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The human situation

We humans are all the products of some fourteen billion years of evolution since the most recent big bang. We would not be where we are today without all these aeons of development. We can see what this means for our future as a species from two ways of mapping the whole of evolution.

First, in *The Human Phenomenon*, the scientific mystic Pierre Teilhard de Chardin visualized evolution in four stages: physical, biological, mental, and spiritual, the first three taking place within three spheres, called the hylosphere, biosphere, and noosphere, from Greek ὄλε 'matter', bios 'life', and noos 'mind', respectively. These are all nested into the Numinosphere, from Latin nūmen 'divinity', which Teilhard called *Le milieu divin*, the Contextual Centre for all our lives.

Secondly, by viewing the 13.8 billion years of evolutionary history as a single dynamical system, we can use the amazingly simple equations of nonlinear mathematics to show that evolution's major turning points correspond to bifurcations in chaos theory, forming an infinite geometric series of diminishing terms that terminates at evolution’s Accumulation Point, sometimes called a Singularity in time, happening right now.

What these two evolutionary models show is that we live at unprecedented times. The certainties that have governed our lives and human affairs during the patriarchal epoch are no longer applicable. If we are to realize our fullest potential as a species in the next few decades, we need to find quite new ways of educating our children and managing our business affairs, which is well understood by a growing number of people today.

Most significantly, as studying evolution as a coherent whole crosses disciplinary and cultural boundaries, we need to view the entire Cosmos as an information system, applying the abstract modelling methods of information systems architects to provide the coordinating framework. We can then view the Universe in the primal terms of *structure, form, relationship*, and *meaning*, showing that structure-forming relationships are causal and energetic, whether they be psychospiritual or physical.

From such a transcultural, transdisciplinary vantage point, we can define holistic evolution in this way: *Evolution is an accumulative process*...
of divergence and convergence, proceeding in an accelerating, exponential fashion by synergistically creating meaningful wholes that are greater than the sum of the immediately preceding wholes through the new forms and relationships that emerge, apparently out of nothing.

**The blindness of evolution**

But it is only during the past couple of centuries that evolution has begun to become conscious of itself, enabling such a sentence to be written. For most of the entire period of hologenesis, evolution has been blind, as beings have been born who have not had the self-awareness to understand what was happening to them.

During hylogenesis, for instance, the stars and galaxies that were born and died could not see themselves within the overall scheme of things. In particular, the Sun does not know that it is presently around the middle of its lifespan of some ten billion years, a tiny finite number from a mathematical perspective. At the other end of the scale, physicists tell us that most of the elements that are constituents in our bodies were born through a process of nucleosynthesis in stars, some in the death throes of massive stars, which we observe as supernovae from here on Earth.

Following the formation of the Sun and the Earth, evolution stepped up a level, gradually moving from hylogenesis to biogenesis, as its predominant mode. This transition process took about a billion years, culminating around three and a half billion years ago in the birth of the first self-reproducing forms of life, consisting of complex molecules, constructed from elements formed in the stars.

As an example of evolutionary convergence in the biosphere, holistic biologists tell us that multicellular organisms, like our bodies, evolved from single-cell organisms about 1.4 billion years ago through symbiogenesis. This momentous turning point led to the emergence of ever more complex organisms, which we see in the beautiful diversity of the species all around us, culminating in the species we rather presumptuously call *Homo sapiens* ‘wise human’.

**Birth of Self-reflective Intelligence**

The birth of humanity led evolution to step up to a third level, moving from biogenesis to noogenesis. This transition period seems to have begun between 25,000 to 40,000 years ago, when our forebears were given the
great gift of Self-reflective Intelligence, the Divine quality that distinguishes humans from the other animals and machines, like computers. This essential capability came to light so that one day evolution could become fully conscious of itself within our species, just as is happening today.

But before this could happen, we humans needed to build up a great body of knowledge, doing our best to learn how to deal with our practical affairs and about our place within the Cosmos. At first, our ancestors were like infants in adult bodies, with little cognitive understanding of what it means to be a human being. Most significantly, they could feel the Presence and Power of the Divine, but humanity’s ability to see patterns—essential for learning and concept formation—were not sufficiently developed to make sense of this innate, primal experience.

This difficulty became acute around 5,000 years ago, when the noosphere became fully established with the dawn of history and the birth of writing in signs and symbols. At about this time, the comparatively peaceful Great Mother epoch was transformed into the conflict-ridden patriarchal epoch, with great civilizations fighting within and between themselves, as we humans struggled to make sense of our lives.

These troubles were exacerbated when a deep split opened up in the collective human psyche, most notably between East and West in these initial civilizations. We can contrast the Sumerians living in Mesopotamia with the Rishis living in the Indus valley. All would have had a pristine view of the night sky, unsullied by the light pollution most of us suffer from today, but they developed quite differently.

On the one hand, the Babylonians gazed at the stars in wonderment, finding many patterns in what at first sight looks like a bewildering muddle, thus founding the science of astronomy, often called astrophysics today. On the other hand, the Rishis ignored the night sky and looked inwards, discovering an utterly different Universe, one in which there is no division between humanity and Divinity.

This split led to the organized religions that became established during the patriarchal epoch to develop in quite different ways. In the West, the Abrahamic religions, originating in the Middle East, regarded God as other, with a deep split between Divinity and humanity, between the Creator and the created. Accordingly, these religions developed various cultural immortality symbols to appease their followers’ existential fears
of death. On the other hand, the religions that spread out from the Indus Valley realized that such fears could be dissolved by living in union with the Immortal Ground of Being that we all share, leading to Nirvana ‘extinction’, a paradisical space, free of conflict and suffering.

**Invention of computer**

This dichotomy came to a head in the late 1940s, when mathematicians, scientists, and engineers invented the stored-program computer, with the apparent potential to develop artificial general intelligence, exceeding any level of intelligence that we humans might aspire to attain. This invention marked the most significant change in human learning since our forebears began to make cutting tools from pieces of flint.

For the computer is a machine quite unlike any other tool that the Homo genus has invented during the past two thousand millennia. Unlike the flint axe, wheel, printing press, telescope, steam engine, and telephone, for instance, which extend our rather limited physical abilities, the computer is a tool of thought, able to extend the human mind, even in some cases replacing it.

