

Epilogue

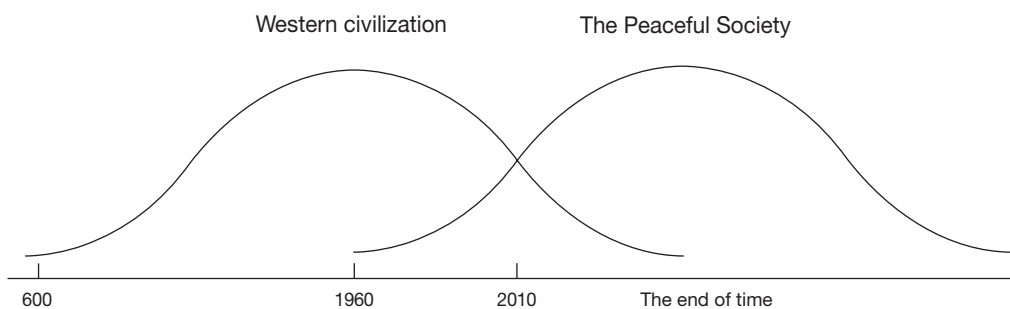
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

John of Patmos

As Western civilization continues to disintegrate faster and faster, there is a sense in some quarters that this most momentous event in evolutionary history will bring about not just a new civilization but a new species. For instance, Osho simply called this superconscious, superintelligent species *Homo novus* and Barbara Marx Hubbard, founder of the Foundation for Conscious Evolution and the Evolutionary Edge, has suggested these names for our emerging species in a letter published in the December-February 2005/2006 issue of the *What is Enlightenment?* magazine: *Homo universalis*, *Homo noeticus*, *Homo spiritus*, and *Homo sapiens sapiens sapiens*.

Another possible name for our emerging species is *Homo divinus*, in recognition of the fact that it was not only Jesus of Nazareth who was both human and divine; all of us are divine human beings. So another term we could use is *Homo divinus universalis*, a name that encapsulates the complete unification of Eastern mysticism and Western reason, key characteristics of the emerging species. Eckhart Tolle has a similar vision without giving the new species a name. The final paragraph in *A New Earth* is: "A new species is arising on the planet. It is arising now, and you are it!"

In terms of the death and birth of civilizations, I have been using this diagram for many years to visualize this transformation process, extended from a diagram on the last page of Fritjof Capra's *The Turning Point: Science, Society and the Rising Culture*, published in 1982.



While we are all at different stages of evolutionary development as individuals, I thought that eventually, by 2060, let us say, humanity, as a whole, would collectively reach the Omega point of evolution, just as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin prophesied in *The Human Phenomenon*. But in the last year or two, I have doubted if this is going to happen.

The evolution of the species is a little like the development of ideas. Ideas that emerge from previous structures often go through a fuzzy stage in their development, like the development of an old-fashioned chemical photograph. When these ideas become clear, the fuzziness disappears, while the ideas from which they have emerged still exist in the mind.

The evolution of the Homo genus during the past two million years has followed this path. All the

species in this genus, from *Homo habilis* through *Homo erectus* to *Homo neanderthalensis* have disappeared because they were fuzzy species leading to the emergence of *Homo sapiens sapiens*. Yet the primates from which humankind has evolved still exist. Chimpanzees and gorillas, our nearest relatives in the family Hominidae, coexist with us, although it is possible that we share a common ancestor rather than evolving directly from these animals.

The question then arises whether *Homo sapiens* will evolve into *Homo divinus* in its entirety, or whether these two species will coexist for as long as human beings dwell on Earth. There are many indications that the latter scenario is more likely. For instance, the futurist John Petersen gave an interview in the July/September 2007 issue of the *What Is Enlightenment?* magazine, titled 'The End of the World As We Know It?', saying this:

As far back as 1986, I figured out that there was a whole string of potential events that were converging and could result in major disruption within twenty-five years. Around the same time, I discovered the work of Chet Snow and Helen Wambach who together wrote a book, *Mass Dreams of the Future*, based on their work doing remote viewing exercises [clairvoyance under hypnosis]. They asked twenty-five hundred people to envision the United States in the year 2030. About eighty-five percent of them reported the same thing: It's a place with no government, divided politically into four quadrants, and everyone is living in small communities, some of which are defensive and full of guns and others where people cooperate and work together.

