

Self-Directed Evolution

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Western philosophers have theorized for over 2500 years upon the ultimate nature of Reality, the "stuff" of the universe, the soul, God, where we come from and where we are going, the purpose and ultimate destiny of life, evolution, sexuality, and so on ad infinitum. With all of this "waxing philosophic" from Socrates down to present day philosophers, humans today know little more about the nature of reality and their own nature than did their prehistoric ancestors. The weakness of such philosophic contemplating is quite obvious: The earth and its billions of denizens continue to repeat an endless cycle of birth, death, war, misery, crime, divorce, mental and physical illness, suicide, drug addiction, alcoholism, censorship, confusion, mind control, &etc. Was life meant to be intolerable, inhospitable, and infernal? Is birth a deceptively easy beginning to a frightening series of hazards called life? Is man fated?

What man needs more than ever before, is to develop a vehicle capable of systematically exploring these questions. Humanity must now answer these seemingly "unanswerable" questions, resolve the nature of his universe, and lay aside forever the cloak of mystery surrounding phenomenal existence on this planet.

Anomaly is an accepted fact for most artists. True artists are possessed of an overpowering desire to view the world as it has been revealed within their soul. Generally, it is through these individual discoveries that society derives its general knowledge of societal self. They form the creative basis of our science and technological developments. We pay a premium for the most bizarre works of individual creation, those which have stood the test of originality to become standards by which other works are judged. But regardless of initial ardour, the novelty soon wears thin, and society looks further and further afield to find new wonders of creation - but always outside of themselves - to stimulate and titillate their minds.

And it is upon this fact - individual lack of willful persistence - that persons most often fail, and persist in their continuing search for answers to life's mysteries where none are to be found. The short-term novelty applied to anomalous occurrences, and their consignment of all that does not conform to societal normalcy to the "forget" room of the subconsciousness, is endemic. It remains lost within the "forget" room, unrelated to anything ongoing within the conscious (waking) mind. There it resides, ignored throughout the lineal

constructs of our lives, surfacing only through a chance *deja vu*, or a fleeting dream fragment which we fail to remember or connect to its true significance. We leave it to daring creative artists and free thinkers to stir the reservoir, and bring to our focussed consciousness, their visions of universal events.

The question that begs answering is: "What sort of world would we experience should society pursue anomalous revelation as readily, as with each waking day, they accept the appearance of reality separated by an unreal dream state?" Certainly, society's understanding of the 'human condition' would be vastly extended should it have unlimited access to the huge inventory of uncatalogued anomaly, gathering dust in the forgotten archives of universities, religious and civil libraries, museums and private estates. And that is what "dipping" into the subconscious is about: opening all the doors of learning to investigation. It is the gaining of "real time" access to the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of the subconscious. That area which Jung termed, for lack of a better term, "Collective Unconscious".

Our world cries out for intellectual honesty to be injected into the light of day and broadcasted into the mainstream of discussion. Thus would archaeological, societal and scientific endeavours be freed of tenured influence, with its attendant undue power of "Chiefs" to exert misdirection upon society.

Individual work has already brought some important facts to light. Most recently, Michael A. Cremona and Richard L. Thompson have given us, *The Hidden History of the Human Race*, the work of Louis Pauwels, Jacques Bergier, Julian Barbour, and Charles Fort among others. Many have laboured to bring the mysterious and anomalous into daily life, to bridge the fixed world of our consciousness. So much work, so little retention from page to page.

Now, more than ever before, a concerted effort is required to resolve this vast reservoir of records into a body of work in support of the central fact they hint at, but have to this point overlooked. Only then will the human race become open to an expanded appreciation of his place within this universe, and ultimately, discover the awesome breadth of his neglected spirit. Our world is at a precarious crossroads.

The process of evolving into more than one expects he presently is involves to a large degree his core belief system. One can no more escape from what he believes than he can the need to supply the body with nutrients. There is difference only in substance, one being physical and corporeal and the other spiritual, or uncorporeal.

