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**ABSTRACT:**

The Celestial Railroad is a metaphor for an observer participating in a complex cosmic system composed of a group of interrelated subsystems for the purpose of lawful Time Reverse to harmonize with nature’s fundamental forces. Unification in this psychophysical cosmogony can be described as Cosmic Embrace, the primary goal of eschatological worldviews such as ancient Egypt, early China, and the Navajo, where the observer desires transformation and willfully travels a dark underworld burdened with anthropomorphic beasts and strange entities. ‘Evolutionary love’ is appropriate terminology for the willful energy motivating this observer to embrace what Peirce terms ‘germs of loveliness in the hateful’. While Complex Systems Theory and other intricate theories that aim to reconcile unpredictable nonlinear systems with inherent order are briefly reviewed, this paper offers one quaternary formalism to understand our transformative human, animal, microbial, planetary, galactic, cosmic system—a simple explanation as predicted by Ockham’s razor.