

Essay

The Eternal Immaterial Consciousness That Is the All of Beingness

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Abstract

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Traditional theorizing and philosophizing about Creation possibilities offers two distinct explanations with each of the two not satisfying common sense. First, there is the idea that the world somehow emerged from what had been pure nothingness, no time, no space, nothing; that idea defies common sense. Second, there is the idea that the world that our senses register simply always existed, even if its form has been changing, such as would follow from the Big Bang; this idea also defies common sense, as we learn and expect that one event triggers the next. But that progression assumes some sort of initiating event, so this solution does not solve the issue by simply assuming its own truth.

What is proposed here is that our common sense analysis is contaminated by its education in a physically appearing world of time and space. Max Plank had come to a realization that the material world known by our perception, created by body and mind, was a form of illusion [1]:

I regard consciousness as fundamental. I regard matter as derivative from consciousness. We cannot get behind consciousness. Everything that we talk about, everything that we regard as existing, postulates consciousness.

Let us define consciousness to be a “substance” unlike those defined by $E = mc^2$. Consciousness has as a primary attribute self-awareness, but lacks mass and lacks energy; its being is perfectly immaterial. Given that consciousness is defined to lack any physical dimensionality, and not to experience time, it is thus not subject to the forces and change we learn about in our physical experience. Consciousness is timeless and immaterial and has an infinite potential for information in which the information coding is immaterial.

We may next ponder about consciousness as we had earlier inquired about how Creation came about. So, we will assume that consciousness was able to create the physical world, but is not itself material. Thus we ask if consciousness always existed or came from nothing. Given that consciousness is purely immaterial, it may have sprung from nothingness (i.e., immateriality), and also, since it does not exist in time, it always existed in a timeless realm of being.

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In philosophy and in religion it is common to define God as the ultimate source of consciousness. Pantheism holds that all that exists contains consciousness, whether that be animate life or inanimate substance. Furthermore, the consciousness found in anything (living or inanimate) is itself a part of the consciousness that is God. Thus, by shifting away from our ordinary context of immersion in the physical world to the world defined as consciousness, the issue of Creation dissolves as meaningless—consciousness, the consciousness that is God, “always” existed. However, the term “always” has here become meaningless without time running.

All that exists for consciousness is the timeless, eternal “Now”. A discussion of the meaning of “Now” has been provided in [2].

A good question remains about how immaterial consciousness is able to create the world formulated in $E = mc^2$. One good speculation is that God was able to create “positive” and “negative” energy in precisely equal amounts that added up to nothing, so the material world would have been created from nothingness.

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