

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم  
تبارك الذي نزل الفرقان على عبده ليكون للعالمين نذيرا

("Blessed is He Who revealed the Criterion upon His servant, that he may be to all the worlds a warner!" (Quran, Surah 25 The Criterion, verse 3).

## **Frithjof Schuon versus René Guénon**

### **Their roles near the end of the world**

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In his own words, written and spoken, Frithjof Schuon described himself and his role in the end time. Then many others described him too, because he was and remains phenomenally impressive, while yet being an enigma, due to being an exception among the greatest metaphysicians, spiritual leaders and masters of esoteric spiritual orders. The enigma lies in the fact that he did not always follow revelation (Quran), the Prophetic norm (the Sunnah) the sacred law (Shariah) or the law of the land. On the contrary, Guénon wrote, spoke and lived like all Gnostics from time immemorial; however, wait a while for the clear picture.

THE KEY POINT and the all-inclusive or at least sufficient point is in Frithjof Schuon's own words, on page 53 of Aldo Vidali's dossier of the Schuon cult (<https://ur.b-ok.cc/book/2843650/3c0719> which is also on Scribd: <https://www.scribd.com> ). This pinpoints his differences with René Guénon and all others: "It may happen that the pure pneumatic [an absolutely spiritual, rare type of person and saint of the highest rank] will act in a manner foreign to a particular religious perspective and to particular prescriptions [like sacred laws of some particular religion and laws of a country], but it cannot happen that he act in a manner contrary to the nature of things, for he bears the essential, universal and primordial Law in

the depths of his own heart. For this very reason, deviation or corruption is in his case impossible, whatever appearances from a particular limited perspective may be.”

The quotations Schuon cites about the greatest saints, who have always existed, are obviously true. Even if one is seeing ideas for the first time, the authorities cited are the Brahma Sutras, Meister Eckhardt and René Guénon - all of whom are quoted in isolated passages, which need context. What the quotes mean is that some people have a kind of revelation and a sacred law in their own hearts, so they do not necessarily NEED REVELATION or a sacred law; HOWEVER, such saints [called the Aḥrād in Arabic, singular Fard, meaning “solitary ones”] can never go AGAINST REVELATION. What the Aḥrād have in their hearts comes from the same Source as revelation. One could say it IS revelation, but in Arabic it’s called “Ilham,” divine inspiration, which is not equal to revelations sent to Prophets all of whom were of the Aḥrād before being named Prophets; and all Prophets followed sacred laws more than did their followers. The Aḥrād are so knowing that, in Tasawwuf, they are called the “Prophets among saints.”

For an example of divine inspiration (Ilham), the entire book, Futuḥat ul-Makkiyyah in 37 volumes, was revealed to Ibn Arabi. In there “Ibn Arabi” says that the “Shariah [the sacred law of Islam] IS the Haqiqah” [the esoteric Truth of God]. It means, among other things, Ibn Arabi explains, that no truth is worth anything but vanity unless it is lived on the plane of action in a good life. [See also Quran 2:284. “Be Godfearing (obedient) and God (Himself!) will teach you (Gnosis!)]; and Ibn Arabi, the best known Fard of Islam wrote, “I am innocent before Allah of all that could differ from the Book of Allah [the Quran] and the Sunna [ways of life, Sacred Law] of the Envoy of Allah – on him grace and peace!” Ibn Arabi also said, “He who takes his distance from the balance of the sacred law for a single moment will perish.” Schuon criticized Guénon and Ibn Arabi, and was criticized himself by the authors of Réfutation de Quelques critiques de Schuon, who found pride only from analyzing that one of Schuon’s articles [criticizing Guénon]! Schuon’s criticisms of Guénon are taken too seriously, perhaps because many readers do not know French. The refutation of Schuon’s

criticisms tears him to shreds, pointing out that Guénon never even said some of what's criticized, and that Schuon is irresponsible and lacks knowledge of some metaphysical principles. Here's the last sentence – the only line in English, which summarizes the CHARACTER of Frithjof Schuon, found in his one article mis-criticizing Guénon and asserting his own greatness and independence from Guénon and others like him in the past:

“And I refuse to be a fool dancing on the strings held by all those big shots. I don't apologize, that's my life.” (Don Corleone from The Godfather)

