

Integral Relational Logic in a Nutshell

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I wrote this synopsis of Integral Relational Logic in October 2002, since slightly modified, when I was asked by a new acquaintance when my 800-page book on *Wholeness* would be complete. At this, I realized that I could express the entire thesis in five pages, which I further reduced to just five sentences:

The origin of the Universe is the Ineffable Nondual Datum, that which is given, which is without form, and void.

It is from this Emptiness that Life creates all structures, forms, and relationships in the manifest universe, called data patterns prior to interpretation by a gnostic being.

Through the action of the *Logos*, called *Dharma*, *Tao*, or *Rita* in the East, and by carefully observing the similarities and differences in these data patterns, they can be interpreted and organized by self-reflective Intelligence showing that the Universe, viewed as Consciousness, has a deep underlying structure described as an infinitely dimensional network of hierarchical relationships.

All the concepts that are formed by this process of interpretation are in pairs of opposites, for whenever any concept is formed, its opposite is always also formed, a notion encapsulated in the Principle of Duality: A complete conceptual model of the Universe consists entirely of dual sets.

The Principle of Duality can unify the Nondual, Formless Absolute and the relativistic world of dual forms, revealing the fundamental design principle of the Universe: *Wholeness is the union of all opposites*, called the Principle of Unity, leading to Fullness, and thereby back to the Datum of the Universe at the end of time, when Alpha and Omega are one.

The key point here is that if we are to feel fulfilled in our journeys through life as individuals and as a species, then human ontogeny and phylogeny—from biological conception to psychological death—must match the dynamics of the Universe, from its Origin to its Ultimate Destination: the Seamless, Borderless Continuum whose Presence we can know in Stillness, for *Presence* literally means ‘before being’ or ‘prior to existence’, from Latin *praesense*, from *prae* ‘before’ and *esse* ‘to be’. In this delightful manner, we can return Home to Paradise, where we were conceived, before the deaths of our bodies or of *Homo sapiens sapiens*.

It is apposite to note that the first of these five sentences corresponds to the first verses in Genesis: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep,” *Genesis* meaning in Greek ‘origin, birth, creation’. In turn, the last sentence corresponds to this verse from the last chapter of Revelation: “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.” Revelation is also sometimes called Apocalypse, from Greek *apokaluptein* ‘to uncover’ or ‘to reveal’ from the Greek prefix *apo* ‘from, away’ and *kaluptra* ‘veil’. So *apocalypse* literally means ‘draw the veil away from’, indicating the disclosure of something hidden from the mass of humanity: the Principle of Unity, which Heraclitus, the Greek mystical philosopher of change, aptly called the ‘Hidden Harmony’.

We can thus see that the solution to all the world’s woes has been familiar to humanity for thousands of years as *prisca sapientia* ‘ancient wisdom’, which Isaac Newton struggled for twenty-five years to rediscover through his studies of alchemy and theology, and *philosophia perennis*, the esoteric perennial wisdom that underlies all exoteric religions. That is, we need to change from an either-or way of thinking and living, which underlies deductive logic and mathematical proof, to a both-and one, able to see both sides of every situation. This is a sign of natural self-reflective Intelligence at work, the principal quality that distinguishes human beings from the other animals and machines, like computers. It is then, and only then, that we can learn to live in love, peace, and harmony with each other and our environment, much as the visionaries have long prophesied, grounded in Love, the Divine Essence we all share, living fully in the blazing coherent Light of Consciousness, without which Intelligence, the eyesight of Consciousness, can function.