

NOTES ON PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

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Introduction

In a practice that spans five decades, Stano Filko has developed an expansive body of work that analyzes ontological systems. Deeply interested in issues of translation, etymology, and linguistics, Filko has devised diachronic charts of words that articulate the lineage of subjects. His 1959 work *BYŤ – SÚCNO – BYŤ – ČLOVĚK – BOL – JE – BUDE / BEING – EXISTENCE – BEING – MAN – WAS – IS – WILL BE* consists of thirty pages of philosophical terms arranged in three columns by language, with English on the left, Slovak in the center, and German on the right—a typewritten sourcebook of metaphysical concepts. The artist

initially classified his work according to a five-color system—red, green, blue, white, or black (indigo)—a spectrum that correlated to the conceptual thrusts of the work, designating whether its central concern is the erotic, the sociopolitical, the cosmic, the transcendent, or finally, the ego. Filko has not only submitted his practice but also his own name to these schematic principles. In 2000, in a work entitled *Projekt myšlienka – mentality / Project of Thinking – Mentality*, Filko presented a series of permutations of his name relating to stages in his life—Filko (1937–77), Fylko (1978–87), Phylko (1988–97), and Phys (1998–2037).

Filko's text below broaches the concept of the fourth dimension, a mathematical theory that posits time as a physical coordinate akin to length, width, and height, and which bore great influence on a generation of artists in the early twentieth century, including the Cubists, Dadaists, and Surrealists. Philosophically, fourth-dimensionalism argues that beings have distinct identities at different points in time, and here Filko makes use of the theory to chart the past, present, and future of the galaxy.

A. PAST.

1. Universe, time-space – COSMOLOGY – 4TH DIMENSION

In the universe, no past, present, and future exist in the terrestrial sense.

2. Our position and dimensions.

Let us imagine a spatial model of the neighboring cosmos in which the Sun is a 7 cm [2.7 in] diameter sphere, and in which a 0.5 mm [0.02 in] diameter Earth orbits at a distance of 30 cm [11.8 in]. The last planet in the solar system, Pluto, revolves on an orbit with a radius of 300 meters [984 feet]. The size of such a model of the solar system is 600 meters [1968.5 feet]. From its center, the next nearest sun is 2,000 km [1242.7 miles] away. On this scale, the galaxy is 75 million km [46.6 million miles] in breadth.

3. Possibilities of life in the universe.

In 1961, a conference took place in Green Bank [WV] on the question of extraterrestrial civilizations. At the conclusion of the conference, delegates agreed on the so-called Green Bank Equation.

The equation reads:

$$N = R^* \cdot f_p \cdot n_e \cdot f_i \cdot f_c \cdot L$$

If we substitute the equation elements with the absolutely lowest values, then $N = 40$.

If we substitute the maximum values for all the elements in the equation, then $N = 50$ million different extraterrestrial civilizations.

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B. PRESENT.

1. Restructuring of Earth – TIME-SPACE – COSMOLOGY – 4TH DIMENSION

- Perfect organization of society and the environment will emerge.
- The idea will become the most important thing. Material things will become a matter of course.
- The Earth's surface will become a protected area—a new, artificial environment will be separate from the Earth's surface. The protected areas will contain relics of former civilizations (segments of highways, Gothic styles, family houses...).
- Use of the energies of the Earth's core, the Sun, lightning, wind, sea, and the Moon, and their storage. Abandonment of previous methods of energy generation.
- New methods of energy generation.
- Use of new types of energy.
- New forms of nutrition.
- Gradual intervention into the genetic development of Man.
- New methods of storage and transmission of information and its accessibility to everyone.
- Control of terrestrial gravity, creation of antigravity.
- Alongside the restructuring of the Earth, human civilization will begin settling on other planets in our solar system.

2. Restructuring of the solar system.

- Blank spaces in the solar system map will gradually begin to disappear.
- Construction of habitable environments on individual planets.
- Creation of other, artificial planets from interplanetary construction material.
- Regular interplanetary travel.
- New types of communication links.
- Gradual transformation of our civilization from a technological to a super-technological one.
- Creation of a new human consciousness in the context of the solar system.
- The solar system will become a massive source of radiation.
- of artificial origin.
- We will exceed the speed of light.
- A new concept of time will emerge—cosmic time.