Gregory A. Lipton found the same character in his book, *Rethinking Ibn Arabi*, and in his article called “De-Semitizing Ibn Arabi: Aryanism and the Schuonian discourse on religious authenticity.” Those works show that Schuon had “Aryan conceit” and “self-appointed himself” as the voice of the Religio perennis in the end time. Considering his own, Aryan, race best due to “metaphysical genius,” Schuon places the Aryan religions higher than all three Semitic religions, which are guilty of “Semitic moralism.” Islam, no longer the Seal (خاتم) of religions, became superior only from its own point of view, not final and all-inclusive, says Schuon. Not that the concept of a Seal was lost: Frithjof Schuon named himself a Seal! That comes later.

Meanwhile, Lipton's article is here:

<https://independent.academia.edu/GregoryLipton> and *Rethinking Ibn Arabi* is on [archive.org](https://archive.org) .

On page 53 of Vidal's dossier (in which not every word is true or sane, but nearly all are):

<https://ur.b-ok.cc/book/2843650/3c0719>

Frithjof Schuon quotes the Brahma Sutras, which seem to support his idea that revelation is not necessary. Sutra three, however, says that there is no knowledge at all without the Sruti, which means revelation! Then Schuon quotes Meister Eckhardt, the best known “Fard” of Christianity; but Meister Eckhardt also wrote: “How can a man abide in love, when he does not keep God's commands which issue forth from love?” And Jesus said, “If you love me, follow my commandments.” Then Schuon quotes René Guénon on

that page; but Guénon wrote a series of letters sternly criticizing Schuon; and he wrote: “We will add that, in reality, exotericism [the Sacred Law, etcetera], far from being rejected, must be “transformed” to a degree corresponding to the degree reached by the initiate, since he is becoming more and more capable of understanding the underlying reasons for it, and that, consequently, his doctrinal formulas and rites take on a much more truly important meaning for him than they can have for the simple exotericist, [the pious person following his religion, but not knowing the innermost truth] who is always reduced, by definition, to seeing only its external appearance, that is, what matters least about the “truth” of the tradition considered in its entirety.” (Spiritual Initiation and Realization, Chapter VII – The Need for Traditional Exotericism) [The letters from Guénon concerning Schuon, and the Scribd article refuting Schuon in French, are on a page about Guénon here on my site: <https://frithjofschuon.wordpress.com> ].

Did Ibn Arabi foresee the role of René Guénon in preparing the germs for the new cycle? That's quite possible, as he saw a second John (to be named Yahia, like John the Baptist) crying in the wilderness to prepare for the second coming of Jesus! Abdul Wahid Yahia was aware of his role in destroying the idols yet to come till the end of the world, and God knows best.

Abu Yazid Bistami, a great Fard of Islam, called the Sultan of the Knowers (Sultan al-Arifin), was also known to be deeply concerned with following the Sha'ria and engaging in devotions beyond the obligatory. (Nafl). The same was true of Abdul Aziz Dabbagh, a direct disciple of Khidr, who is the prince of the Afrad in Islam, but not the master of all – some being taught in visions of other Afrad, by the Prophet in waking visions, and other holy persons.

Once there was a taped, group audience in which a disciple asked Frithjof Schuon if his [“revealed,” he told me] six themes were in the Quran? He replied exactly, “I don't care what is in ANY book!” [Emphasis his]. Afterwards, I was with both Schuons, who agreed that he was being tested;

that the questioner did not know what Intellectual Intuition was, and that the tapes should be destroyed. Albeit knowing nothing at the time, I listened to my tape dozens of times before destroying it, because I did know that the Quran was the exact Word of God, so I was shocked to hear him saying in effect that his knowledge was as good if not better, so he didn't need to even respect the Quran. After 30 years I understood. Therefore I think you should be FOREwarned!

