

## Lisa Robbins – Artist's Statement

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The idea you had last week or that thought that crossed your mind at the grocery, or even that dream you've had for years. I can find them, collect them and... I currently have them, in my lab under observation\*.

Access to a Metaphysical realm was impossible, but I invented an amazing tool called an Aperioscope (*Latin for Open Sight*) which allows us to peer into the mind while our feet remain firmly in reality. One particularly chilly morning, I was walking along the Edge of Reason, Aperioscope in hand, when I happened upon a cluster of Cognipods (*Latin for thought vessel*). I knew at once what I had found, because as I began to think of these pods more popped into existence.

I have studied the Cognipods, and found them to parallel life created from matter. They seem to reference organic forms such as shells, seeds, cells, and protozoa. They also reflected manmade patterns found in clothing, and armor. Cognipods can be characterized by their protective layers, like sheath organs, and their passive / aggressive defensives, similar to other life vessels. I can only assume that these similarities exist due to the function of the pods themselves.

It is the Cognipod's function to protect and hold a thought in the mind while it has time to absorb nutrients (*information*) from its environment, allowing it to grow and potentially bloom into matter. Inspiration can hit at any time, but true inspiration needs to be nurtured. Ideas, like life must be allowed to evolve and develop before birth, this growth is ever present in healthy Cognipods.

It is my hope to continue experimentation with Cognipods, focusing on development, connectivism and propagation. It is also my wish that you too enjoy many Cognipods.

\* **Scientific note:** *They (the thoughts) don't seem to be moving much... this side of reality ... almost like porcelain. However they appear healthy under the scope*