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GESTURES ACROSS the ATLANTIC

THE BODY IS CENTRAL TO ALL HUMAN ENTERPRISE

A MORE EMBODIED APPROACH TO SCHOLARLY DISCOURSE IS REQUIRED.

SOLE DEPENDENCE UPON EUROPEANIST CONCEPTIONS OF THE BODY IS INSUFFICIENT FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN BODY.

AFRICAN INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO ENRICH DISCOURSE ON THE BODY,

AND TO LIBERATE THE BODY FROM THE LIMITATIONS OF COLONIAL PERCEPTION INERTIA.

THE AFRICANA AND THE EUROPEANIST WORLDVIEWS ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.

BINARY

The DIVIDED

MATERIALIST REALITY

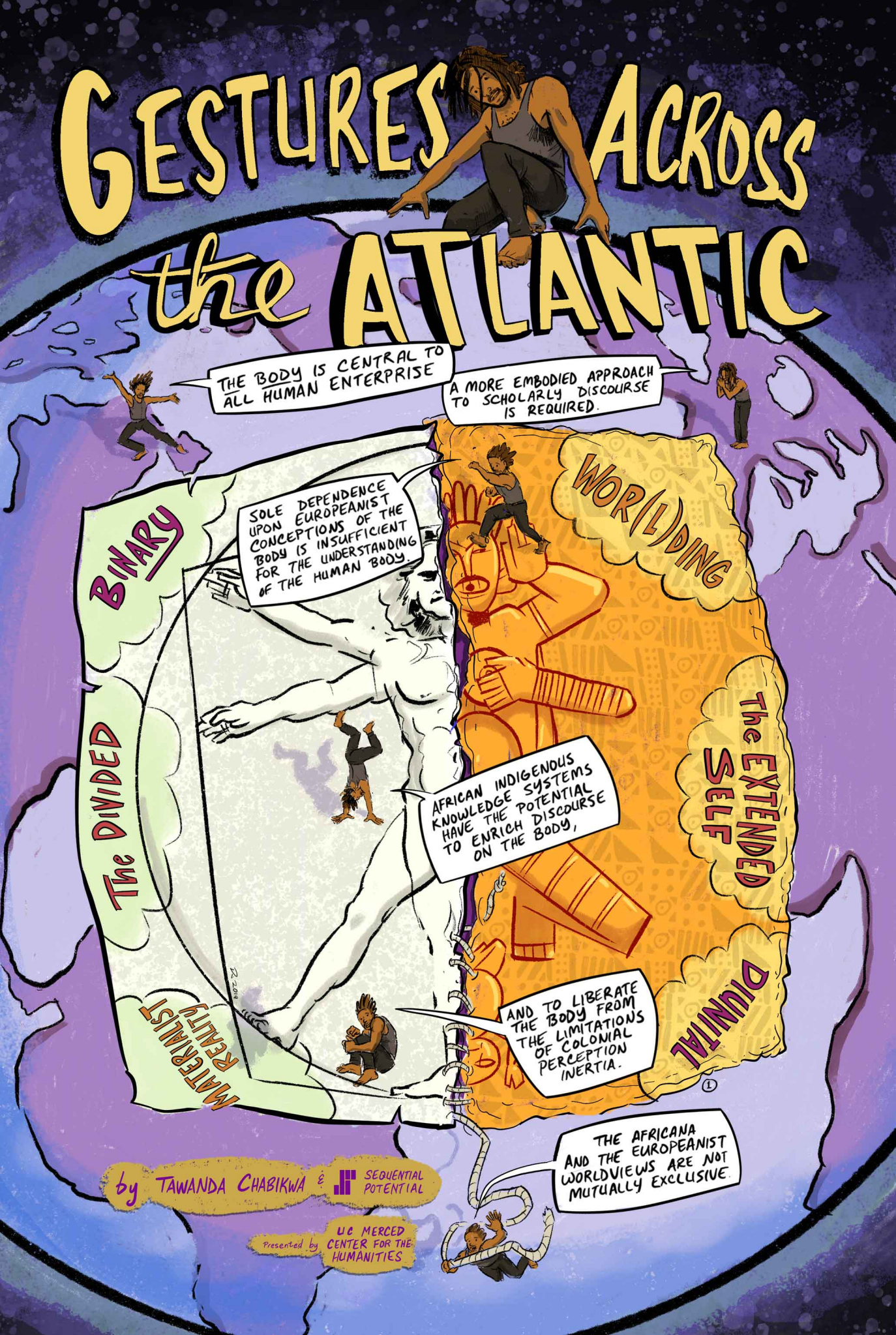
WOR(L)DING

The EXTENDED SELF

DIGITAL

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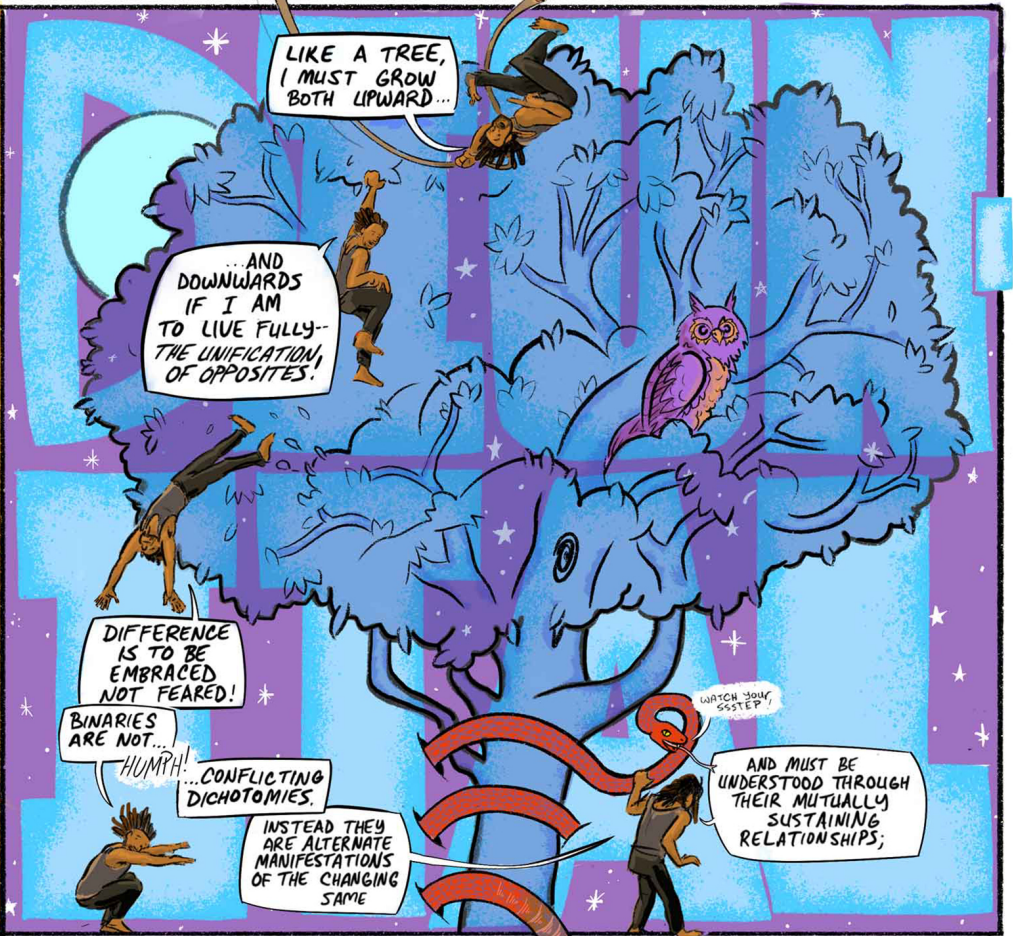
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- adjective -

"...it's better to identify with rather than to compare against..."

A CHARACTERISTIC EMPHASIS UPON POSITIVE UNIFYING ATTITUDES TOWARDS "DIFFERENCES" AND THE "STRANGE" WHEN EXPERIENCES OF VARIABILITY ARE VALUED OVER HOMOGENOUS MATERIAL OR CONCEPTUAL ORDER.

CONNECTION OVER COMPARISON. MATHEMATICAL OUTLIERS REPRESENT A FEATURE, NOT A DEFECT.



