

Magic: The New Consciousness Universe in a Nutshell

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Consciousness is to biology what light was to physics: all our assumptions have to change.

Near-death experiences show us that consciousness cannot be reduced to the brain, is not a by-product of brain activity but is entirely separable from the brain. Moreover, all our essential powers are in it. The body in the bed is brain-dead but the patient is alive and well at the ceiling, observing events, able to see without eyes, hear without ears and think without a brain. Near-death experiences are the *bridge* from materialistic science to the truth that consciousness, not matter, is primary and fundamental in the universe. So, a new Copernican revolution. What follows?

I say: Magic!

Let us begin with God. Who is God? God is simply Infinite Consciousness. Everything is formed of, composed of this consciousness, a love consciousness at that. This consciousness gives rise to units of consciousness, which give rise to electromagnetic energy units, which give rise to matter. That is the order of creation. The universe originates in *subjectivity*. “Infinite Consciousness” is the notion that reconciles science and religion, and both need to change. God has never been so close, available to our experience.

The universe does not come to be from mechanics--chance interaction and necessary reaction, blind pushes and pulls--but is born of love, intelligence, creative play. The universe is just like us. Let the barriers of alienation between us all these centuries go down; now we can feel at home here. Earth and all her inhabitants are not “mere matter” devoid of inner life but are living, conscious, spiritual and divine beings, formed of the very consciousness of God, divine as we are. The whole planet is *animate, inspirited*. Let the barriers we have erected against the Earth go down; let us re-join creation. The animals hunger for true *relationship* with us, not by dissection and analysis, but as consciousness to consciousness, spirit to spirit, soul to soul. Pure magic awaits us. We are all fathomlessly deep, for

consciousness is not just all the bright activity in our minds but our whole, deep interiority; we can attune to, commune with, the planet in our souls' depths. Trees and plants have Christ-consciousness; you are more likely to find it there these days than in people. Moreover, the animals are just like us, fragments of God, slipping in and out of their bodies more readily than we can. Deeply nourishing, refreshing *experience* of the planet is possible to all of us, not just to mystics, well below the level of mind. God is not just up in Heaven but in the Earth and can be found here.

Who are we all really? Fragments of God, Infinite Consciousness, adapted to our niches in the physical plane of existence. God dwells in our depths and cosmic consciousness is our birthright. God is so close; you do not need to shout to be heard. You can talk to the Source of the universe, and It will talk to you.

The primacy of consciousness makes *reincarnation* possible as the way the universe works. One consciousness dons bodies repeatedly and lays them down until it has finished the cycle of Earthly incarnations. Such was impossible in a purely material universe. Reincarnation was one of the central teachings of Jesus. It was banned by the fourth century council that decided the populace could be best controlled through fear. It was then deleted from the scriptures and in its place, drawn from scriptures, was a vengeful god, hell and damnation. We are still in the grip of these notions and these fears. These things are not true. The universe is a good place, created out of Love. God wholly loves, wholly forgives. The primacy of consciousness is thus the basis for a new, true universal religion based on love, not fear, where we can commune intimately with God, a spirituality without churches.

Reincarnation includes karma. What you do to another will be done back to you, in this or another life, until all the laws of Love are fully learned. Justice prevails here. You have free will and are the author of your own fate. Reincarnation is thus the true foundation of ethics. Knowledge of reincarnation will finally end war. When you kill another, you end by killing yourself. What we call "radical evil" is simply ignorance of the *real* consequences of our actions. "Those who live by the sword shall die by the sword."

This is a *good* universe, and God is *good*; God is Love-consciousness. Consciousness is eternal; we are all immortal. There is a shore where no love ends, and no parting is ultimate. We shall all meet again. Each of us has spirit guides. Each of us has a twin flame, just like ourselves, but opposite, who understands us perfectly, whom we shall meet again in the world of spirit. In sleep, consciousness turns away from the physical, and we return to the world of spirit to be with old friends and engage in other activities. Our true estate is absolutely magical and marvelous and should give hope to all broken hearts. All the true necessities in the universe are born of Joy!

The primacy of consciousness over matter will affect every department of knowledge. In philosophy, we can solve the ancient philosophical problem of mind/body dualism and present a fresh new *unity* account of Being. New modes of knowing and what can be known will appear. In physics, we require new assumptions. At present, physics is two-termed, matter and energy. It needs to include consciousness as its third term. Consciousness is the *lynchpin* for changing all our belief systems. Indeed, *all energy has consciousness*. This idea alone would change our world, and is, in fact, the *key* to presenting the primacy of consciousness to the public. Everyone can work out the implications for themselves.

Fear-consciousness rules governments and the modern world. If we are to have a contented world, our leaders need to *change their consciousness*. Think how different our reaction to 9/11 would have been if love-consciousness prevailed, if we could have heard the *cri de coeur* of the wretched of the Earth and responded: Yes, we hear you; we are listening; we have made mistakes in the past, but now we want to help. Instead, same old thing. To change the world, we have to *change our minds*.

Finally, in a consciousness universe, we can interact consciousness to consciousness. We can use *intent* to enlist for us the help of the universe. As Goethe put it: Clarify what it is you want to achieve, and the whole universe will get behind you to help you achieve it. And a conscious universe is always speaking to us, even in the city streets. We are a part of the universe, and it of us. The

universe speaks symbolically, like God in dreams. Jung has given us back our rich heritage of symbols; now we need to apply to the world what we apply to our dreams. When anything catches your attention in the flow of life, ask what it means to you symbolically--in love not fear--and you will know what the universe is saying to you about yourself, your life at that moment. I love to walk out in the city streets just to have a chat with the universe. The universe cares about us; it wants us here. Let go of despair; you belong here for a time, and you have a role to play in all that is happening!

As scripture has it, the whole magnificent physical universe, rendered meaningless by scientific materialism, is as a *grain in the balance*. Infinite consciousness creates infinite physical worlds as well as infinite spiritual worlds, and It transcends all of them. Each one of us has a share of providential care, and God is here, in the world, in the Earth. God's little touches of love and affirmation come to us from out of the day. If one thinks the physical universe is enough, well, guess again; we play our parts on a much vaster stage indeed!

The universe, the Earth and all her inhabitants are magical places to be. Expect miracles, and you will have them. And in a war-torn and weary world, not "grim duty" but *the singing heart* is the true guide to life.

Peace.

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