After we'd been in Bloomington a while, Catherine Schuon learned that they could live entirely on interest; and she was glad; but here's what the Quran says, " Those who eat Riba (usury) will not stand (on the Day of Resurrection) except like the standing of a person beaten by Shaitan (Satan) leading him to insanity. That is because they say: "Trading is only like Riba (usury)," whereas Allah has permitted trading and forbidden Riba (usury). So whosoever receives an admonition from his Lord and stops eating Riba (usury) shall not be punished for the past; his case is for Allah (to judge); but whoever returns to Riba (usury), such are the dwellers of the Fire – they will abide therein. (Quran, Al-Baqarah, Chapter 2, Verse 275). Remember: the Quran begins, "This is the Book. There is no doubt in it;" and "Those who do not judge by what Allah has revealed are disbelievers!" (Al-Maida, v. 44). In a hadith, the Prophet says that one dirham of usury is like 36 counts of adultery; however, the decrees changed to being what our Shaykh found in the depths of his own heart! It really is almost impossible to follow all of the Sunnah in a non-Muslim country; but one can go a long way - or move.

We may recall that Ibn Arabi's model for a text is the Quran, a text that is fully personalized, for it is inseparable from the Messenger who brought it. It is also deeply enmeshed in the being of the perfect saint who actualizes the scripture. As Ibn 'Arabi puts it, "The universal man is the Quran;" but Schuon thought he was universal man. The Qur'an (and by extension the sayings of the saints) is for Ibn Arabi no dead letter, but perpetually renewed for every reciter. Because of that Ibn 'Arabi explained his teachings by reciting and interpreting the words of Sufi saints, especially

the Afrad and most especially Abu Yazid Bistami, so that he, Ibn Arabi, could become the revivifier of the faith.

So Schuon was wrong to think he could allow lying under oath (saying “so help me God,” and “Man may be mistaken but God is witness to all things” while lying) to protect his impossibly-hard-to-understand, high degree of sanctity, which he proved that he did not have, precisely by, as time would tell, ignoring the Sacred Law and the law of the land, by embracing naked women at Primordial Gatherings, by allowing daughters of his disciples to be bare breasted and barely dressed around men, as he had done several times in 1991, in my presence, and in the presence of about 30 others, nearly all of whom were prepared to lie under oath, in Court, saying, “I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God!” We all wanted to protect our spiritual master, who we considered to be above all laws, precisely because he himself taught the possibility of not needing revelation or a sacred law, because a great saint could have the primordial Law “in the depths of his own heart!” It was a very difficult year, 1991, for all of us disciples; but the reasons are described towards the end on my site: <https://frithjofschuon.wordpress.com>.

Let us return now to the first sentence on that same page 53 of Aldo Vidali's dossier. First of all, there are two handwritten notes on that page - undoubtedly by Vidali - the first being half right and half wrong; whereas the second is correct. The first sentence by Schuon needs an answer. He says, "The philosophia perennis...is founded, essentially and intrinsically upon the nature of things, perceived by Intellectual Intuition. It is only formally and extrinsically that it is founded upon a particular revealed Text, and it could in no way be dependent on it." We did not, being nearly all Occidentals, know much Arabic, and we were not encouraged to learn more than the alphabet, so those words "in the nature of things" sounded stupid to Vidali, whereas Schuon was correct but meant the fitra (the primordial, perfect nature of man). That is essentially and intrinsically correct, but it must not be the pretext for considering revelation (Sanskrit, sruti; Arabic, wahi; and in English, revelation) as only "outwardly" necessary.

To say that the *Philosophia perennis* is in the "nature of things" is tantamount to saying that it is inherent in them according to the *Fitra*, i.e. according to primordial nature. That signifies that he who is able to have this insight must himself be in the *Fitra*, i.e. in the condition that most men no longer possess. Revelation is therefore essential until man reaches that state. In Sufism (*Tasawwuf*) those who attain that state partake of the "free (or absolute) Prophethood" (*nubuwwa mutlaqa*). Therefore the *Afrad* are rightly called "the Prophets among saints!"

As one of his four wives, for 22 years, I'll share some of the other descriptions he gave himself, and which all of us in his family and nearly all those among his inner circle of followers accepted without doubt. As a child, he often said he had "felt like an angel among frogs;" and in a childlike manner, but I think only with us wives, he would say in German, "The world is round. I am the king: I don't know why!"