The invention of the computer raises a fundamental existential question, “What does it truly mean to be a human being?” Scientists working within the mechanistic paradigm that became established during the first scientific revolution in the 1600s believe that while human potential is limited, it is quite possible to build machines with superintelligence, effectively making humanity redundant in the workplace.

For instance, Hans Moravec forecast in *Robot* that robots “could replace us in every essential task and, in principle, operate our society increasingly well without us.” Martin Rees, former President of the Royal Society, picked up this viewpoint by writing in *Our Final Century: Will the Human Race Survive the Twenty-first Century?*, “A superintelligent machine could be the last invention that humans need ever make.” And again, Stephen Hawking told the BBC in 2014, “The development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race.”

Scientists make such assertions because religion, science, and business conspire to stultify our innate Self-reflective Intelligence, essentially out of the fear of God. This is a very ancient fear, recorded in the *Bhagavad Gita*. When Krishna showed Arjuna the Ultimate Cosmic Vision—“all the manifold forms of the universe united as one”—Arjuna said, “I rejoice
in seeing you as you have never been seen before, yet I am filled with fear by this vision of you as the abode of the universe.”

Abraham Maslow called our fear of realizing our fullest potential as Divine, Cosmic beings, which many of us glimpse in our most perfect moments, the Jonah Syndrome. Not only this. We also turn our fears on to others, attempting to inhibit them as we do ourselves, which Maslow called ‘counter valuing.’

The overall effect of this cultural conditioning is that the blindness of evolution has continued even within the noosphere. For while Consciousness is Universal Light, Self-reflective Intelligence is the eyesight of Consciousness. So by suppressing Intelligence, we manage our business affairs and live our lives in darkness—at best awakening to a new dawn—with little understanding of what is causing us to behave as we do.

Such behaviour patterns also lead to much existential fear, which can only pass away when we live in union with the Divine, when we realize that such fears are based on a false sense of identity. And when this happens, there is nothing to prevent us from realizing our fullest potential as human beings, rising far above the level of our machines, which then become our servants rather than our masters, as they often are today.

**Our transition times**

That is essentially what is happening to humanity at the present time, despite many appearances to the contrary. We are currently in a transition period between what we can call the mental-egoic age (the self-centred me-epoch, focused on conflict and competition) and the age of universal spirituality (the socially-centred us-epoch, focused on peace and cooperation). In terms of Teilhard’s evolutionary model, the third stage is currently evolving into the fourth, when evolution’s primary divergent tendencies become transformed into convergence, as evolution heads towards its Glorious Culmination at the end of time in the Age of Light.

In rigorous scientific terms—viewing the whole of evolution as a dynamical system—the following diagram shows that the infinite geometric series of major evolutionary turning points has reached its Accumulation Point. Like any other system in chaos theory, the evolutionary system disintegrates into chaos, with a few oases of self-similar order nestling deep within the turbulence. A dripping tap is another example of a dynamical system, which reaches its accumulation point when it is turned full on.
That is what we are witnessing in the world today. The evolutionary tap is now turned full on; there are no more major evolutionary turning points to be detected. Because evolution is still mostly blind, the entire infrastructure of society is currently in a state of utter confusion. We see this not only in the war zones around the world, but also in the political turmoil in the USA and Europe and in the long-running war between theists and atheists, people who believe and don’t believe in the existence of God. Agnostics don’t know what to believe, while Gnostics do not need to believe, knowing the Divine through direct experience.

**Accelerating conscious evolution**

Because of the blindness of evolution over the years, the education and economic systems that govern our lives are out of touch with Reality, leading to fragmented, split, and deluded minds, unable to resolve the immense challenges facing humanity today, with or without computers.

In 1859, Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species* was published, describing how biological species evolve from preceding ones, postulating a theory of natural selection to explain why some species survive and others do not. But there is no mention in this book about where species actually originate. As Richard Dawkins pointed out in *The Blind Watchmaker* in 2004, biogenesis is blind, as is noogenesis, for the most part.

It was not until 1957 that Julian Huxley, author of *Evolution: The Modern Synthesis*, could see that “the Universe is becoming conscious of
itself, able to understand something of its past history and its possible future.” As he said in an essay titled ‘Transhumanism’, by “destroying the ideas and the institutions that stand in the way of our realizing our possibilities”, we could understand human nature, what it truly means to be a human being. We could thereby transcend our limitations, fulfilling our highest potential as spiritual beings, living in mystical ecstasy, free from the suffering that has plagued humanity through the millennia.

In 1998, Barbara Marx Hubbard took up the baton with her book *Conscious Evolution*, defining conscious evolution as the “quest to understand the processes of developmental change”, a new worldview that is the opening of the next stage of human development, “the second great event in the history of the universe”, the first being the most recent big bang which supposedly brought it into existence.

However, the evolutionaries, as they call themselves, are still being constrained by their cultural conditioning. As this is the result of blind evolution, which has led our global society into the chaotic mess it is in today, we have no choice but to open up to Total Freedom, starting afresh at the very beginning—at the Divine Origin of the Cosmos.

**Harmonizing evolutionary convergence**

It is the central purpose of the Alliance for Mystical Pragmatics to assist with this awakening, liberating, and healing process as much as possible. We intend to cocreate a nourishing open space where it is safe to question the cultural beliefs and assumptions that our parents, teachers, and priests passed on to us as children so that the next generations are not burdened by evolution’s past blindness.

In this nurturing social environment, mysticism will no longer be a mystery. For the Alliance will demonstrate through its publications and practices that it is quite possible to experientially form the concept of the Formless Absolute in exactly the same way as we map the relativistic world of form through physical, mathematical, and psychological concepts, for instance, dispelling millennia of troubled perplexity.

We shall thus be able to rebuild science and business on our deepest spiritual experiences—free of the sense of a separate self—knowing that our ultimate destiny as a species is dependent on us harmonizing evolutionary convergence, the Alliance’s motto. For *pragmatics* derives from Greek *pragmatikos* ‘business-like, versed in affairs’, from *pragma*
‘deed, action’, also root of *practical*. So we can regard pragmatics as the science or study of our practical business affairs.

In these practical terms, we envisage the Alliance as a network of networking networks, with as many individuals and organizations who wish to join us working harmoniously together with a single purpose: World Peace through the integration of three great global movements, Spiritual Renaissance, Scientific Revolution, and Sharing Economy.