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Generally, humans acknowledge two certainties in life: Death and taxes. Let's assume, for the moment, that only the second, taxes, are a certainty. And that death is as uncertain as any other part of our lives. Taxes can be placed on the certainty list because they evolve from society's current belief in a system of government giving rise to their imposition.

Although death may form a part of that same belief structure, it is not a given. How can that be said? Because there is no observed proof that death is a final state of being. In fact, it is inherent to most belief systems that death is but a transitory process leading to a different state of awareness. Of course, dependent upon one's understanding, this may mean different things to different races, sects and societies. Even to individuals within specific groups. There is no universal awareness of future conscious states. And that is of primary concern to modern man.

Central to our considerations, at least for purposes of this article, is that there is no agreement death is a certainty. In fact it is demonstrable that death is a process of conscious life, whose outcome is in no way predictable.

For sake of argument, let's change the statement. **"There are only two things certain in life: Immortality and taxes."** Assume that taxes represent societal existence upon this earth. Immortality then, is the state of being that expresses the spiritual, uncorporeal element of life, existing behind and beyond the obvious material state. Think of it as a structural foundation for spiritual evolution.

To digress even further. When born, humans enter into an active belief system; one that incorporates the genetic memory that a particular family has experienced within an infinite regress. It is all the baggage, evolved and tailored to meet the needs of a specific family within a specific society. Elements of that family experience contact with other families and societies, which modifies and extends the heredity inherent within its genetically scripted memory.

The fundamental genetic expression of a family's history is written in the beliefs they have inculcated down through this time line construct. These evolved beliefs have created a time bubble, or a break in consciousness, unique and individualistic. This time bubble conforms to societal expectations only because we believe in the reality of what we intuit society to be.

Let's consider birth. Not only have sentient beings an

inherited genetic memory, but also an individual conscious memory which can be trained to further interact with its environment. This is the memory that is trained from birth to meet societal goals. School is not a place people go to learn great secrets, or the ability to formulate individual thought, to eventually explore the universe and make their way through childhood into adulthood and then possibly to become a member of a galactic society. Most certainly not. School is a limiting factor. It ignores the genetic memory all together, assuming a fresh mind, and then commences to fill it with a belief structure designed to create a separate reality. Perhaps it would be better to call it by the name it richly deserves: Separate consciousness. For that is the basis of societal concerns: The moulding of the conscious awareness to accept limitations on its understanding of what it can and cannot do.

In the process, conscious mind has been separated from the subconscious, creating a dichotomy plaguing man throughout his lifetime, and from which his conceptions of death arise. A belief in which there is no real foundation but in the attachment to physical acquisitions bestowed upon the individual and family by society.

Priests and philosophers are the founders of beliefs. On the other hand, organizations such as the Rosicrucians teach that all beliefs are taboo. That we should believe in nothing we cannot prove. Fair enough? Maybe not. Beliefs that become true and accepted are predicated upon the principles of scientific investigation. Not at all a bad thing if you are dealing with mental constructs, which are fabricated upon the foundation of precedence, peer review, and accepted methodology.

Recognize the trap? Sure you do! These are the standard-bearers of society. Nothing may become true and accepted but through the corridors of orthodoxy. This may be worthily exemplified in a truly evolved species, one beyond the limitations of personal aggrandizement and tenured (obedient) lifestyles. But here on earth it represents restriction and controlled, unnatural evolution.

Most all religions are likewise narrowly structured (with the possible exception of Tibetan Buddhism as at one time practised by the Lhasa monks before the Chinese invasion). Organised religion is designed to provide solace to the conscious mind, but ignores (by design) most completely the subconscious, spiritual nature of humanity.

