

Awakening in the Age of Light

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In the Age of Light, there are no divisions between any opposites, including God and humanity, science and spirituality, and hope and despair. The Age of Light, symbolized by the Sun of Consciousness emerging from a black hole, is thus androgynous, quite different from the patriarchal epoch and the matrifocal era that preceded it.

For myself, I have awakened in the post-industrial Age of Light because my cognitive development since childhood has been guided by the fundamental law of the Universe, which states *Opposites are not separate in Ultimate Reality*, as I explained in a twelve-page article last month.[†]

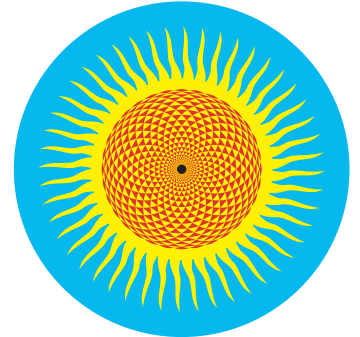
However, it was not until June 1980 that I became aware that this law, which I call the *Principle of Unity*, is governing *all* our lives, as well as the entire Cosmos. This has led me to see that the Totality of Existence consists of two inseparable material and nonmaterial regions, where the latter is inaccessible to our physical senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

As mystics have discovered over the ages, the primordial nonmaterial domain, which I call the *Cosmic Psyche*, is much more extensive and profound than the physical universe, which Western civilization mistakenly regards as the Universe. We can see quite clearly that the Universe, as the 'totality of existing things', does not only consist of matter, space, and time. For *mass*, *space*, and *time* are just three words in dictionaries of English, minute compared to the tens of thousands of words in common use, denoting both the similitude and diversity of human experience.

By comprehensively mapping the Cosmic Psyche through methodical self-reflective inquiry, I have learnt to understand what is causing us humans to behave as we do, free from our cultural conditioning. For, in 1758, when Carl Linnaeus named our species *Homo sapiens* 'wise human', he said that to understand what it means to be human we need to follow the ancient maxim: *Homo nosce Te ipsum* 'Human, know thyself'. And when we do this, we can see that human energy is not associated with matter, space, and time, as Einstein's famous equation $E = mc^2$ seems to indicate.

Indeed, we can go further. Psychospiritual energies did not suddenly come into existence at the birth of our human species. When evolution becomes fully aware of itself, in the manner that Julian Huxley foresaw in 1957 in 'Transhumanism', we can see that nonmaterial energies, emanating directly from the Divine Origin of the Universe in the Eternal Now, have been driving the entire history of evolution, right back to the most recent big bang, nearly fourteen billion years ago.

But this does not mean that evolution is destined to continue indefinitely. For instance, to provide the physical context for our lives on Earth, scientists have estimated that the Sun, compared to similar stars, has a timespan of about ten billion years. So, in about 5½ billion years' time, the Sun will turn into a red giant and white dwarf, and Mother Earth, which we call 'home', will cease to exist. So, it is clear that we cannot understand humanity's place within the overall scheme of things from an anthropo- or geocentric perspective.



[†] https://amp.paulhague.net/documents/the_fundamental_law_of_the_universe.pdf

Indeed, humankind is not special. Our species is subject to the fundamental law of the Universe, like all other structures. This means that *Homo sapiens* is not immortal. One day a generation of children will be born who will not grow old enough to have children of their own. When I first saw this inevitability in 1982, I thought that if we could collectively transform conflict-ridden, either-or systems of thought into a harmonious, both-and way of life, there was a possibility that we could live in love and peace with each other in the eschatological Age of Light for a few more generations, until the 23rd century at least.

However, in 2010, I saw that I had been far too optimistic. In a BBC Hardtalk interview that year, Stephen Sackur asked James Lovelock, "What do you think is a viable [population] that Gaia, the planet, can sustain?" Lovelock replied, "I would guess, living the way we do, not more than one billion, probably less". At which Sackur said, "But that's postulating the most dramatic and terrible and unimaginable cull of the human species." To which Lovelock calmly replied, I think it will happen in this century. It will take a miracle for it not to. By following the impeccable scholarship of Guy McPherson during the past ten years, I have now realized that Generation Beta, being born this year, is likely to be the last generation of humans on Earth.

What then can any of us do to help our fellows prepare for our ultimate destiny? Well, first of all, we need to follow the advice of the Buddha, who was well aware of the fundamental truth of human existence, for he said on his deathbed, "Bhikkhus, listen to what the Tathagata now says. Dharmas are impermanent. If there is birth, there is death. Be diligent in your efforts to attain liberation!"

The word *buddha* means 'conscious, intelligent, wise', from Sanskrit *budh* 'to awaken'. A buddha is thus an 'awakened one', who knows that the way to be free of suffering (*dubkha*) is for the sense of a separate self to die (*Anātman*). In the *Upanishads*, this principle is denoted by the union of *Brahman* and *Ātman*, as God and the human soul, where God is Ultimate Reality, as our Immortal Ground of Being.

During the past several decades, spiritual seekers in the West have thus turned to the East for 'enlightenment'. However, the emphasis has been more on 'killing the mind', not healing and liberating it from delusion. But this one-sided approach does not give us cognitive understanding of what is causing the pace of technological change to accelerate exponentially.

For myself, I have developed a comprehensive model of the psychodynamics of humanity to heal a cataclysmic prenatal trauma I suffered about seven weeks after my conception in 1941. I began to do so in 1980, when I realized in a revelatory epiphany that synergistic, psychospiritual energies are driving the exponential rate of change in society. In 2000, I then learned about the mathematical technique that can explain why these accumulative evolutionary processes have led to the psychosocial chaos afflicting human affairs today, which is widely known as an existential meaning crisis or Metacrisis.

Then, in 2002, my evolutionary studies led me to meet the ecophilosopher Henryk Skolimowski, who later coined the word *lumenarchy* to denote a system of governance appropriate for the Age of Light. As he said, "Light is universal and all pervading. It provides the womb, sustenance, and nourishment for all there is. It is the Universal Mother." In particular, as we are all interconnected, it no longer makes sense for us to fight each other for as large a proportion of the finite money supply as possible.

Sadly, however, because the creative power of Life has healed my fragmented mind and split soul by unifying the teachings of David Bohm and Jiddu Krishnamurti, who spent twenty years in dialogue, I don't know anyone who is yet ready to engage with me in conversation, inspired by Love, Light, Liberty, Life, and Logos. As I am Wholeness, with nothing and no one outside me, all I can do is live every moment as calmly and fully as I can, while resting in Stillness in the Presence of the Divine.

For the curious, further information is available in 'Unifying All Models of God in Cosmic Gnosis' and 'Demystifying the Mystery of Mathematics', accessible through blog posts on paulhague.net.