

The Scientific and Academic Quest for Understanding

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ABSTRACT

The study of the phenomenon of Consciousness is very important indeed. But the study of the content of conscious experience is even more important, and so too is the question of what it is that is Conscious. I AM conscious, and I am what I AM. So what am I then? And from whence do I come and why? What is the function of my existence and what will it do? Is there something far far greater than the Observer (me)? Indeed there IS. What is it? I don't know yet, not for absolute sure. But I am going to find out, even if it kills me. For I HAVE to KNOW. What do I believe? Nothing, believing is for the fairies, not for Man. For Man exists to KNOW. That also becomes axiomatic and unarguable – when you KNOW it.

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1. Introduction

If ever there were one singular goal which behoved Man to undertake the quest of, then that goal would be to understand what things truly are and what ones place truly is within that vast web of experiential phenomena; and which includes ourselves observing it. And to whatever degree that can be done by Man. And once discovering whatever one comes to discover, then the next part of that same quest is to make good and fitting use of those findings and that understanding for the benefit of all life, anywhere. Anything less than that is not in harmony and accord with the Dignity of Man, and what it is.

In undertaking this then Man is confronted by two significant aspects. One being simply that which one finds, discovers of what exists, what IS; and then the other being that of the Moral Integrity of what to do with it, and why. Knowledge and understanding brings, of its own accord, POWER and Potential. What then to do with it and why? Therein lays the hard part of the unfolding process of becoming aware of WHAT IS. Not in the finding of it, but in the making use of it. Therein lays the Moral Prerogative.

It is also interesting to note (although some may not have found it to be so yet) that the more one discovers, and can in fact do with it,

then the less choice there is in what to do with it once found. And this in itself is bound up within the Moral Prerogative. I can do this or that, so to speak, but what ought I to do? And given that the inner Moral Prerogative dictates what one ought to do then so too are options gradually eliminated, until it is axiomatic what one OUGHT to do. Maybe only in Man is OUGHT SOUGHT by THOUGHT, and feeling; and combined with the learning from past experience of causes and effects. One should not live in the past, nor even fear letting go of it and moving on, but one must certainly never forget the lessons learned from it. That is not simply a good idea but it is essential.

2. Windows on Reality

It is said by some that there are two aspects of learning. One being that of the objective scientific methodology of deconstructing things, taking them apart and finding what they are made of and how it all hangs together (and in which I am all in favor of doing as far as that can go). The other is Religions. Man does not issue forth trees and stars, but man creates religions, and always has done. Therefore, I have to part the company with that view when claiming that science and religions are the two windows on WHAT IS. I can also write science fiction novels, and fantasies, but I would not look to them when searching for TRUTH and what IS, even though it is true that I can do it. I could also

deceive and swindle by choice. But I choose not to.

However, if one were to say, instead of 'religion' the study of SELF and the inner essential truths of the Observer and what that is, then I certainly concur with that, thus, the study of the intangible metaphysics and proto-physical aspects of LIFE and BEING. And that goes by the name of Psychology – the Study of Self. NOT by the name of Religion. We ARE aspects of life, not something objective to it looking in from the outside. We are not alienated from anything which exists we are all a part of it all, and seemingly the part which observes it all.

So, to use the word 'creation' to mean all that which exists, did exist, and will come to exist, then I AM the observer of it whilst also being a part of it all. I AM LIFE, and consciousness flows through me in order that I can be aware of anything at all. Without conscious experience then I am not even aware that I exist. Let alone anything else be extant. But it also becomes obvious that I can and do exist without being conscious of that fact; such as in dreamless sleep. But I can arise again into conscious life, by wherever forces bringing that about. But whilst totally unconscious there is a void of knowing anything, nor even knowing that there is anything to know anything. Before claiming any truth of this or that then these things have to be taken into account. What is the Observed when nothing is observing it? That cannot be answered by knowing it, for to know it one has to be conscious of knowing it. This is no doubt the deepest mystery in all existence, TO BE AWARE OF BEING, and what there exists to be aware of.

3. Appraisal of the Work of Others

If, in the scientific physical realms, one finds something that has never been found previously then it is proved to be so by others finding the same thing. And even though that does not tell us what IT IS and why it is. Neither does finding it imply an understanding of it. Knowing something and understanding it is not the same thing. Understanding is ALWAYS an inside and private job. Inside what: Within me; the Observer of the Observed.

Now, if somebody finds something, either tangible or intangible, then I can talk to them

and discuss it, and they can tell me all about it. But hearing all that from them would be first-hand hearsay on my part. Is what they are saying and claiming true? One cannot know that from hearsay, one has to find it for oneself before knowing that it is true. But what if one had not found it for oneself? It may be true and it may not be true. You cannot know until you know it yourself. If one already knew it to be true then one could say yes, I know that too. And thus you have both affirmed it to be true, for having both found it. That is to say that it is truly there to be found; and irrespective of what it is beyond the observation of it.