The ultimate purposes of this article are to create a focal point for the resolution of the conscious and subconscious minds. To provide a vehicle for the exploration of divided

consciousness, in which the subconscious is deemed to arise out of a short duration of experience, and then dies, or decays with the physical brain. The article is designed to ferry us to the very edge of immortality and interdimensional existence. Consider it a focus for all that humanity is or ever will be. Acceptance that at this moment, with each breath, humans are all that they will ever be. It is meant to represent humanities' desire to evolve beyond the veneer of established societal definitions, too more widely formulate the potential of existence, and possibly to interact with a larger society of intelligent beings throughout many dimensions of awareness.

Our preceding discussion suggests that during the establishment of civilizations, subjective evolution develops in man up to a certain point and leaves him there, on his own, to evolve by himself. This concept was developed by P. D. Ouspensky in his various writings. Thus the belief that it is possible to arrive at the "missing link", wherein man must live and die as he was born, or degenerate and actually lose the capacity to evolve.

Let's for the moment, consider the possibility that every species in the universe may evolve, but that most modern humans are somehow prevented from fulfilling their inherent destiny. Implying that mankind is incapable of spiritual evolution, or is in some manner prevented from evolving toward immortality. There are several reasons that this may be so:

- # They don't know they have to evolve.
- # They assume they have all the answers and that they possess certain faculties already, without need of conscious development. This type person does not want to evolve because he will not "pay" or "work" for something he thinks he already possesses.
- # The price of evolution is too high to pay. Even those who know they must evolve, settle back in their easy chairs of complacency, and leave it for a tomorrow which never comes. For some, it is always easier not to think.
- # There is something in the conscious makeup of mankind that prevents or blocks the next step in their evolution.
- # Or lastly, that there is a physical anomaly in place on this earth, or nearby astronomical bodies working against the possibility of mankind evolving the next step, or new human.

The first three arguments are straightforward. The fourth suggests that man is incomplete due to a genetic flaw (imprint), or barrier being "created" at some point during his evolution

which has the sole purpose of limiting his evolution. The fifth possibility suggests that at some point in the past there was an intervention in man's evolution that limits, or resets the evolution of the human mind, preventing him from reaching the "next step." Think of this limit as the separation of consciousness, or as has been referenced in religious texts as the "fall from grace". That we are somehow caught up in a repeating pattern, or loop. Upon this anomaly, rests the thesis that man's conscious and subconscious functions may be conjoined, or focussed to permit a more universal and interdimensional awareness.

But first the *a priori* question: **Why must man evolve?**

If man is objectively studied, we are led to the inescapable conclusion that, as a species, is incomplete. This is a simple deduction. Where it not true, mankind would not be possessed of an incessant desire to evolve, to become greater than he currently finds himself to be. This yearning for completion, to become something other than he is, can be understood as latent qualities, qualities which for whatever reason, cannot now develop by themselves. A separate argument can be made that man's quest for completion has been subverted by society to physical rewards, social standing, and obedience to state. But we will address that later.

A study of all other animals, vegetables, minerals, reveals that they have completed their evolutionary expansion and now remain fixed in their expression (more on this in a later article when evolved consciousness is further discussed). Thus we are now aware that only man remains with an innate sense of incompleteness, and who seeks to do something about it (let's for the moment ignore the possibility that man may not be alone on this world, and that there may indeed be other sentient species in the same boat as humanity. Then again, there may be species outside of societal control, that have evolved beyond humans). Of all the currently recognized creatures on earth, man is seen as the Builder, or Change-Maker. Who unconsciously tries to fulfill his inner nature by changing everything around him, but the fulfillment he receives is temporal as man goes on to change again and again. And through all of this external change, fulfillment remains fleeting and transitory. All of his energy is invested in "externals", and he always falls short of expectation.

It is impossible for anyone to gain a genuine sense of completeness or wholeness by attempting to change things "outside" of themselves. Only by delving into their own consciousness is it possible to experience wholeness and perfection. This is one of the highest laws of authentic

evolution and when thoroughly understood, accelerates evolution as nothing else can.

