

RULE 1 — FORMULA 1 CODA MANUSCRIPT

The Presence Recognised

ORIENTATION I

The Still Field Beneath All Experience

The *First Orientation* begins with a quiet acknowledgement of the field that underlies all experience. This field is not created by attention nor shaped by the conditions through which attention moves. It exists prior to Orientation and remains complete regardless of the forms that arise within it. The Presence is this underlying field, subtle yet unmistakably constant, indivisible even when attention is absorbed in the shifting surfaces of thought and circumstance.

This condition is often overlooked not because it is hidden, but because it does not announce itself through sensation or contrast. It does not behave like the contents of experience. It does not call for recognition. It remains steady, offering no indication of its own nature except the quiet clarity through which all perception becomes possible. When this is understood, it becomes evident that the Presence has been known all along, though rarely acknowledged as the central fact of awareness.

Within the *First Orientation*, the distinction between the changing and the unchanging begins to clarify. Outer conditions fluctuate; the Presence does not. Thoughts appear and dissolve; the Presence remains. Identity shifts in shape and texture; the Presence holds no such definition. This contrast is not a matter of comparison but of recognition. The Presence is not seen as separate from the Orientations of life, yet it is understood as the ground that does not move.

Here, stillness is understood not as an absence of activity, but as the underlying equilibrium that supports activity without becoming it. Even when the surface is active, the centre remains undisturbed. This stillness is the natural quality of the Presence. It is not cultivated or summoned. It is not the result of clarity; it is the foundation of clarity. This recognition forms the essence of the *First Orientation*, an understanding that the inner field is whole, constant, and quietly luminous beneath all experience.

In this understanding, there is a shift away from the assumption that inner stability must be constructed through method or effort. The Presence does not require shaping. It requires noticing. The First Orientation establishes that the ground of awareness is already secure, already complete, and already

present. The ascent begins with this recognition of the still field that cannot be altered by the Orientations that arise within it.

ORIENTATION II

THE UNDIVIDED CONTINUUM OF BEING

The *Second Orientation* deepens the recognition by clarifying the nature of unity within the Presence. At the surface of experience, there appears to be division, an observer, an observed, and the Orientations that connect them. Yet when attention rests in the Presence, these divisions are recognised as surface interpretations rather than fundamental structures. The Presence is not segmented into parts. It does not divide itself into witness and witnessed. It is a single continuum in which all aspects of experience arise.

This unity is not symbolic. It is not the product of perspective. It is the inherent nature of the inner field. Fragmentation is a quality of interpretation, not a quality of Being. Within the Presence, all Orientations are held in a single expanse without conflict or contradiction. Nothing within this expanse stands apart from the rest. Nothing requires reconciliation. All expressions are unified by virtue of arising within the same undivided field.

As recognition of this unity stabilises, the sense of separateness that defines the surface layers of experience begins to lose its authority. The self that appears divided into thoughts, emotions, memories, and identifications is understood as a surface configuration within a greater wholeness. The Presence does not identify with these configurations. It allows them to appear without adopting their form. It holds them without becoming them.

This understanding brings a deeper clarity to the first Formula: the Presence is not one part of awareness; it is the entirety of the aware field. It contains all Orientations without dividing itself to accommodate them. This unbroken continuity is the quality that makes recognition possible. Nothing is required to unify the field; the field is unified by its nature. Recognition simply reveals this unity.

The *Second Orientation* therefore articulates the shift from perceiving life as a sequence of discrete events to perceiving it as a single unfolding within a continuous field. Experience no longer appears as a chain of isolated moments. It is understood as one motion within a wider stillness. Even complexity arises within this simplicity. Even intensity moves within this calm. The Presence remains unchanged, not through avoidance of experience but through its own indivisibility.

This understanding marks a turning point. The outer narrative of experience loses its authority to define the centre. Instead, the centre is recognised as the origin from which all narratives arise. Nothing can threaten or alter this origin. Nothing can divide it. Nothing can obscure it except the assumption that outer Orientation is primary. The *Second Orientation* dissolves that assumption and restores the awareness of unity that defines the Presence.

ORIENTATION III

THE CONSTANT RADIANCE OF THE INNER CENTRE

The *Third Orientation* expresses the luminous nature of the Presence. This luminosity is not dramatic. It is not an event or an illumination that rises and falls. It is the natural clarity that allows all perception to take place. It does not intensify under favourable conditions nor fade during challenge. It is constant, self-lit, and unaffected by the contents of experience.

This radiance is not seen with the eyes and not felt as sensation. It is recognised through the evident fact that awareness is present before, during, and after every Orientation of life. It is the continuity that persists while all else changes. This continuity is the quality of the Presence. It is the light by which experience is known, though it does not behave like the experiences it reveals.

In recognising this radiance, attention begins to rest more naturally in the centre rather than the surface. This resting is not an act. It occurs because the centre is more stable, more consistent, and more real than the shifting structures of thought and circumstance. When attention ceases to lean outward for orientation, the inner radiance becomes the natural point of reference. Outer experience continues, but it no longer defines the inner field. It arises within a clarity that does not depend on it.

The *Third Orientation* also clarifies that the Presence does not evolve. It does not develop through realisation. It is the same in every moment, unchanged, unbroken, and fully itself. What evolves is recognition, not the Presence. What deepens is understanding, not the field being understood. This distinction preserves the integrity of the First Formula: the Presence is the constant in which all depth appears.

As this recognition matures, the relationship between inner and outer stabilises. Experience continues its natural motions, expansion, contraction, ease, tension, but the inner centre remains untouched. It is no longer imagined as something fragile or momentary. It is known as the one aspect of Being that does not shift. This stability is not emotional, nor is it an achieved

quality. It is the natural result of recognising the radiance at the core of awareness.

The *Third Orientation* concludes by reaffirming the foundation upon which the entire ascent stands. The Presence is the origin of clarity, the field of unity, and the stillness beneath all Orientation. It is the self-existent centre that requires no reinforcement. Nothing further needs to be added for the Presence to be itself. Recognition is simply the unveiling of what cannot be altered.

The *First Formula* completes itself in this understanding: the Presence recognised is the Presence known as the inner centre of all experience, constant, luminous, and whole.

Here the foundation is set, and the path unfolds from what has always been true.