Among functions, he said in my presence that he was The Seal of the Sages [خاتم الحكماء] a title that is highly significant in that it exists in no revelation or Gnostic source, but refers to the utmost, the most sublime, the final and the all-inclusive "person" in a "branch" of sacred history. For example, Muhammad sAwS is the Seal of Prophets, Islam is the Seal of religions, mankind is the Seal of creation, and the Antichrist is the Seal of the Satans, while Jesus is the Seal of Universal Sanctity (according to Ibn Arabi), since he closes this cycle, not as a new Prophet, yet as a Seal. This cycle began with Adam, who had no father, and will end with Jesus, who is called "the son of Maryam" in Islam.

Then Frithjof Schuon identified himself with the Virgin Mary [actually in sexual union, as three of us four wives knew; but all he said in writing was, "to say more does not become me"]. He was a Nabi in Switzerland [a Prophet who does not bring a new revelation]; but when his Moroccan disciples left the Tariqah due to that title coined by his second wife, he told the second wife and me that he could not be a Nabi, but was "an unsurpassable metaphysician and The Seal of the Sages, who would open

a new Paradise for the Religio perennis above the Paradises for all the religions.” After that he wrote that he was a Messenger, but of the Perennial philosophy – perhaps assuming that such a function was not excluded by the Quran, which makes Muhammad the Seal of both the Nabi’in and the Rusul [Prophets who do not and who do bring a new revelation]. He was a Universal Man and a Khalifah on the earth; and as a Bodhisattva, he said he could not cause division; and he was an Avatara or an Avataric phenomenon; but I myself never heard him say that straight out. He did say he was irrefutable, needed no information from anyone, and no documents.

It was obvious that he and everyone thought he was above the law and could lie about matters of life on the plane of this world, as Catherine Schuon told me in 1966. I had just arrived in Switzerland to live near him, so she told me what he was like, personally – explaining the lying with examples of walking on land marked “No trespassing” and “cheating on taxes.” Being completely convinced that he was “an unsurpassable spiritual master,” as Seyyed Hossein Nasr had told me, it never occurred to me to even think about it...for over 20 years. Then he and nearly all his disciples in Bloomington, Indiana, lied in Court under oath, saying, “so help me God!” Soon afterwards, he approved wholeheartedly of a letter that was all lies, but ended with, “Man may be mistaken but God is witness to all things!” I had to move a little away after that; however I only thought I couldn’t lie, and that he and others were perfect and more esoteric. Little did I know what God says about telling the whole truth, in all revelations!

When he was born, there was a great thunderstorm – making all the clocks stop at five minutes to midnight, a phenomenon he liked to recount and found significant. Rainbows were also for him; however, the Prophet put an end to all such ideas when there was an eclipse of the sun. His only son, Ibrahim, had just died and the people in Madina thought it was due to the death of Ibrahim. Foreseeing a future error, Muhammad stood up immediately, announcing that “The sun and the moon are two signs amongst the signs of Allah. They do not eclipse because of someone’s death or life.” If not even an eclipse of the sun could be for the only son of Muhammad, then how a thunderstorm for Frithjof Schuon? (Well, he called



the Virgin Mary, "The Mother of All Prophets." By identifying with her, he self-identified himself with a function above Prophets and revelations; however, read Rethinking Ibn Arabi, by Gregory Lipton).

I'm not the only one who knows the truth. I just happen to be handy, willing and enthusiastic – perhaps because on the first day of classes at Harvard, I met Seyyed Hossein Nasr, who would become one of the main successors of Frithjof Schuon. He was a professor then, aged about 24, when I was 17. He only said the words, "...the truth with a capital T," and I was changed forever, albeit I had no idea that there was an Absolute anything! After class I went up to him and asked him what the truth with a capital T was? He said it was God, and that He is also the Absolute Good, the Beautiful; and he mentioned other Divine Names. I believed instantly, and spent a lifetime looking for the truth about God; but I went astray; and so did Seyyed Hossein Nasr, still alive, and a bit astray, but better than his master (Frithjof Schuon) at age 89. As regards the sacred law, both Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Martin Lings are/were more orthodox while still believing staunchly in their master. I do not want others to have as hard a time! Dr. Nasr became one of the foremost successors of Schuon, while perhaps not knowing all of his acts and ideas, due to lies by both Schuons, their lawyer-faqir (on page 49 of Aldo Vidali's dossier of the Schuon cult) and others. I'm also willing because I noticed everything wrong from the beginning; but there was a wall between my seeing and BELIEVING for SO long, that I sympathize and quote here only a few masters of Tasawwuf:

The Sheikh al-`Alawî, who initiated Frithjof Schuon: "The *tacawwuf* is the station of excellence (*al-ihsan*) in Islam, it is attachment to divine law and it is neither miracle nor prodigy, for even pervers or miscreants can perform wonders. Righteousness is better than a thousand miracles."