To summarize: Man is incomplete because he lacks true self-knowledge. He does not know himself, being totally unaware of his real identity, his real purpose in life, nor his serial position in space and time, where he has come from, and where he is going. How can a man who does not know himself ever evolve? It is quite impossible. Therefore, to evolve is to gain new knowledge of oneself. And from self-knowledge, self-controlled and expanded awareness ensues.

For many centuries philosophers and scientists have unsuccessfully attempted to uncover the "missing link" or that point in evolutionary history where the evolved monkey became man. Especially since the days of Darwin have evolutionists placed a major emphasis on the origin of human life, and at what "physical" point the beast became a being taking upon itself the attributes of a human. The prevalent perception on this subject indicates that the evolutionists were on a prodigious detour away from the missing links. That the missing link will never be found physically, but that it will be found within the nature of man himself.

The missing link is a pivotal point in the evolutionary history of man. It is a point of change. A point where "pain" of some sort was experienced. It could very well have been that painful moment of dissatisfaction experienced while encountering the sometimes catastrophic forces of nature, and pre-human man's simultaneous resolution to change his present state of natural environment. This was, indeed, a psychological turning point - - a point of supreme dissatisfaction with things as they were. It was an epoch, where man had come to look upon himself as never before. What remains to be determined is whether this epoch was a negative or positive development. Certainly, if it resulted in devolution, or fall from grace, leading to modern man, then we could designate it as a negative epoch.

Again, for the sake of argument let's assume when man first became aware of himself, that it was a positive change, and that there was no barrier keeping him from full awareness of how universal and interdimensional forces interact.

However, at some point he became caught up in a repeating construct upon which an artificial linear time-line was effected. In this time repeat, when neo-man began to free himself from the subjective environment which seemingly produced him, man has continued in his attempt to free himself from bondage to subjectivity. There can be no doubt that man has gained increasing dominion over his environment, but man has not yet

gained dominion over himself, and his unified potential. The next step is a unified step beyond the limitations of his conscious perceptions of self. The central focus in so doing is to remove himself from the linear trap he finds himself bound up within, to approach what Julian Barbour (The End of Time) has described as an eternal "now", from which we string together random data creating the illusion of movement (time), and which movement we all agree to share.

The study of conjoined, or expanded consciousness teaches that man is not merely a linearly evolved corporate body to his present state. Central to human existence on this world is that we are not alone. In fact, intelligent species have evolved serially with man, interacting with and influencing the direction of his civilizations over the course of millions of years. Yes, millions - not thousands. And it is most likely that beings from interstellar civilizations have also had an influence on mankind ranging from benign observation to blatant interference.

However, consider first that, for whatever reason, human "moderns" have become a race of near-men and near-women who have never achieved adulthood or maturity. Even the most sophisticated and educated people of today are like children who masquerade in adult bodies. Humans conceive themselves to be the sum totals of their personal experiences within this time line. This implies they have, in fact, been brainwashed by their parents, religions, schools, and society. Humans have been trained since birth to fit into a certain prescribed pattern of behaviour. You have only to follow the prescribed training and gain social acceptance, and approval. Stray from the conventional training and gain society's scornful glance. As a result, we are taught that mankind has become socially-conditioned icons or facades wearing only a thin veneer of civilization over implanted primitive instincts . . . which need only the right set of circumstances to be triggered. Thus, almost all earth's people live rigid lives compressed in a tight circle of ego-centricity and self-interest.

Our argument is that at some point humans have been brainwashed into believing they are something they are not. Most certainly not bestial types, needy of our current world ruling structure. It is the artificial nature of our world governments, and society that most directly contribute to man's spiritual deficiency, and the mounting world turmoil, which will not subside doing what you've always done.

Here is precisely where this new light on the missing link can be of invaluable assistance to your immediate evolution: YOU MUST FIRST WANT TO BE DIFFERENT than what you have been taught and subsequently you accepted as truth. BUT, you will want to be

different than you are now only if you are presently dissatisfied with yourself and your world. This is the basic requirement of evolution. And it is for this reason that most have difficulty with the concept of expanded and focussed consciousness. The concept forces rejection of societal control, and requires one to consider the possibility of unrestricted existence.

