

We Are All One

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Western civilization is based on the false assumptions that we human beings are separate from God, Nature, and each other, leading to much conflict, suffering, and delusion. Our minds have become fragmented and split principally because during the last 5,000 years of human learning evolution has been more divergent than convergent, most manifest in religious demarcations, academic specialization, and the division of labour in the workplace.

Today, there are some signs that evolution is beginning to take a radical change of direction, towards convergence, encapsulated in the slogan 'We are all one.' But what does this mean? Well, at the grossest and most superficial, it means the realization that our health, well-being, and even survival as a species is dependent on us all cooperating with a common purpose, rather than competing with selfish individual, corporate, or national interests.

For very few of us have the skills or opportunity to grow our own food, make our own clothes, or build our own shelter. We are dependent for these basic necessities in life on society as a whole. We saw some evidence of global cooperation at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP15) in Copenhagen last month, when 192 nations came together with a common purpose, even though many were disappointed with whatever accord was reached.

In this model of 'We are all one,' we can compare the body politic with our own bodies. As individuals, we are like cells in the body, combining to form organs, each with a specialist function, the immune response serving to ensure the health of our bodies. However, the Global Village is governed more by mental energies, not recognized by physicists, than by biochemical ones. When the immune response fights for the survival of one particular group, competing with other such groups, this behaviour threatens the very survival of *Homo sapiens*. The only viable way forward for humanity is for each of us, as both individuals and groups, to take responsibility for the whole.

Global warming is thus not the greatest danger for our children and grandchildren's future. However, this critical situation is perhaps the easiest to understand by minds conditioned by the seven pillars of unwisdom—misconceptions of God, Universe, Life, humanity, money, justice, and reason—which arise from separation. To counteract this sense of alienation, some are now talking about a new species emerging from the imminent collapse of the global economy, one that would be based on Oneness and Wholeness, the Gnostic Foundation and Cosmic Context for the seven pillars of wisdom. But our personal, cultural, and collective conditioning is so deeply rooted that progress is still desperately slow, despite the fact that evolution is accelerating exponentially, currently passing through the most momentous turning point in its fourteen billion-year history.

One critical factor here is that we can only generate synergistic energy where none existed before through loving, cooperative relationships, by working harmoniously together with a common vision. It is through synergy of morphic resonance that miracles can happen faster than most can imagine. But while it is the common purpose of politicians and business executives to maintain the prevailing mechanistic work ethic, in the false belief that technological development can drive economic growth indefinitely, people and groups searching for holistic, integral alternatives to this madness are so diverse and preoccupied with their own particular projects and commitments that there is very little common understanding of where we are all heading as a species.

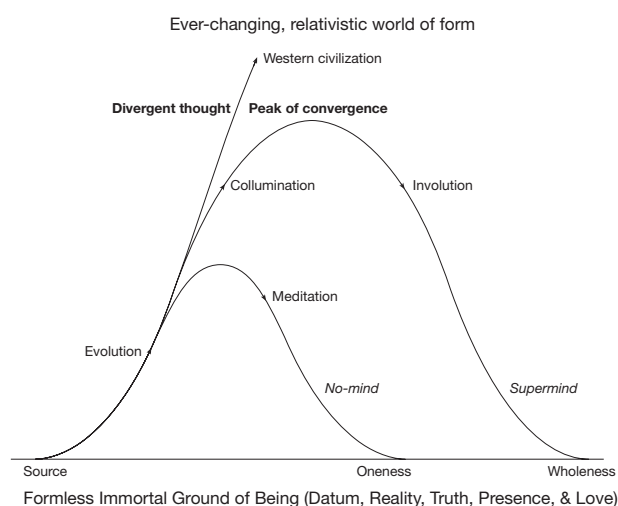
So what might this common vision be? I have heard that there is an old Chinese saying: "If you don't know where you are going, you won't know when you have arrived." So what is our ultimate destiny as both individuals and as a species? Well, it is very simple: we are all destined to die. It is facing up to this fundamental truth of existence that has been the greatest challenge for human beings during the past 25,000 years, since our forebears were given the great gift of self-reflective Intelligence, sometimes called the Divine Witness in spiritual circles. Using the most basic model of

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'We are all one,' while cells grow and die every few years as our bodies live for some three score years and ten, this does not mean that our species is intended to last forever, even though its lifespan is longer than that of any individual human being. One day, a generation of children will be born who will not grow old enough to have children of their own. So the traditional immortality symbols that we have used to give ourselves a precarious sense of security and identity in life, such as money and belief in an immortal soul that either reincarnates indefinitely or has everlasting life, will be shown to be delusions.

