

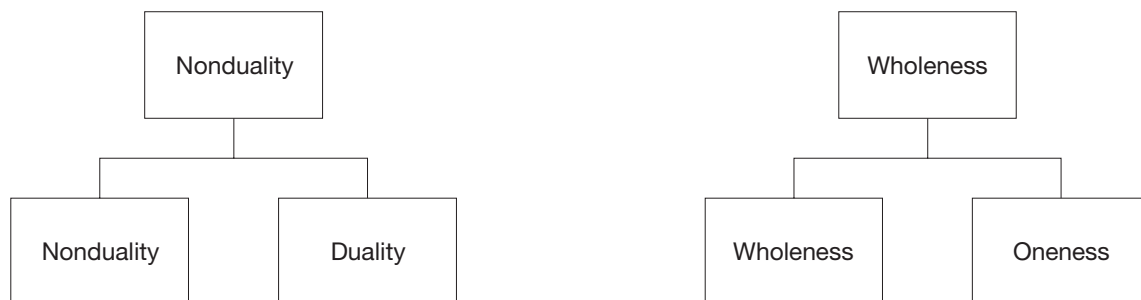
6. Revealing the Hidden Harmony

The Innermost Secret of the Universe

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The innermost secret of the Universe is the Principle of Unity, a universal, self-verifying truth that can be elegantly expressed in seven words—*Wholeness is the union of all opposites*—or six mathematical symbols: $W = A \cup \sim A$. This both-and, paradoxical principle, which Heraclitus, the Greek mystical philosopher of change called the ‘Hidden Harmony’—rejected by Aristotle—is the fundamental design principle of the Universe, the spark that brings into existence both the Formless, Nondual Absolute and the entire relativistic world of form, depicted in these diagrams:



What this first diagram shows is that Nondual Consciousness is the overall Cosmic Context for all our lives, unifying the concepts of God and Universe, out of which the dualistic and relativistic world of form arises, including the physical universe of space, time, and matter. In other words, the brain emerges from Consciousness, not the other way round. The second diagram illustrates the relationship between spiritual seekers returning Home to Paradise by healing the fragmented, split mind with a translucent Supermind—expressible in the language of mathematics and computer science—and those coming into union with the Divine with No-mind—traditionally expressed in music and (as perennial or ancient wisdom) in mystical poetry, such as that of Rumi and Kabir.

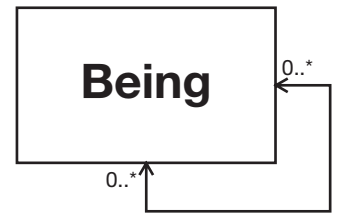
We can thus see that while all opposites are inseparable sides of the same coin, coins are sometimes biased, favouring one side over the other in primary-secondary relationships. Other examples of inseparable primary-secondary relationships are feminine-masculine (not to be confused with male and female, the sexes of our bodies) and David Bohm’s theories of the implicate and explicate orders, with which he reconciled the incompatibilities between quantum and relativity theories.

The Principle of Unity is thus the Holy Grail and Philosophers’ Stone of human learning, symbolically represented in the myths and folktales of all ages as buried treasure or beautiful princesses, for instance. And as these stories portray, in order to realize our fullest potential as Divine, Cosmic human beings, we often need to do battle with inner demons—experiencing the dark night of the soul—in order to obtain the key that will open the treasure chest.

This magical key is Aristotle’s ontological concept of **Being**, a generalization of **Object**, the superclass of object-oriented modelling methods that information systems architects use to build the Internet. So **Being** is the all-inclusive superclass of all other classes of concept—an abstract concept of the utmost generality—denoting all cosmologies, cultures, disciplines, theories, theorems, philosophies, religions, beliefs, ideologies, and opinions that have ever existed or could do so in the entire history of human learning, the key to integrating all knowledge into a coherent whole. **Being** thus acts rather like the variable x in mathematics, denoting any complex number whatsoever.

