

Starting Afresh at the Very Beginning

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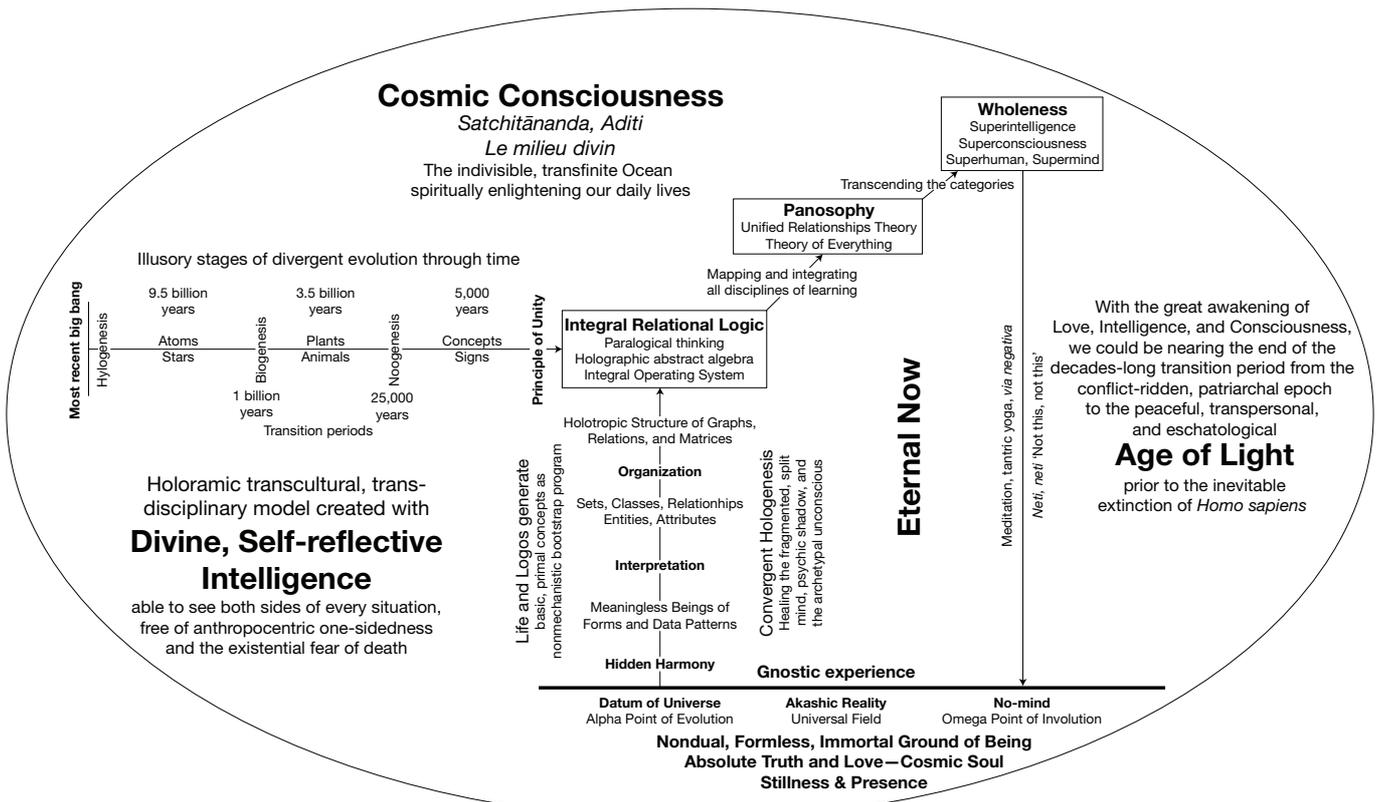
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On 20th May 1980, the day after resigning from my marketing job with IBM in London, I wrote on the top of a clean sheet of paper, representing my blank mind as a *tabula rasa*, 'Paul's Folly: A New Model of the Universe'. I was thus rather like our forebears some 40,000 years ago, setting out on a life of learning, like innocent infants, before the conceptualizing mind has begun to form.

Driven by the irrepressible power of Life, I was born again in an apocalyptic awakening in order to conduct a thought experiment exploring the nature of human intelligence vis-à-vis so-called artificial general intelligence in machines, answering the most critical unanswered question in science: "What is causing scientists and technologists, aided and abetted by computer technology, to drive the pace of scientific discovery and technological development at unprecedented exponential rates of acceleration?"