Through union of the sperm and ovum it is obvious that man, on a physical basis, summarizes his entire evolutionary past during pregnancy: from the single-celled protozoa to fish to reptile to animal to man. This evolutionary pattern (what is meant by genetic memory, and is artificially programmed) is today part of everyone's subjective nature, or Id, and must be transcended for you to be free, or able to fully utilize consciousness. Conscious evolution is nothing less than the rescripting of your DNA, changing the nature of your awareness. It may be considered as correcting the epoch which set mankind upon this atypical linear path.

Many times, ancient man came to view himself as never before. Now modern humans must now come to view themselves not as human, not as a rational thinking animal, and not as a random product of accidental evolution. One of Albert Schweitzer's last statements was quoted as: "The destiny of man is to be more and more human." He was mistaken. The destiny of man is to become progressively less human and more humane, less compulsive and more creative, less instinctive and more intuitive, less material and more spiritual. Man's destiny is to always become more fully divine.

All life is the singular experience of YOUR mind. All exists in your knowing faculty or mind. If it did not, you would never know anything. This is not your human ego mind, but a single consciousness which is infinitely pervading and eternal. For convenience, it is referred to in our discourses as CONSCIOUS AND SUBCONSCIOUS MINDS. When we speak of a UNIFIED MIND, it is the bringing into focus both aspects of mind to form a single expression, or unified ego.

Isolation from the troublesome world, as some metaphysical schools teach, can never produce this focus. Nor do you have to go anywhere to experience it. You need only recognize your complete mental identity and your recognition will release this infinite power into your experience.

The origin of life is obvious: We come from MIND, we are MIND, and we shall always be MIND. Your real heritage is the unified function of Infinite Mind . . . which is birthless,

deathless, everlasting, and perfect. This mental identity is what "soul" really means.

Any great innovation that has helped make the earth a better place in which to live has always been the result of someone's intuitive perception or extrasensory thinking. It is the ability to dip into the subconscious mind that allows for all advancement. We do it all the time, but don't recognize it as such. The sad fact is, we tend to ignore its gentle urging, so much so, that we become less and less aware: more enslaved to our environments.

Knowledge of mind being the one common ancestry of all people, that point where we are interconnected, is the real answer to the tremendous racial, and religious crises prevalent in the world today. Treating people according to race or religion is meaningless because no man has any more Mind, Truth or Immortality than another. The key to a more mindful human race is for humans to seek to go beyond the appearance to the fundamental reality where all of us are ONE, and always help others to do likewise.

You are all that you will ever be right now. You are as spiritual Now as you ever will be. Infinitely perfect truth is always present and is always yours. When you really perceive this truth, you will know that abundance and prosperity literally and always surround you wherever you go.

Do not try to add substance, or anything, to your human limited consciousness; it cannot be done. You must "open" or "unify" your mind to Unlimited Consciousness where ALL already exists. Acknowledge this in your knowing and then CALL IT FORTH. Speak the Word and it shall be done.

As Francis Bacon wrote: "The universe is not to be narrowed down to the limits of the Understanding, but the Understanding must be stretched and enlarged to take in the image of the Universe as it is discovered."

Your evolution will not always be pleasant because ego, the imposed artificial image of you, will attempt to keep your True Self from emerging every inch of the way. It is true that "the Truth hurts" but it hurts only this false image of you and NOT the TRUE you. The TRUTH never hurts that within you which is TRUE or your Real Identity. Progressively knowing the TRUTH will release your True PERFECT Identity into your conscious experience and this is an ecstatic experience.

Colin Wilson has stated that man is on the verge of some sort of evolutionary leap which will make him a new sort of

creature . . . a creature of his own mind rather than one of the external world. This "leap" into consciousness is accomplished by transcending the human man-state as we are forced to live it. And ". . . It has been our inability to realize our full mental selves that has driven people insane. This is going to be a leap into sanity."

