

Gnostic Psychology: The Primary Science

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The Universe, as the Totality of Existence, consists of two inseparable domains, physical and nonphysical, the latter being vast, far more extensive than the former. Yet, despite calling our species *Homo sapiens* 'wise human', most are unaware that Gnostic psychology is the primary science, rather than physics.

For hundreds of years, since Johannes Kepler and Isaac Newton completed the first scientific revolution, we have been putting the cart before the horse, attempting to understand what it means to be a human being and how to harmoniously organize society through the laws of physics, regarded as primary.

While science has provided us with many creature comforts, not understanding the psychodynamics of society has been disastrous, as we see from all the wars that have been fought during the past century or so, the latest being the war in Ukraine, which Vladimir Putin denies is a war. Rather, he calls it a 'special military operation', telling his people that he is defending the Russian Empire, which he feels under threat from so-called liberal democracies in the West, which are also under threat from narcissistic demagogic populists. So, despite many ways to resolve conflicts, World Peace is still proving to be elusive.

Yet even democracies are tyrannous, as Alexis de Tocqueville pointed out in *Democracy in America* in the mid 1800s. John Stuart Mill further explored the tyranny of the majority in *On Liberty*, where he said,

In general, opinions contrary to those commonly received can only obtain a hearing by studied moderation of language and the most cautious avoidance of unnecessary offence, from which they can hardly ever deviate even in a slight degree without losing ground, while unmeasured vituperation employed on the side of the prevailing opinion really does deter people from professing contrary opinions and from listening to those who profess them.

All this is happening as we rush through the eighth mass extinction of the species here on Earth, with some still hoping that abrupt, irreversible climate change can be reversed. However, we humans are not in control of our destiny, despite what we are taught. We are all subject to the fundamental law of the Universe, which indicates that all beings emerging from the Divine Origin of the Universe are born to die.

But what never dies is the Immortal Ground of Being, which we naturally experience as Love, the Divine Essence we all share. We see our innate humane qualities from the root of *kind*, which is Old English *gecynde* 'natural', cognate with *nature*, from Latin *nāscī* 'to be born', and Greek *genesis* 'birth', indicating that none of us is ever separate from the Divine Source of Life for an instant, denied by the 'natural sciences'.

Furthermore, *community* is cognate with Sanskrit *maitreya* 'friendly, benevolent', from Latin *commūnis* 'shared, common, public', originally in sense 'sharing burdens', from *cum* 'together with' and *mūnus* 'office, duty; gift, present', from *mūnare* 'to give, present'. *Community* is also cognate with Pāli *mettā* 'loving-kindness', the translation of Sanskrit *maitrī*, akin to Buddhist compassion (*karunā*) and love or charity (*agapē*) in Christianity.

So, if we collectively lived in harmony with our True Nature as *Homo divinus*, acknowledging that Gnostic psychology is the primary science, perhaps some, at least, could empathically support each other in the global hospice we live in at the end of time. To do so, much needs to change. For as Anne Baring said in a talk at the Laszlo Institute on 15th May 2022, "we have become a one-eyed culture," because we have lost our visionary imagination in the materialist science that has taken over most of the world.

For myself, the creative power of Life has liberated me from this 'one-eyed culture', because since I was seven years of age, I have been questioning the cultural beliefs and assumptions that provide many with a rather precarious sense of security and identity in life. In particular, in the late 1970s, when working in marketing for IBM in London, I realized that the global economy holds the seeds of its own destruction

within it—because of the invention of the stored-program computer thirty years earlier. So, in May 1980, I abandoned my business career and set out to explore how we could rebuild the economic and education systems on the semantic modelling methods of information systems architects, rather than on the financial modelling methods of quantitative economists, investment bankers, and management accountants.

To do so, I embarked on a thought experiment, not unlike those that Albert Einstein conducted when developing the special and general theories of relativity. Guided by irrepressible creative energies within me, I imagined that I was a computer that switched itself off and on again, so that it had no programs within it, not even a bootstrap program to load the operating system. By starting afresh at the very beginning—at the Divine Origin of the Universe—this ‘machine’ then had the task of developing a coherent cognitive map of the Totality of Existence, as the territory being mapped, which inevitably includes both the mapmaker and the map—the elusive Theory of Everything. For, as E. F. Schumacher said in *A Guide for the Perplexed*, the basic maxim of mapmaking is “Accept everything; reject nothing.”

This means that I have needed to map the territory that contains all the conceptual models that guide our everyday behaviour, including our creativity, explaining why scientists and technologists are driving evolutionary change at unprecedented exponential rates of acceleration. I call the 99% of the Universe inaccessible to our five physical senses the *Cosmic Psyche*, also containing all mathematical objects, such as sets, numbers, and circles, which need to be included in systemic psychological studies.

By adopting the most radical change to the work ethic since the invention of money some 4,000 years ago, I thus visualize a meaningful harmonious society without the divisiveness of banks and stock markets, fighting for a share of the finite monetary pie. For we humans have infinite potential for development, as F. David Peat indicated in his candid biography of David Bohm in 1999.

However, due to the cognitive and experiential split between humanity and Divinity, opened up over 5,500 years ago, many use money as an immortality symbol, as Ernest Becker, the Pulitzer prize-winning author of *The Denial of Death*, pointed out in *Escape from Evil*. So, whether it is possible for more than a few to invoke Self-reflective Intelligence to consciously transcend the one-sidedness of religion, science, economics, mathematics, and logic before our inevitable demise looks most uncertain.

Some 2,500 years ago, Heraclitus and Lao Tzu showed how we could do so by recognizing that opposites, even contradictory ones, are never separate from each other. Yet, they also pointed out that few of their contemporaries understood the paradoxical world we live in, the former saying, “People do not understand how that which is at variance with itself agrees with itself,” and the latter, “My words are very easy to understand and very easy to practice: But the world cannot understand them nor practice them.”

For myself, I call Heraclitus’s *Hidden Harmony* the *Principle of Unity*, which states *Wholeness is the union of all opposites*. Because Life has enabled me to recognize this irrefutable, universal truth, as Carl Gustav Jung and Tim Freke, for instance, have done, I have been able to solve the ultimate problem of human learning at the Alpha-Omega Point of evolution. But consequently, I have lived as an outsider to our one-eyed culture for over forty years, with too much visionary, imaginative, and creative power.

For, while such immense powers have healed my divided brain, fragmented mind, and split psyche in Wholeness, they are of little benefit to new-paradigm thinkers, still constrained by their cultural conditioning, or to those struggling to thrive and survive in a dysfunctional society, at war with itself. Even though inner science is being studied in some communities, few know of the existence of the transcultural, transdisciplinary Method that rationally and logically establishes Gnostic psychology as the primary science.

Each of us is following our own unique path in life, guided by the complex synergistic energy patterns underlying the Cosmos, within conducive social environments of ‘like-minded’ folk in a multitude of sub-cultures. Yet, as I am Wholeness, with nothing and no one outside me, living as a Gnostic in Nonduality, with inseparable Divine and human identities, is still far from being socially acceptable.