LOGIC

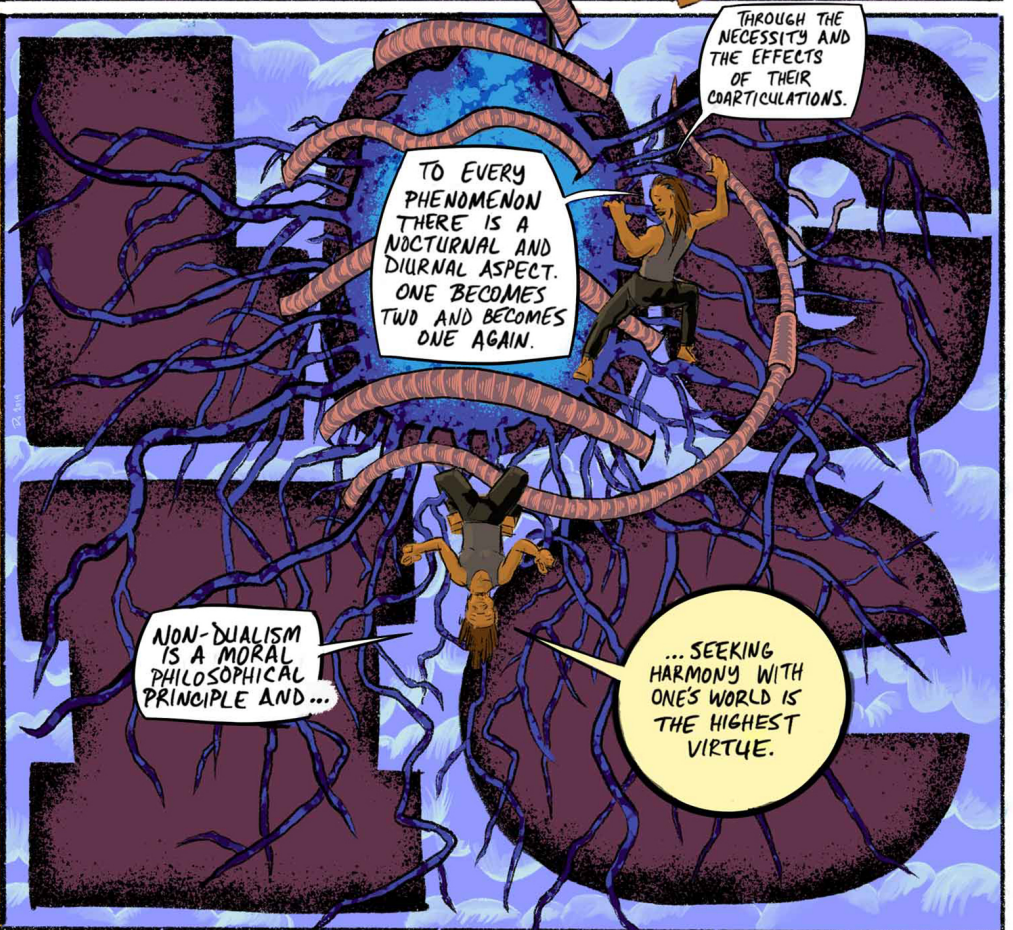
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- noun -

"...a structural way of deducing and reducing data through structural ordering of variables in the world..."

① REASONING CONDUCTED OR ASSESSED ACCORDING TO STRICT PRINCIPLES OF VALIDITY.

② A SYSTEM OR SET OF PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE ARRANGEMENTS OF ELEMENTS IN A COMPUTER OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE SO AS TO PERFORM A SPECIFIED TASK (* GOOGLE SEARCH RESULT)



FROM THE SURFACE OF MY SKIN

MY BEING EXTENDS INFINITELY...

...INFINITELY...

INFINITE!

IN BOTH DIRECTIONS
INWARD &



OUTWARD

I AM CONNECTED TO THE LIVING, THE DEAD AND THE YET UNBORN.

I AM PART OF MY COMMUNITY ...

MY SOCIETY & THE GREATER ...

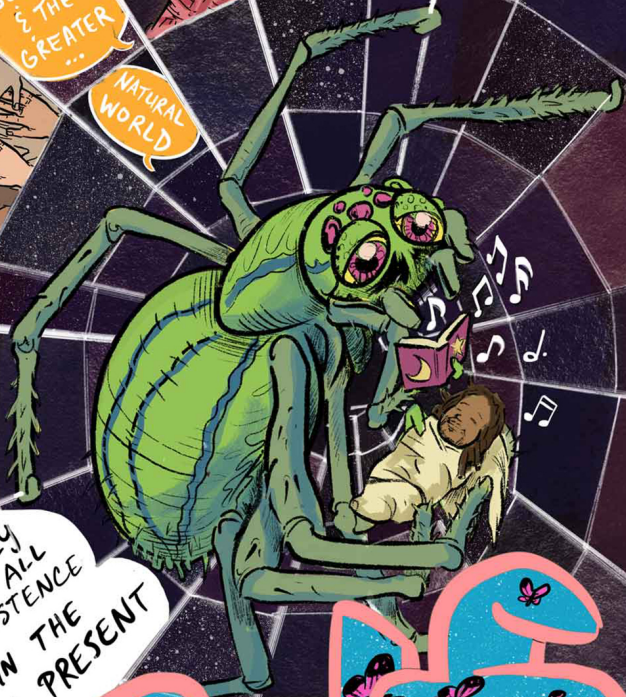
NATURAL WORLD

I UNDERSTAND MY PLACE IN THE COSMOS...



"BEING" MEANS

BEING- A-PART-OF



VIRTUE

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP IS THE HIGHEST

I AM INTIMATELY CONNECTED TO ALL UNIVERSAL EXISTENCE AT HOME IN THE ETERNAL PRESENT



SELF

ALL OUR BEING
EMANATES FROM
THE WORD.

WOR(L)DING BODIES

THE CHARACTER OF
OUR SPEECH DEFINES
THE PERCEPTIONS AND
INTERACTIONS WE HAVE
WITH OUR WORLD.

MY BODY IS A
CONSCIOUS MEDIUM
OF THE WORD.

SO I AM CAPABLE
OF WOR(L)DING
THROUGH MY EMBODIED
SPEECH ACTS,

LAYING OR
REMOVING...
THE BRICKS
OF REALITY

BETWEEN US.

WITH ALL BEING
BOUND IN RELATIONSHIP-
OUR WOR(L)DING
FORCES CAN BE
FELT CONNECTING
EACH TO THE OTHER.



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