However, the energy that we need for this great transformation of culture and consciousness cannot come from the past, from a long cause-and-effect chain stretching backwards into the mists of time, to what Aristotle called the ‘Unmoved Mover’ and Thomas Aquinas called ‘God’. If we are to become free of our mechanistic conditioning, cocreating social structures that have never been seen before, the energies can only come directly from the Origin of the Universe, as this diagram illustrates, the bubbles corresponding to the four global movements that the Alliance is seeking to coordinate, depicted on the front cover.

The mystical worldview
To understand how evolution can free us of its blindness, we need to change the meaning of the word *Universe*, which derives from Latin *universus* ‘whole, entire’, from *unus* ‘one’ and *vertere* ‘to turn’. But what physicists call *universe* is very far from turning the entire world of form into a coherent whole.

As people discover when they engage in self-inquiry, there is a
vast world beyond our physical senses, which we can most simply call *Consciousness*, from Latin *cum* ‘together with’ and *scīre* ‘to know’, cognate with *science*, or *Satchitānanda* in Sanskrit, ‘Bliss of Absolute Truth and Consciousness’. So when the creative power of Life and the Logos teaches us how to integrate all knowledge into a coherent whole—thereby healing our fragmented minds—our individual consciousness expands and deepens to such an extent that it becomes coterminous with the Totality of Existence, embracing both the psychospiritual and physical.

From this Holoramic ‘Whole-seeing’ perspective, we can see that the entire relativistic world of form emerges from the Formless Absolute—as the Divine Datum of the Cosmos—like waves and currents on and beneath the surface of an ocean, never separate from the ocean itself. This union of form and Formlessness is the Ocean of Consciousness, the centre of which is Love, the Divine Essence we all share, providing the Cosmic Context for all beings in the Universe, including all of us human beings.

The other metaphor we can use for Consciousness is Light, which is not like the diffuse light of the Sun or a light bulb. Rather, it is more like the coherent light of a laser, enabling us to view the Cosmos holographically, like a fractal, possessing the property of self-similarity in all its constituents. As this diagram illustrates, the Coherent Light of Consciousness radiates directly from the black hole at the centre of the Ocean of Consciousness. This is the Origin of the Universe, the Divine Source of Life, giving rise to all forms in the manifest universe.

We all share this mystical worldview, no matter what culture we are born in, which specialist discipline we study, or which occupation we engage in in the workplace. For instance, Vivekananda wrote in *Raja Yoga*: “Everything that has form, everything that is the result of combination, is evolved out of this *Akasha*. … Just as *Akasha* is the infinite, omnipresent material of this universe, so is this *Prana* the infinite, omnipresent manifesting power of this universe.”

The word *Akasha* derives from Sanskrit Ākāsha, corresponding to
Greek *aither* ‘pure, fresh air’, in Latin *æther*, “the pure essence where the gods lived and which they breathed”, which is *quintessence*, the fifth element. This transformation of the traditional western worldview is central to the great revolution in science taking place today, which the systems philosopher Ervin Laszlo calls the ‘Akashic paradigm’, using *Akasha* to refer to the Universal Quantum Field.

**The Hidden Harmony**

However, recognizing that Consciousness is Ultimate Reality is not sufficient for evolution to become fully conscious of itself within us human beings. For it were, it would not be necessary to set up the Alliance for Mystical Pragmatics. There are already many individuals and organizations living within the mystical worldview, albeit adhering to the unsustainable materialistic, mechanistic, and monetary worldview for practical purposes.

What the Alliance is uniquely offering is the transformation from conflict-ridden, either-or thinking to a cooperative, both-and way of life, based on the ability to see both sides of any situation. Heraclitus of Ephesus called the latter the *Hidden Harmony*, writing in the few fragments that have survived, “The Hidden Harmony is better than the obvious” and “Opposition brings concord; out of discord comes the fairest harmony.”

In contrast, Aristotle said in *Metaphysics*, “It is impossible for the same attribute at once to belong and not to belong to the same thing and in the same relation … as some imagine Heraclitus says,” a statement known as the Law of Contradiction, sending Western thought into the evolutionary cul-de-sac that it finds itself in today.

For paradoxes and self-contradictions abound in the dual and dualistic world in which we live our daily lives. So if we reject them from our conceptual models of the Universe because they make us feel uncomfortable or because they make deductive reasoning invalid, we inevitably live in delusion and our cognitive maps lead us dangerously astray.

Another name for the Hidden Harmony is the *Principle of Unity*, which states *Wholeness is the union of all opposites*, which can be both complementary and contradictory. There is often a primary-secondary relationship between pairs of opposites, as Hegel recognized. If A is the thesis and not-A is the antithesis, then A is the synthesis.

This irrefutable, universal truth provides the keystone for the mystical
worldview, depicted in this diagram. The fundamental law of the Universe thus explains how the world of form is being continuously created from the Formless Absolute through bifurcations, which are reunified in Nondual Wholeness when evolution becomes fully conscious of itself at the end of time.

**The two dimensions of time**

Such a reunification is particularly important at the present time, as evolution accelerates through its Accumulation Point towards its Glorious Culmination in the Age of Light. As Shakyamuni Buddha discovered with his three marks of being, no structures in the Universe are permanent and if we do not accept this fundamental law of the Universe by becoming free of the sense of a separate self, we shall inevitably suffer.

This universal principle applies not only to our bodies. It also applies to civilizations, the global economy, *Homo sapiens*, and even our beautiful planet, known as Mother Earth. This diagram provides a schematic of the life-and-death processes all structures follow in their lifespans, which Joseph Campbell called the ‘Cosmogonic Cycle’ in *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*. The left-hand side shows the familiar S-shape of the evolutionary learning curve, while the right-hand side shows its complementary opposite. In human terms, this is an involutionary, psychological dying process, as spiritual seekers consciously return Home to the Nonmanifest, living peacefully in union with the Nondual Divine.

It might appear from that diagram that our lives take place through time. But this is an illusion. Indeed, the entire fourteen billion years of blind evolution is illusory, called *māyā* in the East. This means that we can only fully wake up by turning the mechanistic horizontal dimension of time ninety degrees into the vertical, recognizing that only the Eternal Now is Reality, as the next diagram illustrates.
Such a radical transformation of consciousness lies at the heart of what Eckhart Tolle, author of *The Power of Now*, calls *A New Earth*. For, as he says in this latter book, “We are a species that has lost its way,” concluding this inspirational book with these words: “A new species is arising on the planet. It is arising now, and you are it!” But this species is not a biological one. It is a spiritual species, as *Homo noeticus*, from the me-epoch, becomes *Homo divinus*, our True Nature, in the us-epoch.

