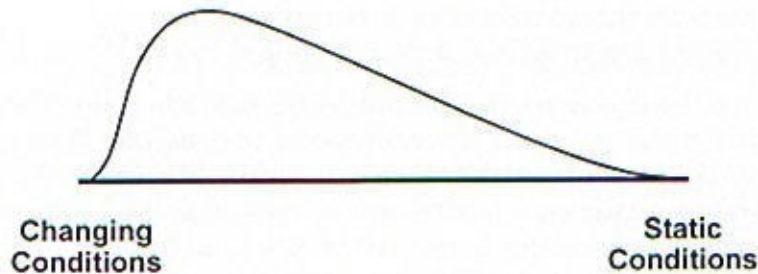


Figure 7-5. "*Phenomenalized*" Contributions

God is The Great Montessori Teacher: He co-processes only with those of us who use His most precious gift—the intellect with which He has endowed us. He provides us with unique opportunities; yields to our direction in relating; cedes to us our own profound struggles in understanding; intervenes only to empower us when the obstacles appear insurmountable to us; releases us to freely choose our courses only after we have persevered and succeeded; rewards us only with the next opportunity for relating, the next intervention for overcoming, the next freedom for choosing.

For His Part, God demands only that we dedicate ourselves unconditionally—bodies, minds, souls—to processing interdependently in His Phenomenal Universes: waking up thinking about our phenomena; processing with the phenomena throughout the day; going to sleep thinking about the phenomena. Even in our dreams, He will co-process with us to illuminate His Mysteries.

It is only when we begin to employ the plural pronoun "we" that we know that we are approaching collaboration with God: first relating interpersonally with our fellow collaborators; then processing interdependently with our phenomenal universes; perhaps only then co-processing with God.

God treats us in the same manner that He would have us treat His Phenomenal Universes (see Figure 7-6):

- Relating to align with our intentions;
- Empowering to enhance our potential;
- Freeing to actualize our contributions.

These are the functions of possibilities science: when we relate to align with phenomena, we are empowered to penetrate their mysteries; when we penetrate their mysteries, we are released to actualize our contributions, mutual and unique; when we actualize our contributions, we are introduced to still greater mysteries. Indeed, God is found in expanding possibilities! For God is "The Possibilities Mind!"*

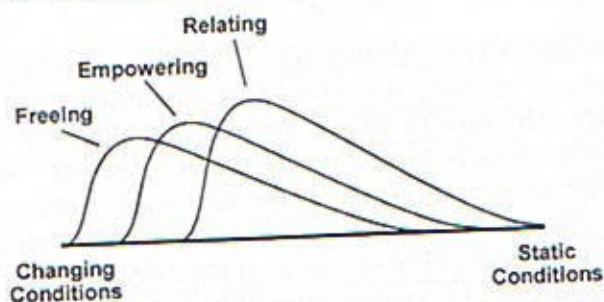


Figure 7-6. Actualizing Contributions

* Berenson, B. G., and Carkhuff, R. R. *The Possibilities Mind*. Amherst, MA: HRD Press, 2000.