As evolution passes through its point of accumulation, in systems theory terms, there is only one way for us to deal with this critical situation with equanimity: to transform today's Dark Ages into the Age of Light by awakening to Total Revolution. Western civilization has to die so that our children might live and flourish. In other words, we are today in the transition period between the third and fourth stages of evolution, between the mental-egoic age (me-epoch) and the age of universal spirituality (us-epoch), the first two phases being physical and biological. In human terms, this exquisitely beautiful eschatological epoch, prophesied by all the religions to emerge at the end of time, will be the third and final phase of human existence, the three stages being prepersonal, personal, and transpersonal or subconscious, self-conscious, and superconscious.

What this means is that not only is evolution changing from divergence to convergence at the present time, it is also turning back on itself, returning to our Divine Source, whence it began. For evolution is essentially the outward, creative movement of Life from Formlessness to form. So we can call the return journey to Wholeness involution, as the large bell-curve in this diagram illustrates. The peak of convergence is reached when we learn to integrate all knowledge in all cultures and disciplines at all times into a coherent whole: the much sought-for theory of everything, the Holy Grail or Philosophers' Stone of human learning. It is along this path that evolution becomes fully conscious of itself, enabling us to say, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." For the Universe is intelligently designed, but there is no separate designer thereof, thereby enabling us to reconcile Darwinism and Creationism.



The ontogenetic path I have been on during the past thirty years is a Middle Path between the traditional path of the mystics, depicted in the smaller bell curve, and the relentless drive away from Reality and the Truth being followed by the main body of Western civilization, especially in materialistic, mechanistic, and monetary science and business. Of course, this is not a black and white situation. Every human being on this planet is struggling with the reconciliation of a multitude of opposites, which govern our daily lives, ignorant of the fundamental design principle of the Universe, the Principle of Unity: *Wholeness is the union of all opposites*.

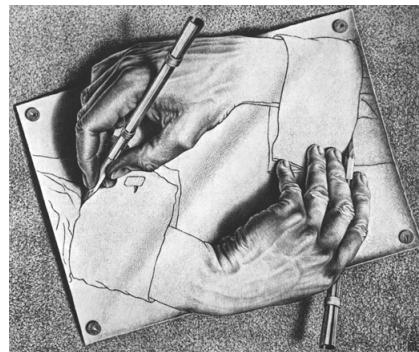
I say that my ontogeny began in 1980 rather than when I was conceived in 1941 because at the age of thirty-eight I went through an apocalyptic death and rebirth process. What triggered this apocalypse was the realization that both capitalism and communism are incompatible with the stored-program computer, invented some thirty years earlier, and with the Information Society that we were then just entering. Seeing that the global economy would self-destruct around 2010 and that my two children were therefore not being educated to live in the world that would exist when they could well be bringing up children of their own, I therefore set out to discover why scientists and technologists, like myself, are driving the pace of evolutionary development exponentially.

This might appear to be an obvious phenomenon for science to study. But even to this day, I know of no university, institute, or governmental or corporate R & D department anywhere in the world that has such a project on its agenda. We are still running our business affairs with little

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understanding of the evolutionary energies that cause us to behave as we do, a little like driving our cars along the highway faster and faster with our eyes closed, not very sensible.

We can see why few are interested in understanding why the pace of change is accelerating exponentially by a business-modelling problem that I was seeking to solve thirty years ago in the winter of 1979/80. Such information systems modelling methods depict the infrastructure of enterprises by developing a comprehensive model of all processes, such as manufacturing, ordering, and invoicing, and their relationships to each other. However, what is missing from these models is the process of developing the model itself. These models can only reflect the psychodynamics of businesses as a whole by including the thought processes of the modeller in the territory being mapped. This is rather like a television camera filming itself filming, as the lithograph of *Drawing Hands*, by M. C. Escher, well illustrates, which seems impossible. But this is essentially the same issue that quantum physicists face when noticing that the observer and observed are one; undivided and inseparable.



I was well prepared to start afresh at the very beginning because when I began to think for myself at eight years of age, I could see that what I was being taught in religion and science did not make sense as a coherent whole because their contextual concepts of God and Universe are incompatible with each other. And having no overall context within which to determine what I was being taught was true or not, I learned very little at school and university.

I did learn something in my first sixteen years in business, mainly with IBM in sales and marketing in London as both a professional and a manager. Most particularly, I learned about Ted Codd's relational model of data in 1972, the fundamental theory of the data processing industry, for it provides a nonaxiomatic, nonlinear mathematical representation of the basic resource of the industry: data itself. You cannot order a book or airline ticket today without using the relational model behind the scenes. It is so abstract and general, it can be used within any industry whatever.

The relational model of data has evolved, along with object-oriented modelling methods that I learned in the 1990s, into Integral Relational Logic (IRL), the Gnostic Foundation and metaphysical framework for the theory of everything, called the Unified Relationships Theory (URT), a generalization of Einstein's unified field theory and Bohm's theory of the implicate order, with which he unified quantum and relativity theories. IRL is a commonsensical science of reason that we all use implicitly to form concepts and organize our ideas. So if some explicitly learned IRL at school as we learn our multiplication tables, we would be able to use this universal system of coherent thought to cocreate a meaningful, moneyless global economy for the Age of Light in harmony with the fundamental laws of the Universe, recognizing that we are all one.