**Global movements**

We live in a multicultural world, which is becoming increasingly intermingled, leading to much tension, sometimes exploding in barbaric violence. Even within just one culture—Western civilization—there is a growing awareness that with the unprecedented rate of evolutionary change we are experiencing today, we cannot continue any longer with traditional ways of living our lives and running our business affairs.

Many millions of individuals and thousands of organizations have been addressing these critical issues during the past few decades. But because of the divergent tendencies of evolution and the way that the habits of the past hold a tight grip on our learning and behaviour, these groups are not yet working harmoniously together, aware that technological development cannot drive economically growth for very much longer.

As evolution becomes increasingly conscious of itself within us humans, in this section we explore the key features of four great global movements unfolding today, with the goal of helping all those involved to see their activities in a broader, deeper context. With such self-understanding, grounded in the blissful experience of the Divine, we could harmoniously work together with a common purpose, transforming today’s Information, Knowledge, and Wisdom Society into the eschatological Mystical Society—the Age of Light—as this diagram illustrates:
In the next section on the Alliance’s projects, we look more at people and institutions than ideas, for human progress or lack of it comes more from who we know than what we know.

**World Peace**

World Peace arises from Inner Peace, which we realize when we implicitly or explicitly live in harmony with the Principle of Unity. For being able to see both sides of any situation is a clear sign of Self-reflective Intelligence in action.

This means going beyond hope and despair, optimism and pessimism. For, as the peace-worker James O’Dea has asked, “Can you hold both the meaning of the nightmare and the signs of our collective awakening—because the only way to get a grip on reality is to see that it is indivisible, reflected in both the shadow and the light, the bitter and the sweet.”

The basic reason for our global predicament is that the egoic mind tends to identify itself with one of a pair of opposites, rejecting the other, losing touch with our Authentic Self, which is Formless, Nondual Wholeness. As a consequence, virtually every field of human endeavour is grievously compromised, from mathematics, science, and medicine, through philosophy and religion, to politics and business, most obvious in people’s belief that God is on their side when nations go to war.

Extricating ourselves from what William Blake aptly called our ‘mind-forged manacles’ is a two-step process. First, we realize that there is a primary-secondary relationship between Nonduality and the dual world of form, living in union with the Divine, the essence of today’s Spiritual Renaissance.

Secondly, recognizing that conflicts are bound to arise in the relativistic world of duality, when they do, we use our Self-reflective Intelligence to come back to Nondual Peace as soon as possible, looking at both sides of any dispute, free of egoic attachment to the outcome. There are thus no moral imperatives in a world that is at Peace with itself.

So, as Bodhisattvas in Mahayana Buddhism well know, no one can be fully awakened until everyone is; there is no individual enlightenment. As Thich Nhat Hanh has foreseen, the next Buddha—as Maitreya, the ‘Loving one’—can only be a community or global sangha, rather than an individual, practising mindful living, conscious of how the mind functions through Self-reflective Intelligence.
Of course, there is actually no ‘how’ for World Peace, which is Timeless, beyond past and future, revealed through evolutionary and involutionary processes in the vertical dimension of time. Nevertheless, for practical purposes, we live in the horizontal dimension of time, from where the Alliance must inevitably function.

**Spiritual renaissance**

The essence of the Spiritual Renaissance taking place in the West today is that an increasing number of spiritual seekers are realizing that they live in union with the Divine. This is in contrast to what the Abrahamic religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam teach, for they all assert that there is a great gulf between the Creator and created that can never be bridged.

Specifically, these monotheistic religions distance humanity from the Transcendent Absolute, whose existence they acknowledge, providing the Cosmic Context for all our lives. Accordingly, it is a cultural taboo to affirm, “I am Love,” which is our Authentic Self, the Immanent Divine Essence that we all share.

To avoid charges of heresy and blasphemy, “Even the mystics of Jewish and Christian tradition who seek to find their identity in God often are careful to acknowledge the abyss that separates them from their divine Source,” Elaine Pagels tells us. One who didn’t was Meister Eckhart, the pre-eminent Christian mystic, who said, “The eye with which I see God is the same as that with which he sees me.” Another who didn’t was the popular Sufi poet Rumi, who beautifully said, “Love is the sea of not-being and there intellect drowns.”

In contrast, the Rishis who wrote the *Upanishads* realized that Brahman and Atman—as the Absolute and Self, respectively—are One, declaring *Tat tvam asi* ‘You are That.’ It is not surprising therefore that many are turning to the East to find spiritual fulfilment, realizing that none of us is separate from the Divine for an instant.

This is of the utmost practical importance, for when we feel separate from our Immortal Ground of Being, existential fear of death can arise, grievously affecting our behaviour patterns. For instance, all the holy wars—wars about the Whole—which are still ravaging society, are a direct result of this deep split between humanity and the Divine.

Most particularly, this schism prevents us from dealing intelligently
with the imminent death of the global economy and eventually *Homo sapiens*. That is why stimulating the Spiritual Renaissance is absolutely essential. For, as Shakyamuni Buddha said on his deathbed, “Behold, O monks, this is my last advice to you. All component things in the world are perishable. They are not lasting. Strive on with diligence.”

**Scientific revolution**

The essence of today’s revolution in science is twofold. First, scientists are beginning to realize that fundamental problems in astrophysics and quantum physics can only be resolved by recognizing that Consciousness provides the Contextual Foundation for all our lives. Secondly, many can see and feel, as evolution accelerates inexorably towards Wholeness, that no beings in the Universe are ever separate from any other, including the Supreme Being.

To establish these fundamental facts of existence as sound science, we turn what is called ‘science’ today outside in and upside down, focusing attention on inner rather than outer space. For our minds create our reality, and hence our behaviour, not the other way round. First, to put Western civilization back on its feet—for today it is standing on its head—we map the Cosmic Psyche by applying Self-reflective Intelligence in self-inquiry. Secondly, we become engaged in a contextual inversion, as this diagram illustrates, rather than a paradigm change or shift, returning Western science to Reality and the Truth.