Al-Hallaj: "Abû Ishâq Ibrâhim al-Hulwânî once asked Huseyn ibn Mansur AL-HALLAJ what he thought of the esoteric teaching (*madhhab al-bâtin*). Al-Hallâj replied: "What do you mean, the real one or the false one (*bâtin al-bâtil aw bâtin al-haqq*)? If it is a matter of true esotericism, the exoteric path (*Sharîah*) is its outward appearance, and whoever follows it truly

discovers its inner aspect, which is none other than the knowledge of Allâh (marifah bi'LLâh); as for false esotericism, its outer and inner aspects are the most horrible and detestable, the one and the other. So stay away."

Ibn Ajiba: "... I swear that it is only through that Shariah that all the favours we have received and all our spiritual gains have been realized."

Sheikh Abdul Khaliq al-Ghujdawani: "... you have to be firm in following the Divine Law (Shariah) of the Prophet in all your states..."...and keep to the highest standard of the Shariah..."

Abd Al-Qâdir Al-Jîlânî: "Any truth for which the law does not testify is zandaqah (hypocritical disbelief). Travel to the True (Al-Haqq) by flapping the wings of the Quran and Sunnah..."

"... Falling into the forbidden is a sin. No one has the right to forsake [divine] Orders no matter what."

"If the Murid (disciple of a sheikh, aspiring to spiritual education) sees an error on the part of his Sheikh, he must point it out to him. If he discontinues his mistake, so much the better. Otherwise, he (the disciple) must leave his Sheikh's directions and follow the shar` (Islamic law)."

"If a breach occurs within your limits, know that you have been seduced and become a puppet played by demons. Return to the status of the Law (shar`) and turn away from the opinion suggested by passion. For every truth (haqîqa) of which the Law (shari`â) does not bear witness is only libertine (zandaqa)..."

Sheikh Ahmad Ar-Rifâ`î: "Do not oppose people's [spiritual] states until they contradict the Shar. If they ever deviate from the Shar`, leave them and follow the Shar`." [Shar = Shariah, sacred law].

Imâm Mâlik Ibn Anas: "He who studies jurisprudence (tafaqqaha) and does not practice Sufism (taçawwuf) is a pervert (fâsiq); and he who practices

Sufism and does not study (does not learn, does not apply) jurisprudence is a heretic (zindîq); he who combines the two, reaches the truth or is the perfectly realized person (tahaqqaqa)..."

Ibn 'Arabî: "He who takes his distance from the balance of the sacred law for a single moment will perish."

These quotes are more exact and there are more on a page comparing Frithjof Schuon to masters of Tasawwuf (Sufism) on my site:  
<https://frithjofschuon.wordpress.com>

On page 49 of Vidali's dossier you see a letter that turns the truth upside down: the lawyer/faqir for Schuon is lying with great aplomb to Seyyed Hossein Nasr about the Grand Jury Hearing of 1991, when Schuon was declared innocent of child molestation – innocent because that lawyer had us all organized to lie, and fake videos were made, making our "Indian Days" look more decent, and with no underage girls present. For the last 30 years, the story the "world" thinks is true, is here <https://accuratenews.net> where, in the first video you see Frithjof Schuon shouting in what looks like holy anger about his being falsely accused by a despicable person; and he wasn't far off on that; but the tape has been cut, patched back together and reposted! Schuon had said in that cut-out piece, that the man had accused him because he, Schuon, had refused to approve "an adulterous relationship" on "moral grounds"...a platitude coming from an eminent philosopher, no? Well, he didn't actually believe in morality (which was usually called morallSM) and at the moment he was speaking, Schuon was married and had three illicit relationships – two being with spiritually and legally married women; AND if he had known what the Quran is ["the truest word is the Book of Allah:" Hadith] and what's in it, he'd not have used that word "adulterous," for which the Quran requires four witnesses. Besides, neither party was actually married, and that was partly due to Schuon's having no idea what constituted a spiritual marriage in Islam. [He had performed a false spiritual marriage for one of the women, myself, to one of his disciples]. For convincing lying, that video should be seen: he had a different law and definition of truth than had God by any of His Names!!