Supposing however that person who it is claimed to have said it or claimed to have found it is not here any longer, and long gone? Then I only have third or fourth or fiftieth-hand hearsay on all this, and what of the integrity of the third or fourth persons telling of this? And where did they get it from? At very best hearsay can be potentially dangerous information, and at worst it can be exceptionally dangerous if it is not true, lest anyone is gullible enough to accept it as being true without proof of it being true.

What is absolutely true of anything said about history? There is only one way to know that, and that is by having been there. But we were not there were we. However, if what they said and found was true, and not simply a social truth of that time, but a cosmological truth, then it will still be there to find. Truth does not go away when one is not looking at it.

What then, for example, is the truth about this or that scientist of this or that time? Who knows! That which is written is all we have to go on, and it may be true and it may not be true. One can hardly assume that none of it is true. But which is which? To me at least there have been thousands of people who have done good works in their fields of endeavor, no matter what field of endeavor it is. But from hindsight it was all more or less a need of its time and place. And often the case that two or more people find the same thing at more or less the same time, yet never even knew each other. They no doubt assumed that they were working on it alone, as we often do. Also, when it comes to this or that person, and each of their time and place, then more often than not they are working off the

backs and the work of others that preceded them like falling dominoes.

But if one could isolate just a few people who seemed to be way ahead of their time, and way out of the existing paradigm, and there have been some, then, for me, Newton was one of the greatest, all out there on his own, and thus obviously seen as a nut-case by convention. Neither does this mean that folks eventually do not go way beyond him and make him look like a minnow in a large pond. Such people should not be judged by what we know now, but by what they knew then. They lived in a very different world to us today. Albeit sharing the same planet.

4. What Do You Know?

What is it that you KNOW? What is your understanding of what you yet know? What do you do with what you understand of what you yet know? And what is that you do not yet know? Well, we will take a rain-check on the last question, just for now anyway; for tomorrow is still waiting in the wings of today; and who knows what we will discover tomorrow and thence be able to use - wisely.

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5. Enlightenment

I have not got a clue what the word Enlightenment means. If it means people like Buddhists and the followers of Gnosticism are Enlightened people, as they seems to claim, then I would say no it does not aid the world, not one jot. And as far as I can gather they seem to be telling me that they want off the world because

it is a prison for the soul, and a bit painful at times. So I wish them all well OFF it, and hope they all go today, and stay gone. I like this world, and it is a good place to be and to spend a lifetime here. But we could also make it a lot better than it is today. I am all for that. And that means WORK.

I do know a little about mystical (local and transcendent) experience. And I KNOW that it aids the world, because it aids us, and then we can aid the world by virtue of it. But I have never called that Enlightenment. I call a spade a spade and mystical experience and reunion is mystical experience and reunion, as a rose is a rose is a rose and water is water. Never once have I heard a Buddhist or a follower of Gnosticism describe the mystical reunion of which I speak and describe. Yet those that have found it describe the same thing. No argument.

I am not of the opinion that it aides the world, nor do I believe it. I KNOW it DOES. They can use their language their way and I will use my language my way; and I know the difference between KNOWING and not KNOWING something. But I agree with the gentleman that said there is a big difference between believing something and that of an opinion.

Opinions, by definition, can only be based upon some experience of something. Belief does not need these criteria. What is my opinion of swimming the Atlantic Ocean from one side to the other? I don't have one for I have never done it. Don't fancy trying it either. I can think of better things to do. Like not polluting it for example, nor killing all the fish off, etc.

Moreover, the mystical reunion experience not only aids the person having it by way of making them aware of more but it also aids all human society and even the physical world itself. It can aid a river, a tree, a forest, the air which we are breathing, a mountain, a valley, ALL OF IT, because of what WE DO. Are they too dumb to see this? The work due to love, passion and caring can turn a bomb site into a magnificent garden of great splendor. I know, for I have seen it done. The lack of the love, the lack of caring, can turn a magnificent garden into a bombsite. I know, for I have seen it done. I don't believe it and it is not just an opinion; I have seen it done.

And having said all that, one has to also say that such things can be done even without

mystical experience. Millions of people throughout all human existence have done millions of things which aided the world and our humanity, and who themselves were not mystics. They might have even done more and better if they were.

Does any one person having mystical experience have any effect on any one other person simply by talking about it? That is a question which I have addressed hundreds of times myself. My experience of an answer to that is that ninety nine percent of the time NO, no effect at all. But one percent of the time YES, it does have an effect on them. And that is why I continued doing it, for that one percent of the time. Hell's Bells amigo, if it can work ONCE a year, on one person a year – IT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, eventually, the POWER of the word, the Snowball effect. We are still evolving, and so it will continue to go.