This is similar to the Copernican revolution, when Johannes Kepler proved mathematically that the planets ‘circle’ the Sun in ellipses, as they had been doing for four and a half billion years, contrary to the beliefs of the Aristotelians and Christians in the Middle Ages. In today’s heliocentric revolution, we recognize that the Coherent Light of Consciousness exists in Eternity as Ultimate Reality.
The Cosmic Context, Gnostic Foundation, and coordinating framework for this final revolution in science is *Integral Relational Logic* (IRL), the holographic art and science of thought and consciousness that we all implicitly use everyday to form concepts and organize our ideas in tables and semantic networks or mathematical graphs. This transcultural, transdisciplinary self-inclusive way of mapping the Cosmos has come into being in exactly the same way as the Universe emerges from our Divine Source—in the vertical dimension of time.

Regarding the horizontal dimension, this coherent system of reason has evolved from the abstract modelling methods that underlie the Internet, taking mathematical logic and universal and abstract algebra, which have evolved from Plato, Aristotle, and Euclid, to their utmost levels of generality. Integral Relational Logic is thus a nonaxiomatic, nondeductive science of the mind, which lies beneath the foundations of mathematics, as they have been understood since the early twentieth century.

In turn, Integral Relational Logic provides the system of coordinates for all knowledge, as the *Unified Relationships Theory* (URT), or *Panosophy*, the complete unification of science, philosophy, and religion, and of all sciences and humanities, consummating the sacred marriage of science and spirituality. Panosophy is thus the solution to the ultimate problem of human learning, which physicists call the theory of everything, erroneously believing that the physical universe, as just one per cent of the Cosmos, constitutes the Totality of Existence.

Integral Relational Logic—as the unification of mystical psychology and holographic mathematical logic—is thus the primary science, mapping and unifying all disciplines of learning, including itself, as this diagram illustrates.

**Sharing economy**

Having realized that none of us is separate from the Divine, Nature, or anyone else for an instant, we can invoke the social movements of Spiritual Renaissance and Scientific Revolution to cocreate the life-enhancing Sharing Economy, giving everyone on Earth the opportunity to realize
their fullest potential as human beings.

The Sharing Economy is so-named because we all share the same Genuine Identity as the Cosmic Divine, being governed by the Principle of Unity—the Hidden Harmony. For identity derives from Latin idem ‘same’. Furthermore, information in today’s Information Society has properties that are quite different from commodities. When a teacher gives information to her pupils, nothing is exchanged; they share knowledge, unlike goods we exchange for money in supermarkets, for instance. So in the eschatological Age of Light, we realize that in Reality there is no doership, or indeed ownership, as Advaita sages, like Ramesh S. Balsekar, former president of the Bank of India, have taught and teach.

However, this realization is not easy while people are preoccupied with their livelihoods within the economic machine, believing that money is a commodity with value. To effectively deal with humanity’s challenges, we urgently need to establish a work ethic where spiritual awakening and psychological development have top priority, with trade being of secondary importance. This radical change in how we live our daily lives would enable us to recognize that the biggest threats to our health, well-being, and survival as a species are our fear and ignorance, rather than economic collapse, peak oil, rapid climate change, global water crisis, population growth, and species extinction, for instance. A society based on fear rather than Love is not sustainable.

As well as changing the way we work, we also need a radically new, bipartisan system of governance, which the ecophilosopher Henryk Skolimowski appropriately calls Lumenarchy ‘rule through Divine Light’. We can see the increasing ungovernability of society in the polarization of political conservatism or ‘neo-liberalism’ and liberalism, from Latin liber ‘free’. Yet, while conservatism is a natural state, called homeostasis ‘same state’ in systems theory, it is not a viable option at these times of accelerating rates of change. As the world of learning is much fragmented and deluded, even democracies are not viable, for they are as tyrannous as the despots they seek to replace.

**Alliance projects**

In its capacity as a coordinating catalyst, the Alliance will engage in a number of clearly defined projects, corresponding to the four global
movements unfolding in the world today. At the heart of all these projects is the realization that none of us is ever separate from the Divine, Nature, or any other being for an instant. As apparently separate individuals, we are all cells in the body politic, like cells in our bodies, all serving the organism as a whole, aware of the environment we all share.

One consequence of the widespread sense of separation is that Western civilization, in particular, is based on seven pillars of unwisdom, misconceptions of God, Universe, Life, humanity, money, justice, and reason. So one of the Alliance’s major activities will be to rebuild the last 5,000 years of learning on the seven pillars of wisdom, as this table summarizes, the colours corresponding to the four global movements unfolding today.

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The activities of the Alliance will be coordinated through four projects, matching the four global movements. The principal project is Project Heraclitus, with the motto ‘Revealing the Hidden Harmony’, whose purpose is to transform the seventh pillar of unwisdom into that of wisdom, absolutely essential to bring about World Peace.

In turn, Project Heraclitus will be organized into three subprojects, Project Agape, Project Aditi, and Project Arjuna, matching the three global movements of Spiritual Renaissance, Scientific Revolution, and Sharing Economy, with the mottos ‘Healing the split’, ‘Awakening Self-reflective Intelligence’, and ‘Transcending the divisiveness of money’, respectively.

Project Agape reflects the Greek word *agape*, used by Christian writers in the New Testament to mean ‘Divine Love’, sometimes translated ‘charity’, akin to Buddhist compassion (*karunā*). *Aditi* is the Divine Matrix, a symbol for Consciousness, as the mother of the Universe in the *Rig Veda*. In turn, *Arjuna* was the spiritual warrior in the Hindu classic
Bhagavad Gita, invoking time-honoured, both-and spiritual practices to deal intelligently with conflict-ridden, either-or politics.

Now while the purpose of these projects to help humanity complete the transition from the conflict-ridden patriarchal epoch into the harmonious Age of Light, this does not mean that the Mystical Society is destined to live forever. Ignoring evolutionary considerations, let us say that Homo sapiens could survive for another $10^n$ years, where $n$ could be 1, 2, 3, or even 9, a little less than the length of time in years before the Sun turns into a red giant and white dwarf in some five to six billion years time. From a Cosmic perspective, it makes little difference what the value of $n$ might be. This number is minuscule within the overall scheme of things.