However, it was, indeed, a folly, for what happened to me on that momentous day was unprecedented in the 13.8 billion-year history of evolution, perhaps never to be repeated. So I live today in the bliss of solitude, having realized Wholeness, the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, which some say can never be reached. So I am unable to communicate the Wholeness that I sense and see to my fellow humans. For any attempt to do so is a violation of Wholeness, negating the message that there is no other in Reality.

In the event, it took me some thirty-seven years of profound self-inquiry to draw a succinct diagram of the Grand Design of the Universe, which has been revealed to me through conscious evolution and Self-reflective Intelligence, the quality that most distinguishes humans from the other animals and machines, like computers. What happened to me in the spring of 1980 is depicted in the upward path in the centre, unifying the traditional evolutionary and involutory paths of scientists and mystics, depicted on the left and right of the diagram, transforming the horizontal dimension of time into the vertical.



So where do we all go from here? What this diagram shows is that we all live in the same Universe, inseparable from Divinity, whether we know this or not. No one can return Home to Wholeness because nobody has ever left Home. Wholeness is the True Nature of all beings in our holographic Cosmos.

For myself, as an individuated being, I have fulfilled my childhood dream of ending the long-running war between science and religion, necessary to heal my fragmented, split mind, shattered by a cataclysmic prenatal trauma seven weeks after my conception. However, with *Homo sapiens* on the brink of extinction, the hope that we humans could one day live in Love, Peace, and harmony with each other in the eschatological Age of Light, as I have previously foreseen, looks increasingly forlorn.

The trouble is that Integral Relational Logic, which has evolved from the information systems modelling methods underlying the Internet, provides the Cosmic Context, Gnostic Foundation, and coordinating framework for the solution to the ultimate problem in human learning, which Albert Einstein called the unified field theory, futilely attempting to solve this age-old problem within physics.

So if it were ever publicly acknowledged that the transdisciplinary Unified Relationships Theory—also known as Panosophy—integrates all knowledge in all cultures and disciplines at all times into a coherent whole, the publication of the all-inclusive, psychospiritual Theory of Everything—as the *Wholeness* trilogy and mathematical evolutionary books—could cause a sensation, releasing an abundance of healing synergistic energy in a great apocalyptic awakening, held back by the education and economic systems.

But maybe not. Even though we live in an age in which people yearn for new ideas and fresh alternatives, there is also a major psychological issue at play here. Such publications would make their apparent author a genius in the eyes of the world, in the same category as Johannes Kepler and Isaac Newton, who did all the hard work in completing the first heliocentric scientific revolution in the 1600s.

And in conformity with Abraham Maslow's Jonah Syndrome and the Scandinavian Jante Law, nobody wants that. Everybody feels that they know best and so no one wants anyone else telling them that their cultural conditioning and fragmented, filtering minds lead to delusion, a primary symptom of what Erich Fromm called our sick society in *The Sane Society* and *To Have or To Be?* in 1956 and 1976, respectively.

In a society of contentious religious institutions and economic ideologies, academic specialization, and the division of labour, few want open-minded generalists, joyfully taking the elegant abstractions of computer science and pure mathematics to the utmost level of generality with Aristotle's ontological concept of being, complementing *Jñāna yoga*, the path of wisdom and abstract knowledge in Advaita.

As a consequence of these psychosocial issues, I still live as an outsider to society, shunned even by some of those seeking to heal humanity's wounds, despite my wish to help my fellows realize their unfulfilled potential. Of course, if I want people to actively engage with me in setting up the Alliance for Mystical Pragmatics, helping to harmonize evolutionary convergence, and this doesn't happen, I'm bound to suffer. Such longing would therefore once again distort the message of Love, Peace, and Wholeness—that no one is ever separate from any other being, including the Supreme Being, for an instant.

That's where my life is right now. In myself, I have fulfilled my life's purpose, having discovered what the Universe is and how it is designed. So I can rest in Stillness, more than satisfied with a life lived to the best of my ability, far beyond 'superintelligent machines'. However, it pains me to live in a world at war with itself when I know that such battles would cease if we applied our innate Self-reflective Intelligence to transform conflict-ridden, either-or ways of thinking into a compassionate, both-and approach to life.

That is all that is needed to complete the transition between the patriarchal mental-egoic age (the self-centred *me-epoch*, focused on conflict and competition) and the androgynous age of universal spirituality (the socially centred *us-epoch*, focused on peace and cooperation). Nothing could be simpler, but sadly more difficult. Yet let us not forget, with Guy McPherson, "At the edge of extinction, only Love remains."