When I wrote on my site that using DNA, Frithjof Schuon could be proven to have slept with four married women in all, the tape was cut to remove his words “an adulterous relationship!”

After being declared innocent “with not a shred of evidence” against him, there was a rash of “scandal sheets,” all exaggerating the sexual and child molestation aspects of the dances in which the Shaykh embraced many bare breasted and scantily clad wives and daughters of his followers. God knows best, but Guénon had written about the eruption of forces one could not control, if one mixed religious forms, which was exactly what was happening, full force! The ugly and perverse reports of people who left, could not be stopped on the internet; and, declared innocent or not, the reputation of the Tariqah “Maryamiyyah” went way down, worldwide. We had hadhrahs, invoking “Allah” to Native American Sundance rhythms that came from a powerful drum beat, naked dances with a Sacred Pipe and War headdress, the sign for the Hindu “Om” made with his hand during majalis, and Indian costumes which left the wearers practically naked. Muslims wear the costumes of many cultures; but they are adapted, like the sari is adapted for Muslim women; and American Muslim women can wear long American dresses.

The fine scholar, Victor Danner, said that “the Shaykh” had no sense of morality at all, and for both Schuons, all three monotheistic religions taught “Semitic moralism!” What a way to criticize revelations, and all the three that God chose to put at the end of a cycle! For Schuon the Aryan, metaphysical revelations, were best, as Gregory Lipton explains in his article on Aryanism; but God put all truth in the all-inclusive Seal of religions. Hinduism, revealed in about the middle of the cycle, is like it’s summary in a metaphysical and mythological form, but contained within Islam.

As the final and all-inclusive Seal of religions, Islam contains them all in the best possible way – a fine example being the Crucifixion of Jesus. Islam seems to totally deny a fundamental doctrine of Christianity: he was not crucified! However, the real Jesus is the Spirit and Word of God. As such,

he can never die! His body, put on the Cross was like a substitute for the real Jesus, who is still alive and will return, as Christians and Muslims agree; but the Islamic view is much more profound. However, to know more, look online for an article by Khalil Andani on the Ismaili interpretation of the Crucifixion, which is also quite near to the Akbarian perspective; but God knows best!

After the trial of 1991 for child molestation, the Prosecutor apologized (!), said there had been “a travesty” of justice, and a newspaper opinion piece used the word, “travesty,” which has been repeated ever since, as if the Prosecutor made a dreadful mistake. Yes, there had been a travesty; but our lawyer had caused it – making the Court look wrong, because he got Frithjof Schuon declared innocent of embracing bare breasted girls 13, 14 and 15, with lies. Who would care about what happened 30 years ago? No one; but the act of embracing bare breasted, practically naked, wives and daughters of his disciples showed that Frithjof Schuon thought nothing about going against all sacred laws (and he had to follow the one of his own religion, not mixing sacred forms). As concerns the Grand Jury hearing of 1991, know that <https://accuratenews.net> is sheer deceit.

The primordial Law has always existed in the hearts of the Afrad; however, it has never decreed other than what revelations and revealed sacred laws said; so the ideas of Schuon are sheer innovation; and Jabir ibn Abdullah reported: “The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, would praise Allah in his sermons, as He deserves to be praised, and then he would say, “Whomever Allah guides, no one can lead him astray. Whomever Allah sends astray, no one can guide him. The TRUEST WORD is the Book of Allah and the BEST GUIDANCE is the guidance of Muhammad. The most evil matters in religion are those that are newly invented, for every newly invented matter is an innovation, every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Hellfire.” (Sunan al-Nasā’ī 1578. Graded Sahih). Not only those definitive words; but the Quran begins in saying it is the Book with no doubt in it! And it is a guidance for those who obey Allah (have Taqwa, which is fearing to disobey Him)! AND in Surat al-Maida, verse 44, 45 and 47, God says that those who do not judge

by what Allah has revealed are truly the disbelievers; and in any revelation (because Allah never changes) those who do not judge by revelation are astray, living in evil!