Sadly, however, even though IRL brings conceptual clarity, integrity, simplicity, and consistency to a very confused world, no one has yet used my writings to mirror their own learning and self-inquiries, thereby answering the question "Who am I?" by following the ancient adage, "Know thyself." Essentially, this is because my magnum opus, called *Wholeness: The Union of All Opposites*, is an unprecedented synthesis of everything, which cannot be assimilated within any previous scientific theory, school of philosophy, religious doctrine, or economic ideology.

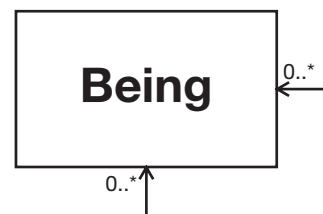


There are two factors here. First, on the outward movement towards total convergence, the Tower of Babel, which represents the last 25,000 years of human learning, has to be demolished before it can be rebuilt, quite overwhelming for many. Secondly, on the return journey to our Divine Source, even the most ardent spiritual seekers have difficulty in going all the way. As we dive deeper and deeper into the Cosmic Psyche—the largely unexplored 99% of the Universe beneath the surface accessible to our physical senses—we inevitably come across resistance to dying

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as a separate being. Even egolessness divine lovemaking when woman and man exquisitely dissolve and merge into Wholeness, as two become one, is not sufficient in my experience.

For myself, I can best explain what I mean by involution by saying that I view the Universe—as a vast ocean of Consciousness—in terms of meaningful structure-forming relationships, simply depicted in this diagram, which shows that all beings in the Universe are related to all other beings in zero to many ways, some of which can be categorized, while some are beyond classification and must remain a mystery. I liken this model, which takes the process of conceptual abstraction to its ultimate level of generality, to a mathematical graph of nodes and arcs between them. I then allow these nodes, which represent structures of forms and relationships between them, to dissolve until only relationships remain. These relationships then merge into a seamless continuum, an all-inclusive model showing that I am you and you are me, living in the bliss of Wholeness, which is the True Nature of all beings.



So what is going to happen to humanity in the next couple of years as the global economy self-destructs, coincidentally with the end of the twenty-seven octillion years of the Mayan calendar? Well, this apocalyptic event could be a much-needed wake-up call, for *apocalypse* derives 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 innermost secrets of the Universe.

Sadly, however, most people in the world—in the Christian and secular capitalist West, in Islamic countries, in China, India, and Japan, and in the less developed countries—are far from ready to begin the spiritual journey back to our Divine Source. They do not yet know that ‘We are all one’ means realizing in direct experience that the Divine Essence that we all share is Love and that the Cosmic Context for all our lives is Consciousness, rather than the physical universe, as is widely believed today. That, essentially, is why so little progress was made at COP15.

Under these circumstances, the greatest hope that our children have is that as the self-centred financial infrastructure of society disintegrates in the next couple of years the impersonal Internet will survive. The alternative is that many millions could die in the panic that would ensue, leading the survivors to live in self-sufficient communities or tribes, isolated from the rest of humanity, even though they sing songs saying, ‘We are all one’. This is evolution going into reverse before it has reached its glorious culmination. We would thus miss the opportunity to collectively return Home to Paradise, where we were conceived both as individuals and as a species, free of our religious, scientific, and economic conditioning. For while we are all individual beings, with unique paths through life, it is by coming into union with the Nondual, Ineffable Ground of Being as mystics that we can learn to live in Love, Peace, and harmony with each other and our environment and so conquer the widespread fear of death with self-reflective Intelligence, the characteristic that distinguishes humans from the other animals and machines, like computers.

For myself, I am told that I am a prophet living many years ahead of my time, which is people’s way of avoiding coming close to me, denying that we are all one. For what I am saying is very liberating and therefore dangerous to those who fear freedom. So all I can do in 2010 is to continue to live in solitude, following my inner guru, which means ‘dispeller of darkness’, healing the remaining split between society and myself, free of the beliefs and assumptions that have been blindly passed from generation to generation for hundreds and thousands of years.

To this end, the irrepressible creative energies within me are telling me to complete my magnum opus this year as a highly polished product in a thoroughly professional manner. This is alternatively called *Semantic Principles of Natural Philosophy*, because if it were ever published it would complete the revolution in science currently taking place, just as the *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy* completed the Copernican revolution in 1687. Whether this has any social relevance, I have no idea. But finding a sense of closure with my life’s work is the only way that I can maintain a modicum of sanity in a grievously sick society that has taken complete leave of its senses.