It is beyond my power to stop it. Not that I want to stop it. But is it within my power to assist it on its way? I don't know. But I will sure have a frigging go and find out. If the forces which shape our being want an argument about that, then fine by me, I will give them one. Face to face. If I lose then so what; at least one tried. What good am I if I cannot do something worthwhile! What use all the powers and forces invested in my being if I don't use them! I will bring Homo Ensophicus here whether they like it or not dammit. Or die trying to.

6. The Goldilocks Enigma

The existence of things does have an observer, and that is a fact (not a theory) and one will never know what that observer (us) is like by way of numbers and a formula. Numbers and mathematics will not tell you what a meal tastes like. You have to live to find out. Neither does one need a theory on what it is TO BE. You just have to live it and find out. Life teaches what we need to know. Unless you close the door (read mind) to it that is.

But be all this as it is I still stand by what I said as a kid (and later found to be true; because it pans out in experiential cognitive terms) that one cannot know what objectivity IS exactly until one first learns as to what exactly IS observing it. And when you do find out then you will be utterly amazed for a while, and then there exists

no dichotomy, no enigma, no alienation, and no doubt. Strange thing this existing business is it not.

Everybody knows everything until they find out they know nothing and then they start to learn something. Know Your Self.

6. More Thoughts

The existing human paradigm plainly falls into three groups: (1) Materialism; (2) Non Materialism; and (3) A combination of both. My own experiences plainly put me in (3). This can best be summed up in the well known saying, "Are we Spiritual Beings having a Material Existence Experience or are we Material Beings having a Transcendent Spiritual Experience.

But life and existence reveals that we are neither the one nor the other, but rather we are BOTH. Camp (1) is often heard to say that all Metaphysical Experience is a delusion and thus there is no reality to it. One can well understand why they say that for it is all hearsay to them. Camp (2) is often heard to say that all this life on earth in time and space Mortality experience is an Illusion or Delusion, and thus not real. I call these people half baked mystics. Thus, some are denying the Immortality and some are denying the Mortality. But I and people like me accept BOTH as being REAL.

Perhaps the simplest analogy is that of a water pipe, a conduit from one dimension of one existence to another. In this analogy let Conscious Awareness be the Water in the Pipe. Now, I am NOT Consciousness. Consciousness is something which I HAVE and which flows through me. That applies in the Transcendent Ground of Being just as it does here on earth in the physical form and which the latter part is Mortal. It will not last long for any one individual. But the physical form of life in a physical universe goes on without you or me needing to be here as a part of it.

The sum of all the things which I have seen and known, and the bits of it which I have come to understand, culminates in the understand that the me part here on earth, the Mortal part, is but one tiny part of a greater whole, and indeed the sum of all life incarnate is but a part of a greater whole. The greater whole itself is something, and a process in action of BECOMING which is way beyond my comprehension. But

nonetheless each part plays a role in the vast scheme of things; just like one electron plays its part in a physical universe. Without electrons there would be no physical universe. But an electron would have no knowledge of the vastness of a physical universe or where it is going or why.

Thus as a 'mystic' as they like to call such people, I can fully get my head around Transcendence and the Ground of Being, but I cannot get my head fully around the Physical Universe and where life is going therein. But being just a mortal passing part of it is fine by me, and so too is the remaining ignorance. For where ignorance exists then it inspires and motivates one to learn more and more, and that ignorance is the driving motivational force. For I must UNDERSTAND!

So, this part of me here and now, the Mortal bit, is a part of the physical universe which is trying to understand the rest of it and is cognisant of it. And thus to come to do with it what it can come to do with it. What is that? I don't know, we have not got there yet. But we are getting there day by day, millennium by millennium. And that is my (our) job, our

function here. I AM Eternal and Mortal. And the Eternal part is here for this purpose: Ab Aeterno Ad Hoc. And the job must be done. Eternity does not exist for Time – Time exists for Eternity. For without which it would have nowhere to go and nothing to do.

The physical universe, and all that is in it, is in a process of BECOMING, the unfolding of an Implicate Order which has its Origin beyond Time and Space; in Eternity; and to perhaps coin a term – Cognitive Plasma. I AM and I AM still becoming Incarnate. I call all this Psychognosis. And the mortal part here which is pushing the pen knows virtually nothing as yet. But the little bit that it does know and understand as yet is enough to make one throw ones whole united SELF into the process. Thus I willingly give myself to I know not what. But I know WHY. But to define is to limit, and it is not for me to define. LIFE, Cognition, is on this world, but it is NOT from it; not made by it. We need to wake the children up and make them think, feel, and observe for themselves. They must explore and be excited about exploring. Excitation is the gateway to the Eternal and Perennial understanding. Good luck with SGJ.

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