This self-transcendence is sexual and ecstatic. All ascents of consciousness are sexual, or creative, in nature. The sexually inhibited cannot evolve.

The word "ecstasy" comes from the ancient Greek word, EKSTASIS, which means "to stand out of one's self." This is what you must seek to do: To get out of your limited ego self by rare experience, and this is ultimately an ecstatic experience.

The sensation of authentic LOVE is truly the fulfilling of the Law of Evolution. He who is truly possessed of a dynamic LOVE of all mankind will incredibly accelerate his evolution and experience the "eternal order of the serial universe."

THE ULTIMATE SECRET is conversation. Conversation between your own thoughts and you. Thinking that you do so effortlessly all day long is truly the answer. Within your own mind you can, you must, and you will experience the ultimate truth of life. With this knowledge you are now ready to reveal to your own awareness your True Identity.

Life is more than a charade on a centrifuge endlessly turning round and round but never going anywhere. Life is more than the recurrence of permanently inconsequential moments. Life is more than just "one big lousy hustle." You have been taught that, but it is not real. Your revolving life patterns are artificially appended to your awareness. There is more to living than the struggle to exist. More than the giving of everything that you are for the benefit of others who enforce their standards upon you.

Life is an unending series of effortless mental movements. It is not the application of movement where there is none, nor the creation of restrictions where none exist. When you perceive this truth of your existence, all life then becomes meaningful and spontaneously directed on many levels. Let the existentialist lament the purposefulness and absurdity of the "human" life of their limited cognition, for you are now cognizing a dimensionally expanded, grander life than anyone ever dreamed possible. This is the life affirmed by the poets and momentarily experienced by the mystics.

Life should, in a sense, be one glorious moment after another . . . where you are never bored . . . and never run out of things to do. Through the unified consciousness, all artificial barriers are removed. The past, present, future - across many dimensions and time lines - is seen from the viewpoint of immortality, unrestricted mind expanding throughout all that is known, or ever will be known.

G. Lowes Dickinson once wrote: "Man is in the making: but henceforth he must make himself. To that point Nature has led him out of the primeval slime. She has given him limbs, she has given him brain, she has given him the rudiment of a soul. Now it is for him to make or mar that splendid torso. Let him look no more to her for aid; for it is her will to create one who has the power to create himself. If he fail, she fails: back goes the metal to the pot; and the great process begins anew. If he succeeds, he succeeds alone. His fate is in his own hands."

Man must thrust himself forward in the present moment, that it encompasses all moments of his immortal experience.

In order for man to "jump off" this "cosmic centrifuge" or revolving prison house of the senses and leap into reality, he must become a self-evolving non-statistical man. This non-statistical man, the unified man, will never be caught in the web of linear statistics or circumstance because he, at long last, has become totally free of the "Law of Accident." Such a man has changed his pattern of living, his societal heredity (DNA scripting), and also his physical parentage. He has truly become the architect of his destiny.

Ultimately, on this "journey into unified authentic living" you will go where no other human has ever been . . . because "human" man can never know the infinite splendours of the serial universe. As you "put on" your infinite beingness nature, you will be able to experience the joyous wonders of the ENDLESSLY UNBEGUN and UNENDING world of Reality.

The Unmeasured Majesty of Unified (Immortal) MIND is your heritage. It is YOU.

R, M. MacIver wrote in "THE CHALLENGE OF THE PASSING YEARS": "...to an immortal mind the span (of the present) would have no limit, so that our past and present and future would be one moment in its sight."

As Plato so eloquently stated: "...the true lover of knowledge is always striving after being - that is his nature; he will not rest in the multiplicity of individuals which is an appearance only, but will go on - the keen edge will not be

blunted, nor the force of his desire abate until he have attained the knowledge of the true nature of every essence by a sympathetic and kindred power in the soul, and by that power drawing near and mingling and becoming incorporate with every being, having begotten mind and truth, he will have knowledge and will live and grow truly, and then, and not til then, will he cease from his travail."

And so it is.