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When my commercial work expanded into doing corporate annual reports and advertising, I let myself be dominated by its demands. But I never stopped the self-tutorial in much deeper matters that had begun as a result of my experience of "LumiGnosis" in 1969. After I took a couple of workshops with Ira Progoff in the 1970s, I started to record the many incidents of synchronicity that have transfused my life and have often given birth to my photographs. I'm currently working on a memoir that reflects upon these influences.

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Vassily Vassilievich Nalimov (1910-1997), D.Sc., Professor, a self-made person, Ugro-Finn by origin, managed not only to survive the gruelling regime of the Gulag (1936-1954)—when hell pursued people—but to oppose it by his "courage to be," his way of mind, and his devotion to the meanings which created his anarchistic personality: love for freedom and nonviolence. He insisted upon being a "free thinker" and proved it by the pioneer character of his works, both in science and philosophy. It was Nalimov who, by probabilistic inspiration, shifted the paradigm of cause-and-effect, revealing the continuity of meanings and the voice of eternity. He created a national school of mathematical methods of experimental design; formulated the conception of Scientometrics, including coining the very term; elaborated a probabilistically oriented model of language, consciousness, and evolution viewed as a self-organization process; and elaborated the integrated world outlook based on Plato's philosophy. He made a critical analysis of modern science, raising the issue of what "scientific" means in modern science—which contains both rational and irrational elements within it. Nalimov's books were translated into several European languages; five of them were published in the USA, and two more were translated and kept on microfilm in the Library of Congress (USA). His name was in the list of "Citation Classics," due to his contribution to the application of mathematical statistics. Mathematics and philosophy for him were closely combined: Since his youth he had been convinced that philosophic comprehension of the world was only possible by means of mathematical language. He loved "thought as it is," and he worked until the last day of his life. His last words addressed the

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Of the two ways of thinking, decent and goofy, goofy thinking fascinates me because it is so slippery, defying efforts to make sense of it. Such is life, however, as well as Chinese thinking, that follows life and lacks tangible systems. Instinctively reacting against Western logical thinking during my Yale-philosophy years, I have been trying to make sense of goofy Chinese thinking and living itself. My reflections resulted in volumes on Chuang Tzu, the goofy stunning poet-thinker, on what Chinese thinking as philosophy means, and on intercultural communication. Finally, I am fascinated with the Beyond that contests, embraces, and enables all our thinking life, goofiness included. My partiality for religion (without organized religion) continues to this day.

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