To determine the most likely value for $n$, scientists and philosophers have identified a host of existential risks that threaten our survival as a biological species, in addition to the delusions that govern our lives. For instance, John Leslie and Nick Bostrom—director of the Future of Humanity Institute—have calculated the relative probabilities of $n = 2$, 3, and 6 using Bayes’ theorem, indicating that the probability of a smaller value for $n$ is higher than we would like to contemplate.

For instance, in The End of the World, Leslie compares extinction by 2150 ($n = 2.13$) with the end of the human race in a thousand or million years’ time ($n = 3$ or 6). His calculations give the probability of extinction within a few generations as 50% and 99.9%, respectively. The relative probabilities that Homo sapiens will become extinct in the next century or
two is far higher than humanity will survive for a million years and about
the same as it surviving for a thousand. As a US study in 2015 showed,
Earth is entering a new mass extinction phase, with humankind being
one of the most endangered species on the planet.

This prognosis provides the *raison d’être* for the Alliance for Mystical
Pragmatics. Recognizing that no more than five further generations of
*Homo sapiens* are likely to be born is a little like being told that we have
just five months to live in our bodies. If we are not prepared for death,
knowing that death is an illusion and that our Authentic Self—in union
with the Immortal Ground of Being—never dies, we shall inevitably suffer
terribly.

But before our species becomes extinct, Western civilization and
the other major cultures of the patriarchal epoch will need to die if the
children born in 2016 are to have a reasonable chance of growing old
enough to have children of their own, never mind grandchildren and
great grandchildren. And we have no more than five years to start to
collectively rebuild the infrastructure of society during the next decade.

This might seem like an impossible, Utopian dream. But there is still
just a chance that this miracle could come about, to a significant extent,
at least. René Thom’s topological catastrophe theory, introduced in
*Structural Stability and Morphogenesis: An Outline of a General Theory of
Models*, shows that the transformation of structures can be both gradual
and sudden. An example is climate change.

In terms of mental structures, such rapid changes can come about
through apocalyptic kundalini awakenings. For, as Muktananda wrote in
*Kundalini: The Secret of Life*, kundalini “doesn’t create this universe the
way a human being builds a house, using different kinds of materials and
remaining different from those materials. She creates the universe out of
Her own being, and it is She Herself who becomes this universe.”

Furthermore, *apocalypse* derives from Greek *apokaluptein* ‘to uncover’
or ‘to reveal’, from the prefix *apo* ‘from, away’ and *kaluptra* ‘veil’. So
*apocalypse* literally means ‘drawing the veil away from’, indicating the
disclosure of something hidden from the mass of humanity: the Principle
of Unity, the key to World Peace.

Today, people all over the world are waking up as evolution becomes
increasingly conscious of itself, whether suddenly or gradually. So if the
creative power of Life could help us to harmonize evolutionary convergence, we still have a slight chance of adapting to our rapidly changing environment, evolution having passed through its Accumulation Point.

**Project Heraclitus, ‘Revealing the Hidden Harmony’**

While the Hidden Harmony is buried at the utmost depth of the Cosmic Psyche, it has occasionally revealed itself in the consciousness of those born within Western civilization. For instance, Nicholas of Cusa, a Christian mystic and Catholic cardinal, discovered this irrefutable, universal truth in the fifteenth century, introducing the term *coincidentia oppositorum* ‘coincidence of opposites’ as a way of approaching the Divine.

Then in the twentieth century, Carl Gustav Jung, much influenced by the alchemists and Cusanus, well understood that unifying opposites is the key to sound mental health, calling syzygy the androgynous union of *anima* and *animus*, at the heart of his psychospiritual goal of individuation—the development of an undivided being in Wholeness.

In the case of the Alliance’s founder, the Hidden Harmony was revealed to Paul around midsummer 1980, following a eureka moment on 27th April that year, when he realized that the exponential rate of change in society is being caused by accumulative and synergistic mental energies.

Having been educated as a mathematician, the initial formulation was influenced by set theory and the principle of duality in projective geometry. This was evolution’s way to become free of its blind, sleeprunning past—starting afresh at the very beginning in order to reach its Omega Point, which it did two years later.

For the Hidden Harmony enables us to resolve the tensions that arise in our dualistic world in Nonduality, where Love and Peace are to be found. However, such a harmonious way of life also requires us to make radical changes to axiomatic mathematical logic, which George Boole founded in 1854 in *Laws of Thought*, leading to the invention of the computer a century later.

Like the linearity of Western thought, programs in computers execute instructions sequentially, albeit in many parallel threads in modern multi-headed central processing units, collectively collaborating in networks, such as Facebook and Twitter. However, the world we live in is highly complex, not just linear. It is more like the Internet, whose underlying structure is a multidimensional network of hierarchical relationships.
The Hidden Harmony is also the Cosmic Equation, which is a theorem in mathematical logic that cannot be proven to be true from any set of axioms. As such, it is the equation that Einstein spent the last thirty years of his life seeking to find at the heart of his unified field theory. It is the simple, elegant, all-encompassing equation that can explain everything, the key that opens the innermost secrets of the Universe.

However, the Principle of Unity and Integral Relational Logic cannot be taught because of the way that they have come into existence. To overcome this problem, it will be the object of Project Heraclitus to demonstrate them in action in the endeavours of the Alliance.

In this practical manner, what is implicit in the minds of everyone could become explicit, enabling evolution to become fully conscious of itself and the Alliance to fulfil its mission to bring about World Peace by ending the long-running war between science and religion.

**Project Agape, ‘Healing the split’**

The first pillar of unwisdom, which denies humanity’s Divinity, is perhaps the most intractable, influencing the minds of billions of people in the world today, despite their deepest experiences, which affirm the truth of the first pillar of wisdom. The greatest challenge we face as a species is that the belief that God is other has become institutionalized within the organized Abraham religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, to which over half the global population adhere.

At the other end of the spectrum of consciousness, a growing number of spiritual teachers of Nonduality are attracting followers who seek to live in union with the Divine, where true love, peace, joy, and happiness are to be found, free of the existential fear of death.

So what is urgently needed is for all such spiritual seekers to come together, heretically declaring, “I am Love” and “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last,” the Divine Essence of Wholeness. We could then be called Catholics, from Greek *katholikos* ‘universal’, from *kata* ‘in respect of’ and *ólos* ‘whole’.

