

# Announcing the Release of Telos and Other Psychographs, a Book of Poetry by Euphrates Moss

*Euphrates Moss is releasing his book in the near future.*

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Telos And Other Psychographs: Unfiltered Transmissions  
About The Complexities Of Modern Humanity For The Curious  
And Courageous



CITY, STATE (Fall, 2016) —Euphrates Moss, a young philosopher and poet, offers a diverse collection of transformative poems, short play-like dialogues, and essays in his first book, *Telos and Other Psychographs*. Written from varied perspectives using a combination of classic, modern and unique literary styles, the psychographs, or “transmissions” as he calls them, Moss explores complex feelings, personas and societal issues.

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Read my book.”

*Euphrates Moss*

It seems brave to me to work with a limited palette as Van Gogh did,

or Emily Dickinson, but I can’t be satisfied that way. It seems I need access to as many colors, as many words, as many styles as possible.

Some of the psychographs address the strength and vulnerability of women, with one written as if penned by a woman. Others portray thoughts on suicide or religion. Another vividly depicts the inner turmoil of gender confusion, as expressed through rap-derived poetry.

“Ideally, my readers are young adults who like literature and poetry and know a little about it, or who want to know more by taking a courageous dive into what can be graphic, beautiful, or disturbing depictions of different lifestyles, philosophies and environmental influences,” said Moss. “Perhaps these poems could be portals to discovery. That’s how T.S. Eliot turned me on to a lot of things. Ditto Joyce.”

Moss’s real name is Benjamin Hobbs, and he has lived in Issaquah, Washington for most of his life. Hobbs holds a Bachelor of Arts in English/Creative Writing from Seattle University. In several of the pieces, Moss addresses or refers to Hobbs—a technique the young writer used to make the creative process more objective.

"I started writing Telos as an account of a nervous breakdown I suffered at age 22. It evolved from there to now, through a process of weaving words together that reflect and refract the layered tapestries of life—the color, the humor, the depression, the moments of thought about our collective history, and my personal philosophies," said Moss. "Telos is a Greek term meaning 'end' or 'goal.' It's the title of the main poem in the book because the book itself is the end of a long journey for me."

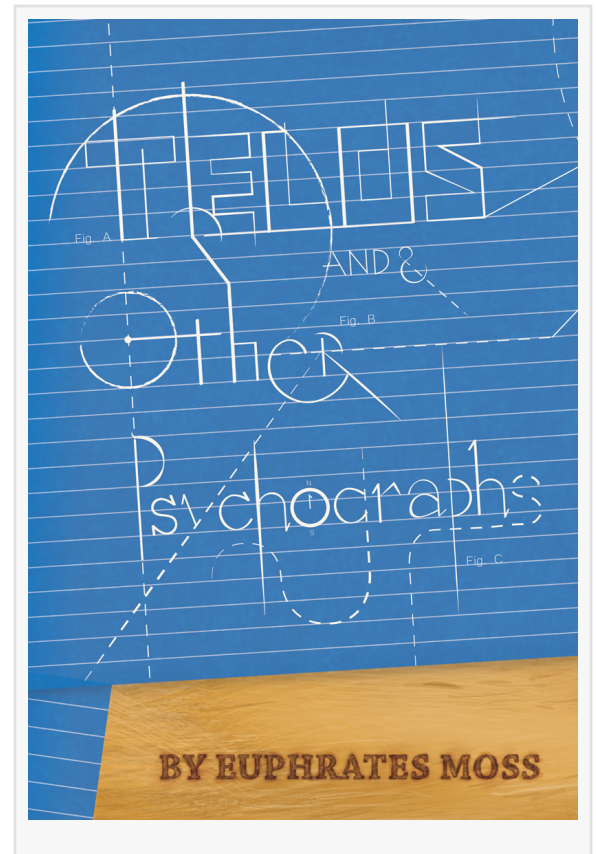
Moss describes the narratives in Telos as a merger of what he has gleaned from studying great philosopher's and poets with abandon from a young age, his experiences with mental illness and his societal observations.

Ultior ends, false teloses, no regard for process  
No road behind from which you've taken  
No beginning, no middle,  
No way to the city of gold, silver, and bronze  
No speech to speak, be it for or against

Telos and Other Psychographs (ISBN: 978-0-9976822-1-2, softbound; \$19.99 US) is 256 pages and will be available on riverrun Quark on April 2nd 2017. Follow and connect with Euphrates Moss on [Facebook](#) (/Euphratean) or [Twitter](#) @Euphratean.

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