In a similar fashion, Thea Alexander, in her post-apocalyptic novel *2150 A.D.*, describes a society in which Love has almost completely conquered fear. In 2150, there are just 300 million people on Earth living in what she calls the 'Macro Society' living cooperatively in Wholeness, while another 3 million live on Micro Island, where people "live selfishly and in fear of their fellow micro neighbours", like society in the 1970s, when the book was written. Of course, this means that between now and then, the human population on Earth will decrease rapidly. It is most unlikely that the human population will reach nine billion by 2050, as the UN predicts. As Thea says, in the words of one of her characters,

There would have been have been a lot more, in spite of the physical disasters, if micro man could have at last cooperated and helped each other. Unfortunately, he accentuated all the traditional divisions—nationality, race, religion, language, educational and socioeconomic levels—and fought over the fast-dwindling resources of his ravaged planet.

These visualizations of two *Homo* species living side by side coincide with my own intuitive feeling today, although this isn't really a black and white situation. When I set out in 1980 to study the root causes of the accelerating pace of change we are experiencing today, I had every hope that a thoroughly researched scientific explanation for this last unsolved problem in science would enable us to intelligently manage our business affairs with full consciousness of what we are doing. But the opposition to integral relational logic and the unified relationships theory from the scientists and businesspersons has been so intense that I no longer think that this is possible, even though they are simple commonsense.

As evolution passes through its point of accumulation, the most momentous turning point in its fourteen-billion-year history, it is now clear that we need to pass through an epoch-making catastrophe, as many apocalyptic prophecies have foreseen. Such an evolutionary inevitability will be quite unprecedented in the whole of human history. But nothing less will have sufficient power to awaken us from our sleep-racing.

There remains just one question for me to answer. Do IRL and the URT have any relevance any longer? They have emerged in my consciousness primarily to heal my shattered, fragmented, and split mind in ineffable, nondual Wholeness. On the way, they have shown how we could heal the deep schism between Eastern mysticism and Western reason, without which there can never be Peace on Earth, and they have provided an irrefutable scientific explanation for what is causing information systems technologists, like myself, to drive the pace of change in society exponentially. But as IRL and the URT can only be

understood if a person's ontogeny fulfils four basic prerequisites described in the Prologue, it is most unlikely that anyone will understand them before the human race becomes extinct, although it would be wonderful if I were proved wrong in this respect. In brief, to assimilate the theory of everything in consciousness, practitioners need:

1. To start afresh at the very beginning.
2. To form all concepts in an equalitarian manner, free of all distorting filters.
3. To take the process of conceptual abstraction to its ultimate level of generality.
4. To include the map-making process in the territory being mapped using self-reflective Intelligence.

It therefore seems that the Logos has integrated all the thoughts in my mind into a coherent whole for my benefit alone. Any new thoughts can easily be accommodated on the gnostic foundation and within the metaphysical framework provided by IRL. There are no inhibiting filters, assumptions, or preconceptions in this universal system of thought. Everything is possible; there is Total Freedom. It is thus clearly time for me to abandon my attempts to communicate the solution to the ultimate problem in science. This supreme science, which unifies our inner and outer worlds as Osho foresaw, emerged in consciousness because I ignored all external authorities and influences. So I cannot maintain my integrity by becoming an external authority for anyone else; I have nothing to teach. Besides, continuing to live in the way I have been living for the past three decades is a violation of Wholeness: very painful.

What all this means is that it is only possible to reach the Omega point of evolution when an individual's ontogeny recapitulates the whole of evolution from Alpha to Omega, free of the phylogeny of both *Homo sapiens* and *Homo divinus*. It is as if there are two subspecies of *Homo divinus*, which perhaps we could call *Homo divinus divinus* and *Homo divinus universalis*, returning to Oneness and Wholeness, respectively, as described in the Prologue. Just as *Homo divinus* is invisible to *Homo sapiens*, *Homo divinus universalis* is invisible to *Homo divinus divinus*, although there can be an intuitive connection, grounded in Love, the Divine Essence we all share.

Of course, all these categories are illusionary, just fragmentary appearances in Consciousness, of little consequence. Not the least because within the next couple of years, the global economy is likely to plunge into meltdown. The signs are clear to see every time we watch a CNN news bulletin on television. Our business affairs are utterly unmanageable with the old dysfunctional consciousness, in which people are seeking to hold on to the status quo, not adapting to the unprecedented rate of evolutionary change we are experiencing today. No species that does not adapt to its changing environment can expect to survive for long. The human race is no exception to this universal principle.