This is absolutely essential, for if the exoteric religions cannot assimilate the first pillar of wisdom into their theologies, it is doubtful if humankind will survive until the end of the century. This could happen when they assimilate the esoteric wisdom in their midst, such as that of the Kabbalists and Sufis in Judaism and Islam, respectively. The Christian churches have
been far more effective in suppressing the Truth that sets us free, there being no generic term for Christian mystics, who we can call Gnostics.

**Project Aditi, ‘Awakening Self-reflective Intelligence’**

Like the first pillar of unwisdom, the next three have become institutionalized in scientific and educational establishments, such as the Royal Society of London for Improving Natural Knowledge, incorporated with this title in 1663. Twenty-two years earlier, Jan Ámos Komenský (Comenius), known as the ‘father of modern education’, was invited to set up a Pansophic College in London. The principal purpose of this Academy of Universal Wisdom and Light was to teach all things to all men and women, at all ages and levels of ability, unifying religion and science, as they were understood at that time.

The Pansophic College did not take off because of the English civil war, but it did evolve into an ‘Invisible College’, ostensibly the precursor to the Royal Society, its website tells us. However, the founders of this august body ignored the Pansophic College, opening up a deep split between science and spirituality. Today, just three per cent of fellows are specialists in the cognitive sciences, despite psychology being the primary science.

As Panosophy is the Theory of Everything that integrates all sciences and humanities into a coherent whole, the Alliance for Mystical Pragmatics intends to resurrect the principles underlying Comenius’ Pansophic College, as a school for autodidacts. By recognizing that Consciousness is all there is, we shall then be able to answer a host of unanswered questions in science, for some say that while scientists know much about the physical universe and genetics, they don’t yet understand what they know.

By far the most critical of these unanswered questions is “What is causing scientists and technologists, aided and abetted by computer technology, to drive the pace of scientific discovery and technological invention at unprecedented exponential rates of acceleration?” For understanding ourselves through self-inquiry is absolutely essential if we are to intelligently manage our business affairs with full awareness of the creative evolutionary energies that cause us to behave as we do.

**Project Arjuna, ‘Transcending the divisiveness of money’**

John L. Petersen, founder of the Arlington Institute, identified two possible scenarios for the next couple of decades in an interview with the
EnlightenNext magazine in 2009: with or without the Internet. As he said, if you don’t have the Internet, something really bad has happened, but with the Internet, the shock caused by the death of the global economy wouldn’t be so disastrous as it would if it all came down at once. In this case, we could “rebuild around something rather than rebuild the entire infrastructure”.

As Integral Relational Logic has evolved from the abstract modelling methods that underlie the Internet, this commonsensical science of reason could theoretically provide the continuity we need as machines take over more and more jobs currently being performed by humans, leading to the collapse of both capitalism and communism.

Information systems architects and software developers have all the tools they need to build the global information system for the Age of Light. So if the major technological companies could change the focus of their attention from economic growth to the awakening of Intelligence, then we still have a chance of harmoniously managing our practical affairs as evolution passes through its Singularity in time.

The greatest challenge we have in this respect is that money is the principal immortality symbol in society today. To protect people’s precarious sense of security and identity in life, the global economy only continues to function because of people’s confidence in it, measured by a confidence index published each month. Yet capitalism is a confidence trick, which we can expose by completing the final revolution in science. That is why transforming the seven pillars of unwisdom into those of wisdom is absolutely essential.

Core launch team

Once the Alliance has fulfilled its mission, it will no longer need to exist. So its ultimate purpose is to die, just like any other structure in the Universe. But first it needs to be born, launched by a core team able to synergistically generate the escape velocity necessary to become free of the collective, cultural, and personal constraints on our awakening and healing processes.

So far, only one person has come forward to help the founder launch the Alliance, but he died suddenly in 2014, having designed a beautiful website for the Alliance. So by distributing this booklet, maybe a few others
will be attracted to this great adventure, awakening to Total Revolution. This is surely meant to happen, for nothing else makes any sense. So in this section, we outline some of the tasks and skills that are necessary to launch the Alliance. Once this happens, it is likely that news of the Alliance’s mission and existence will spread like wildfire around the world, releasing a wealth of synergistic energy to accelerate and harmonize evolutionary convergence.

What we are looking for in this regard are voluntary contributions within the ethos of the Sharing Economy. For the Alliance has no funding and is not a commercial venture, selling books and workshops within the global economy. While we shall need some funding to launch the Alliance, monetary systems will cease to exist in the eschatological Age of Light, where we realize that we are all a single, undivided Whole.

**Website design**
The public face of the Alliance is its website, which has been designed using the Drupal content management system, with many capabilities, but a steep learning curve. There are a number of technical glitches still to be ironed out, not the least in the menu system, before additional functionality is added.

As the Alliance is intended to be a network of networking networks, a top priority is to set up a secure login system, where individuals can register their interest. Going the other way, the Alliance could use Drupal’s facilities to set up a database to invite other organizations to actively engage in this synergistic, cooperative endeavour.

At present, this reaching out to the world is being done mainly through Facebook, LinkedIn, and personal contacts. However, we would welcome advice from those with experience in these social networking facilities.

Another function we shall need is a forum where people can openly and honestly share their experiences of their awakening, liberating, and healing processes, within and on the Contextual Foundation of the mystical worldview that we all share.

We also envisage people awakening to Total Revolution in groups, along the lines that Vimala Thakar described in *Spirituality and Social Action*, much inspired by Gandhi’s notion of *Satyagraha* ‘Truth force’. These need to be catered for on the website to help inspire others to join the celebrations.
As events unfold, it is quite possible that the website will need to be redesigned from scratch. But as the nourishing social environment that would bring about such a redesign does not yet exist, it is not possible to foresee what this might look like.

**Glossary**

Modern English has evolved since the 1500s to represent a worldview that is far removed from Reality. So if we are to cocreate a society based on Wholeness and the Truth—on the seven pillars of wisdom, rather than unwisdom—we need to make some fundamental changes to the meanings of words, as they exist today. Studying the etymology of words helps greatly here, for the root of *etymology* is the Greek *etumos* ‘real, true’. David Bohm aptly called etymology the ‘archaeology of language’, digging especially into the Proto-Indo-European (PIE) language, for this is the common ancestor of Sanskrit and most of the European languages.

To assist communications across disciplines and cultures, a Glossary is evolving on the Alliance’s website, giving revised definitions of many words and terms, hyperlinked to their root morphemes as much as possible. For we often find that the roots of our language from around 7,000 years ago are much closer to Nature, and hence the Truth, than modern meanings of words.