Superclass **Being** reveals that all beings in the Universe are related to all other beings in zero to many ways. Some of these relationships can be categorized and some of them defy classification and must remain

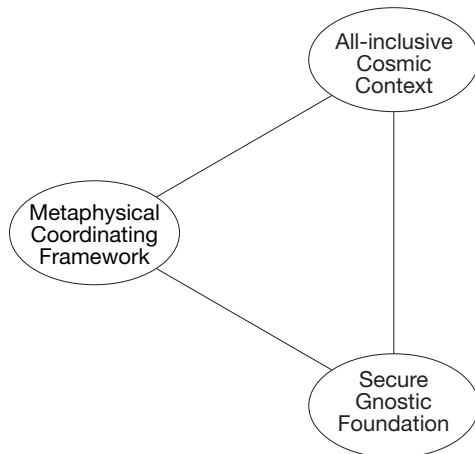
a mystery, all grounded in and embraced by the Supreme Being, which we can call Cosmic Consciousness, whose Divine Essence is Nondual Love. This diagram illustrates the overall design of the Universe, using the notation of IBM's Unified Modeling Language in business.



As human beings we can thus see, feel, and sense that the True Nature of all of us is Wholeness—Immortal, Ineffable Wholeness. In a holographic Universe, none of us is separate from the Divine, Cosmos, Nature, or each other for a single instant in our lives. However, saying this breaks the most fundamental taboo that has guided human affairs for thousands of years. For when we reach the summit of the mountain of all knowledge, we become as gods, able to see the Totality of Existence with unimpeded, self-reflective Intelligence, the innate Divine quality that distinguishes human beings from the other animals and machines, like computers, but which is tragically suppressed at the earliest opportunity by most cultures and families in the world.

The principal reason why we live in cultures that try to limit our vision and potential is that mental evolution has been more divergent than convergent during the past several thousand years, as we can see from religious demarcations, academic specialization, and the division of labour in the workplace. So most people suffer from schizophrenia, literally ‘split mind’, leading Western civilization, in particular, to be built on seven pillars of unwisdom, misconceptions of God, Universe, Life, humanity, money, justice, and reason. So few are yet able to return Home to Wholeness, being identified by delusionary worldviews, which give people a precarious sense of security in life.

As we now live in what is called the Information Age or Knowledge Society, the convergent powers of evolution could heal our fragmented minds in Nondual Wholeness. For self-reflective Intelligence enables us to look at the Universe, including ourselves, as a fully integrated information system, whose basic building blocks are form, structure, relationships, and meaning, rather than the space, time, matter, and energy of the physicists, and the earth, fire, air, and water of the ancients.



This diagram depicts the unifying umbrella structure we need to build a transcultural, transdisciplinary body of knowledge on the seven pillars of wisdom. The vertical line represents the timeless, formless, transcendent and immanent aspects of the Divine Cosmos, a seamless continuum with no borders or divisions anywhere. It is in this vertical dimension of time that we find our full power as human beings, as Life and the Logos awaken us from our mechanistic behaviour patterns.

The metaphysical, coordinating framework is Integral Relational Logic (IRL), an egalitarian, commonsensical science of thought and consciousness that describes how we all form concepts and organize our ideas. IRL has evolved from the relational model of data introduced by Ted Codd in 1970 when working for IBM, enabling us to transfer logic—as a science of mind and reason—from mathematics to psychology, where it properly belongs. Because of its generality, IRL provides the semantic framework for the Unified Relationships Theory (URT), a fully integrated, coherent body of knowledge that unifies the physical and psychospiritual forces in the Universe, which physicists call the grand unified theory of everything. For as nothing exists in the Universe except meaningful, structure-forming relationships, we can see that relationships or fields—as connectors between nodes in mathematical mapmaking graphs—are causal and hence energetic.

However, we should note that we cannot get to where we all going as a species by starting where we are today. The only viable option for humanity is to be born again, to pass through an apocalyptic death and rebirth process, enabling us to start afresh at the very beginning. By starting at the Alpha point of the Universe in this liberating way, evolution could carry us to its glorious culmination, its Omega point, the prospects for which we explore in ‘Our Evolutionary Story in a Nutshell’.