3. Establishment of contacts with civilizations in our galaxy.

- In the course of restructuring of the Earth and the solar system, humanity will establish contact with extraterrestrial civilizations.
- Humanity will connect to the interstellar exchange system of information artificial information, of which it will make use.
- We will create a map of life in our galaxy.

C. FUTURE. – TIME-SPACE – COSMOLOGY – 4TH DIMENSION

1. Cooperation with civilizations in our galaxy.

- Our super-technological civilization will be prepared for encounters with extraterrestrial civilizations.
- The second phase of restructuring the solar system will begin in cooperation with another civilization.
- A galactic consciousness will emerge as a fundamental prerequisite for symbiosis of thinking matter in the galaxy.

2. Restructuring of our galaxy.

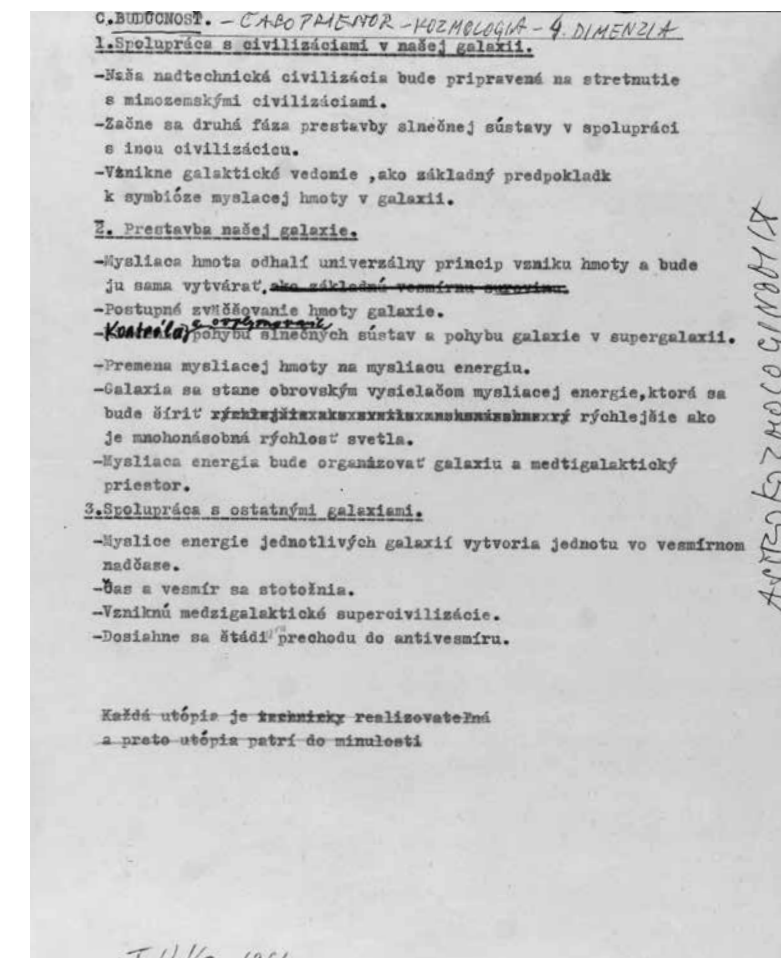
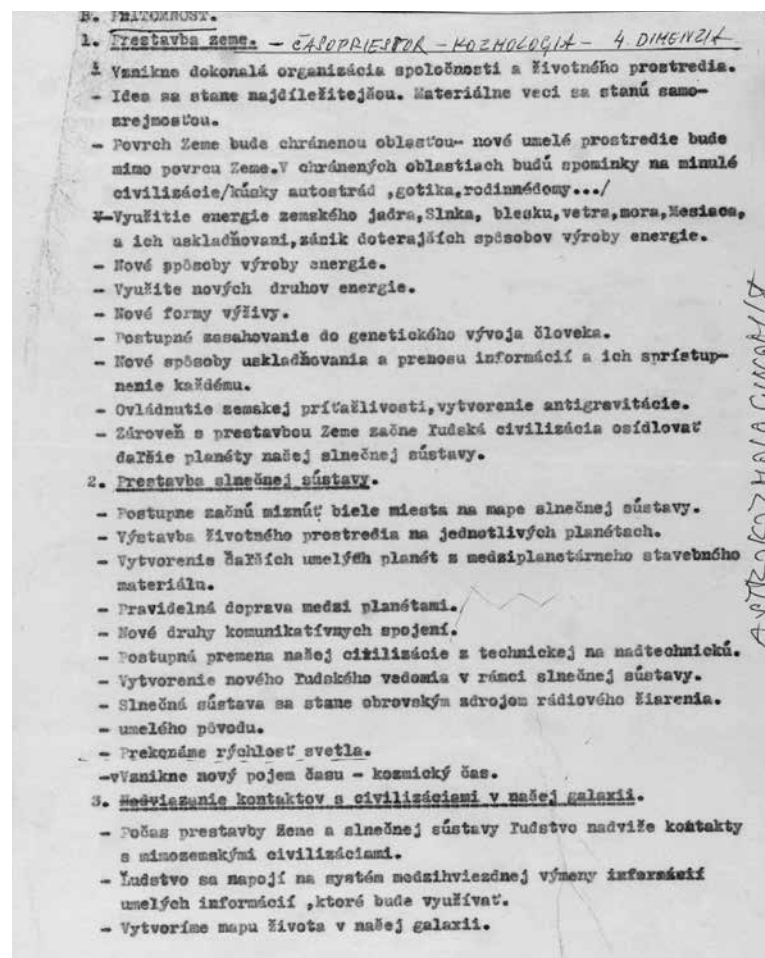
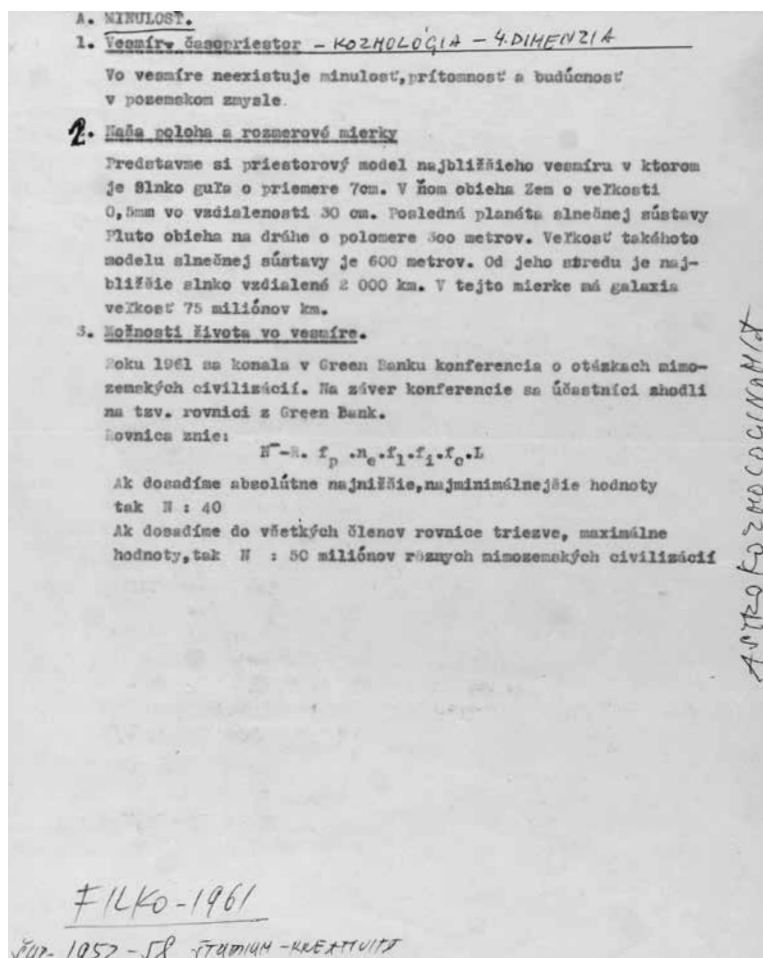
- Thinking matter will disclose the universal principle of the emergence of matter and will itself create it. as a basic cosmic raw material
- Gradual expansion of the galaxy's matter.
- Control and influencing of solar systems' movements and movement of the galaxy in a supergalaxy.
- Transformation of thinking matter into thinking energy.
- The galaxy will become an enormous transmitter of thinking energy, which will be distributed many times faster than the speed of light.
- Thinking energy will organize the galaxy and the intergalactic space.

3. Cooperation with other galaxies.

- The thinking energy of individual galaxies will create unity in cosmic super-time.
- Time and space will become equated.
- Intergalactic super-civilizations will emerge.
- The stage of transition into the anti-universe will be reached.

Every Utopia is technically feasible and therefore Utopia belongs to the past

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Stano Filko's original typewritten notes