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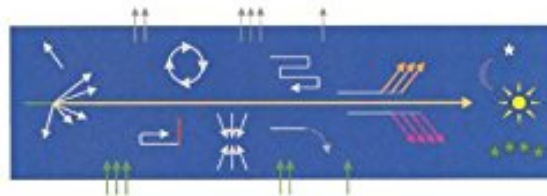
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About the AuthorVincent de Cordoba likes to read vivid accounts of extraordinary experiences. Avoiding fashion, Mr. de Cordoba is generally not interested in the latest and greatest. He prefers the simplicity and elegance of an understated classic (to keep a balanced perspective, however, some modern conveniences such as the mute button on the TV remote control also have their value). He respects open-minded people who think for themselves and enjoys having conversations with people who still have conversations. He does not golf, nor has he ever owned a Sport Utility Vehicle