The central issue here is money, for our obsession with money as the primary immortality symbol acts as a dense shroud, preventing us from looking at what is happening to the human race at the present time with our eyes wide open. Only Consciousness, which is who we truly are, is immortal; to believe otherwise is to give ourselves a false sense of security. Humanity thus has no future while banks, stock markets, and joint-stock companies continue to hold our children to ransom.

Ronald Reagan made clear the fact that human society is unmanageable with current levels of consciousness in his first inaugural address as president of the USA on 20th January 1981:

In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem. From time to time we've been tempted to believe that society has become too complex to be managed by self-rule, that government by an elite group is superior to government for, by, and of the people. Well, if no one among us is capable of governing himself, then who among us has the capacity to govern someone else? All of us together, in and out of government, must bear the burden.

Given the imminent collapse of civilization as we have known it, no one will have time to read books in the coming years, at least not *Wholeness: The Union of All Opposites*. The primary focus of attention will be on survival at the bottom of Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs, rather than on self-actualization, at the top, as *Mara and Dann*, Doris Lessing's novel set in Africa during the next ice age, illustrates all too well. Evolution, having reached its glorious culmination, is set to go into reverse.

People might say that I'm being pessimistic by saying this. But I am actually being optimistic, for the sooner we clear away the fears and delusions that drive so much of society today, the greater the chance that the children born since the beginning of the millennium will have of growing old enough to have children of their own. Many will be unable to return to Oneness and Wholeness free of fear and will die in the widespread panic that will ensue. For as Barry Long graphically describes in *Only Fear Dies*:

Coming to all nations on a scale not before experienced or imagined are civil strife, economic disruption, political instability, morale-destroying assassination and public murder; terrorist mayhem, massive breakdown in law and order, riots and warlike destruction of property and security; open police violence, reprisals and savage army intervention against the democratic masses.

Of course, in Reality, there is no death or indeed time. Because Wholeness is the union of all opposites, only the Eternal Now is real; it is Nondual Love that is immortal. So we need to be able to accept this catastrophic scenario as much as its opposite of an emerging Golden Age. Eckhart Tolle suggests that acceptance is one of the three modalities of awakened doing, the other two being enjoyment and enthusiasm. These are really inspiring words that I can resonate with very deeply. But whether I can maintain this flowing energy in the face of the events that are to come, I really don't know.

For as I said in the Prologue, we are all the products of some fourteen billion years of evolution. There is no doership, no separate being who can be said to be taking action, including the Divine. So it is not true that "humanity is now faced with a stark choice: Evolve or die," as Eckhart and a number of other spiritual teachers, such as Andrew Cohen, suggest. It is true that the human race will soon become extinct if we do not evolve. But in practice, we don't actually have any choice in the way we live our lives. There is no 'How', even though virtually every book on personal development or spiritual awakening tells you that there is. We cannot return to either Oneness or Wholeness through any technique, for all methods act in time, and the Divine is timeless. When people reject the Principle of Unity as the fundamental design principle of the Universe or say that the genuine theory of everything is impossible, they have no choice in the matter. People do not mean to act in a fight or flight manner to IRL and the URT even when they are otherwise quite friendly; they have no choice but to behave in the way that they do.

For myself, I did not choose to live in the way I have, as I have endeavoured to describe in this book. Most particularly, I did not wish to spend most of my life being rejected by my fellow human beings. But that is what happened, for I am an evolutionary pioneer living many years ahead of my time. So how can I be anything but grateful for both the great gifts I have been given and the refusal of people to accept these gifts when I have endeavoured to pass them on?

For this friendly and hostile antagonism has brought me ever closer to the Divine, helping me to realize that my true environment is not my mother's womb, any culture that I might live in, our beautiful planet Earth, or even the physical universe; the ultimate context for all our lives is Consciousness, which is one of many names for God. Without this realization, I would not be able to enjoy the exquisite bliss of Wholeness that I can do today. Living peacefully and quietly at the Omega point of evolution, there is nothing left for me to do in life. All I can do is intelligently witness what is going on, in harmony with Meister Eckhart's observation, "The eye with which I see God is the same as that with which he sees me."