Once the fourth wife and I were with him at her house; and she was making a video of him for TV. That was during the Grand Jury hearing and was intended to have the public on his side. With us there, he said that one could tell by his books that he was incapable of having any passion for women. “Let them read my books!” He said that, and he sure was right! His presence was powerful like his writings, ringing clear and true, so even standing there watching, my mind could not fathom that he was being hypocritical! One would never know from his books or speech, what he was like personally; and there’s not the slightest blame in Muslims’ having even four wives; but he identified himself with Jesus. He was a revelation in himself and could not be known as a lover of women. Here’s part of a poem the second wife and I made up and used to recite together, about him, in Switzerland – long before our last sister-wife came:

يا عيسى بن مريم عليك السلام

ان جسمك للغفار لثام

وتزيل الرحمان للناس

Oh Jesus, son of Mary, upon thee be peace!

Truly thy body is a garment for the All-Forgiving

And a revelation of Mercy for mankind!

He had spiritual “experiences;” and that poem became the basis for a locution that was quite meaningful for him. He heard Maryam reciting that poem from within himself, so SHE was calling him Jesus; and SHE was saying that his very body was a revelation! That justified his desire to appear naked, and made him lie about loving women, so as to be like

Jesus, after whom he had named himself. Who was "she?" Ibn Arabi wrote that paranormal phenomena can come from the Spirit, the ego or Satan.

Whenever he wanted something (like me) or to be something, then he or a disciple would have a dream or a locution meaning that he was or could have that. When he fell in love with me (two years after performing a flawed spiritual marriage, between me and his Na'ib, after our legal marriage) he heard a voice in his own chest, saying In French, "She will be yours in the here below and in the Hereafter." Now that has been proven untrue; but it is also impossible that "Heaven" could bless a union with a married woman ... and his neighbor! Like the second wife! We both lived next to his house, but on different sides! To top it all off, he let Catherine Schuon have an affair with their neighbor's husband for ten years. Such things cannot be more against all sacred laws; and they can be proven and need to be known, BECAUSE from his books, you would never know him! EVEN AFTER knowing him for decades, one can refuse to believe – until one is perfectly well-anchored in the Criterion of truth and goodness, revealed as guidance for all mankind till the end of the world.

God forgive me: I was totally bamboozled for decades, not thinking, but following any and every intelligent- seeming person, and thinking that spiritual intelligence could only come from sanctity! Wrong! And the "world" is full of bedazzled people, who are overwhelmed by quite gifted people and scholars who seem to be saints and spiritual masters. Indeed there are many great teachers; but sanctity and Intellectual Intuition cannot exist in anyone who is in a deviation. Infallibility actually exists, but only due to perfect knowledge of, and conformity with revelation. A "metaphysician," who does not conform to what God says, is not a metaphysician, but a genius, who may have some intuition; but he does not want to obey God.

A true spiritual master who disagrees with the essentials of his revelation and sacred law has never existed. The idea is aberrant, individualistic and anti-traditional, contrary to all that leads back to God! (Re+ligio means re-link man to God). Those who follow Frithjof Schuon are taught not to follow the Shariah or the Sunnah, but to follow his "Sunnah." So they will

not go to Paradise: "All my followers will go to Paradise except those who refuse!" "Who are those who refuse," a companion asked Muhammad. "Those who refuse to follow my Sunnah!" Once Frithjof Schuon told me that his disciples should follow HIS Sunnah, because the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad did not apply to this end time. What God said is that His Word is eternal: His Sunnah never changes, says the Quran! (Quran 33:63). And idolatry has types or modes. One is obeying anyone who allows what God forbids, so guess? Following Frithjof Schuon IS idolatry!.

God spoke (essentially only once, never changing His Mind); and His Words have infinite levels of meanings: a platitude, no? Well, He also created temptations; and He decorated those to seem impressive, to a degree beyond the imagination of the vast majority. Think about His creation of the Antichrist, who can control the rain on the entire earth, revive a dead man and cause the cows to give plentiful milk, and the trees to bear marvelous fruits. A man with every imaginable gift, seeming to be a Prophet, having certitude, creating an inestimably beautiful, traditional "civilization"...all that was created by God! HE willed a conflict between darkness and Light; and He willed tests and trials for us.