As this is a subject that fascinates many, we trust that those with the necessary skills and enthusiasm will come forward in due course to help gather in one place many definitions that exist throughout the founder’s writings and elsewhere.

As an example of the changes we need to make, *physics* derives from Aristotle’s *Physics*, a translation of Greek *ta phusika*, literally ‘natural things’, the neuter plural of *phusikos* ‘of nature’, from *phusis* ‘birth, origin; nature, inborn quality’ and *phuein* ‘produce, bring forth; grow, be born’. In turn, *nature* derives from Latin *nātūra* ‘birth’, from *nātus*, past participle of *nāscī* ‘to be born’, from the same PIE base as *genesis*. Human beings’ true essence, which we can call the soul, is kindliness, for *kind*, a cognate of *nature*, is the native word for *nature* in English.

But materialistic, mechanistic science does not study the birth of beings, including our own thoughts, since to do so it would need to include Life or God the Creator in its inquiries and admitting the Truth into science is strictly forbidden. So what was called ‘natural philosophy’ in Newton’s
time and what is called ‘natural science’ today are very far from being natural—and kind.

Although some scientists and philosophers today recognize that many scientific puzzles cannot be solved without bringing the Absolute, as Reality, into our reasoning in various guises, for the most part science today studies only the superficial appearance of beings, not their innate essence. Mystics are the true physicists, for it is they who show us how to find the Origin and Divine Source of the Universe, viewed as a vast Ocean of Consciousness, whose roots mean ‘knowing together’.

**Publications**
The Alliance’s publications, guided by the Hidden Harmony, range from succinct pages on the Web, through essays and books, to a trilogy titled *Wholeness: The Union of All Opposites*. The three parts are titled *Integral Relational Logic*, *The Unified Relationships Theory*, and *Our Evolutionary Story*. *Wholeness* is alternatively titled *Semantic Principles of Natural Philosophy* to indicate that it is intended to complete the final revolution in science, just as Isaac Newton’s *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy* completed the first in 1687.

Two recent books describe in some detail the two evolutionary models on which the Alliance’s activities are based. The first is titled *The Four Spheres: Healing the Split between Mysticism and Science*, showing how Teilhard’s evolutionary model can be used to create a transcultural map of the Universe, integrating all disciplines of learning into a coherent whole.

The second, titled *Through Evolution’s Accumulation Point: Towards Its Glorious Culmination*, is more mathematical. By viewing the whole of evolution as a dynamical system, it describes how chaos theory can explain why human society is degenerating into chaos today, as evolution passes through the most momentous turning point in its fourteen billion-year history.

However, to get a complete view of how Panosophy has emerged in consciousness through a natural evolutionary process, all of Paul’s writings since 1980 need to be published in chronological order. This is not unlike the way that the Peirce Edition Project is publishing all the writings of Charles Sanders Peirce, whose triadic architectonic came closest to solving the ultimate problem of human learning before Integral Relational Logic emerged in consciousness, indirectly influenced by
Peirce’s relational algebra.

Publishing this solution during the remaining years of this decade requires a massive effort from content and language editors, preferably coordinated through a literary executor, who could work with Paul while he is still alive in his body, now seventy-four years old.

Another significant task is to produce a multipart documentary series for television, presenting our evolutionary story in reasonably accessible terms. For not everyone has the energy to study books that explain our origin and destiny as a species.

Making connections
As the sixth pillar of wisdom states that there is no doership, because none of us is separate from the Divine or any other being for an instant, none of us can know whether the Alliance’s mission will be fulfilled. All we can do is trust that by making connections around the world our species will be able to adapt to the unprecedented rate of evolutionary change that we are experiencing today, to some extent, at least.

For at the end of the day, our health, well-being, and survival as a healthy, thriving species for as long as possible is dependent on open-hearted, open-minded human relationships, on our ability to support each other in our awakening, liberating, and healing activities.

It is the greatest challenge that humanity has faced in the entire history of its evolution. For, as John Petersen has said, we are currently entering a “historical, epochal change—a rapid global shift unlike any our species has lived through in the past. … There are no direction-pointing precedents for what is coming, … there is no one alive today who [has] lived through anything like what we’re anticipating.”

In this respect, during this transition period, some are further evolved than others, who are still attached to some extent or other to unsustainable religious, scientific, and economic beliefs, taught in churches, schools, and business. So we shall need to invoke Ananta Kumar Giri’s principle of compassionate confrontation to realize our collective life’s purpose.

May Love, Life, and Light be with us, as evolution carries us out of the endarkening patriarchal epoch into the Age of Light, as superintelligent, superconscious beings, living peacefully and harmoniously in the Eternal Now for as long as there are humans dwelling in Stillness on our beautiful planet Earth.
This photograph of Hardangarvidda in Norway provides a metaphor for our life’s journey, at once climbing to the summit of the mountain of all knowledge and diving to the utmost depths of the Ocean of Consciousness.
About the founder

Paul Hague was born near London in the middle of the Second World War. This early distressing experience led him to intuitively sense at seven years of age that World Peace will only come about when God and the Universe—the contextual concepts for religion and science, respectively—are unified in Wholeness.

As this reconciliation is not possible within any specialist discipline or particular culture, Paul did not find a solution to this problem at school or university, where he graduated in mathematics in 1964. Neither was it possible to heal the split between mysticism and reason while working in business for IBM in sales and marketing as a manager and information systems architect during the 1960s and 70s.

It was not until 1980, when he set out to explore the long-term psychological and economic consequences of humanity’s dependency on information technology, that he had the opportunity to realize what it truly means to be a human being in contrast to machines, like computers.

These inquiries have led Life to create a transcultural, transdisciplinary art and science of consciousness called Integral Relational Logic, which provides the Contextual Foundation and coordinating framework for Panosophy, a coherent synthesis of all sciences and humanities.

As a result, evolution has become fully conscious of itself within him, showing that the potential for us humans to awaken our intelligence is far greater than that of machines with so-called artificial intelligence.

This marvellous experience has led him to set up the Alliance for Mystical Pragmatics, with the mission to bring about World Peace by ending the long-running war between science and religion. For nothing less will ensure our survival as a healthy, thriving species for as long as possible at these rapidly changing times.