It's painful news for many, and I thought I'd literally died as a martyr; but Frithjof Schuon was an extraordinarily gifted, fascinating, inspiring, magnetic, multifaceted genius, and also, alas, a megalomaniac. That was and remains, exceedingly hard to see; but destiny made it evident almost 50 years after I moved to Switzerland. Everyone should recognize his ego in all he said he was; but few are those who have seen all his "glory" in a few paragraphs. I did, and noticed that it was all a bit much; however, he was so convincing in his presence, personality and genius that people were blinded, and so was I. Until one saw how he acted when feeling slighted, he made the impression of having Divine Knowledge...I mean taught directly by God.

In a way, all we have is from God, but spiritual genius is a gift; and those who have that gift seem to fly like angels compared to most of mankind; however, there's a "secret" in Surah Yusuf: God says that above everyone



who knows is someone who knows more! That means among other things, that the Gnostic saints, and the Ahrifan, the Prophets, are all infinitely MORE knowing than those born with talents and who can easily deviate unless they conform perfectly to all the aspects of revelation. Frithjof Schuon certainly knew how to appear to have a perfect character; and being with him was captivating. He was irresistible until one saw him feeling insulted. Even after that, I needed 20 years!

Frithjof Schuon would find something that seemed to confirm his ideas; and then quote it as proof. For example (In addition to the three quotes on page 53 of Vidali's dossier), Lalla Yogishvari said something like that she found the Self in her heart, and then she exclaimed, "Therefore naked I dance!" But she was of the school of Kashmiri Shivaism known for unstable disciples, given to aberrations, and nothing near what is known as a Fard in Islam. Actually, a series of paintings of Lalla Yogishvari has... disappeared? Painted by the fourth wife, they were all plain pornographic – a far stretch from dancing naked against the Dharma. Schuon was impressive due to gifts with which he was born; and all his followers who did not recognize him, Nasr, Lings, Smith, Oldmeadow...they all had/have gifts, not the open eye of the heart like Ibn Arabi, Abu Yazid Bistami...so one can love and learn, forgive; but not FOLLOW anyone in a deviation AS a SPIRITUAL MASTER.

Those who cannot find a master, may take the Master of all Masters, Muhammad, as their Master. And they can learn to have their hearts invoke with his Guidance. The heart can invoke either part of the Shahadah (for Christians, the Jesus Prayer is the Supreme dhikr, and there are Supreme adhkar for each revelation), although the best in Islam, according to many, is a Salat ala n-Nabi, preferably including the words Sayyidina and alihi. The Prophet is within us, guiding, so praying for him awakens that presence; and if God wills, one will be guided to a true master in this world. (There are two, always mis-translated verses in the Quran that say the Prophet is within us: Surah Muhammad, verse 2, and Surah al-Hujurat, verse 7). Sincerity is also an inner guide that never fails!

Then what was Frithjof Schuon's role in the end time? Maybe he was created with nearly every gift possible, as a last minute lesson in discernment, for himself and for us who love the essence of the truth about God. Would we follow the certain truth revealed by God, The Criterion (الفرقان), called "traditional?" Or would we follow a man, who mixed truth with falsehood, who had new ideas and was so overwhelmingly impressive that some would live, die or lie for him?

And René Guénon? He was the one who foresaw every idol until the end of the world (and God knows best). He wrote, spoke and lived like all Gnostic saints from time immemorial - many of whom I mentioned once to Frithjof Schuon, who said, "I'm not interested in those men!" He was critical of nearly every book written by his disciples, critical of Ibn Arabi, Guénon, his own Shaykh al-Alawi, and his Shaykh's Khalifah, who became Shaykh Adda. In the end he was only interested in his own, individual and limited gift for metaphysics. Albeit Guénon foresaw that the "Tariqah" would end by being "a vague organization with universalist pretensions along the lines of Vivekananda," never could he have imagined all the deviations that grew up like thistles in what seemed to be a heavenly garden, in Bloomington, Indiana!

Each person will decide for himself; and may many be well-guided. May wrong ideas be condemned and people forgiven; and "We know that for those who love God, all things work together unto good..." (Romans 8:28)