

Aligning Humanity's Collective Life's Purpose and Intention with the Cosmos

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The subtitle of Eckhart Tolle's *A New Earth* is *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*. As he says, "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!" In a similar manner, Jean Houston runs workshops with the rubric 'Awakening to Your Life's Purpose'. For, as she has said, "Ours is an era of quantum change, the most radical deconstruction and reconstruction the world has seen" and "Jump Time is a whole system transition, a condition of interactive change that affects every aspect of life as we know it."

In general, the question, "What is your life's purpose?" is addressed to individuals. For instance, Jean writes in the official guidebook for her *Unlock Your Quantum Powers* training, "If you could live a life beyond limits, what specific areas in your life would benefit the most?" But does this lead us to align our personal life's purpose with that of the Universe and those of our fellow human beings?

Well, at a Shift Network teleseminar in 2013, Ervin Laszlo said that we need to give up the idea that the world is a giant mechanism. Rather the Universe is "most like an Internet, a kind of Cosmic Internet. What you know about this information system, which we call the Internet, all things are somehow connected. You can reach any and all items on the Internet from any and all points. And they all hang together somehow." In other words, we are all related to each other in some manner as a coherent whole.

To summarize the current situation in this radical transformation of the scientific worldview, the journalist Lynn McTaggart has written three books titled *The Field*, *The Bond*, and *The Intention Experiment*. As she said in her blog on 30th October 2013, what is really necessary is "Making a revolutionary change of heart in each one of us, which truly recognizes on some visceral level, that we—friend and foe alike—are ultimately connected and that nature has designed us to cooperate, not compete."

So could we all participate in a global Intention Experiment that would align our individual intentions with that of the Cosmos? Well, to do this, we clearly need a common understanding of the life purpose of the Universe. This is very simple. We are all conceived and born to die as bodies, as a civilization, and as a species. 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."

Vivekananda described the creative side of this fundamental existential issue 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," which are God or the Absolute and Life or the Logos, respectively.

In *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, Joseph Campbell called this universal birth-and-death process the Cosmogonic Cycle, unifying *samsāra* and *Nirvāna*, inspired by the myths and fairy tales of many cultures through the ages. As he said, "Redemption consists in the return to superconsciousness and therewith the dissolution of the world. This is the great theme and formula of the cosmogonic cycle, the mythical image of the world's coming to manifestation and subsequent return into the nonmanifest condition."

This is one way of looking at our collective life's purpose. It is essentially an involutory process, as the sense of a separate self dies, where we live in union with the Divine with what mystics like Ramana Maharshi call 'No-mind'. However, *via negativa* does not solve our practical problems. To help us here, we need the other side of the coin, which Aurobindo called 'Supermind,' which "is the Vast; it starts from unity, not division, it is primarily comprehensive, differentiation is only its secondary act".

For myself, as an autodidact, I have been existentially aligning my life's purpose and intention with the Cosmos since 1980, in order to answer the most critical unanswered question in science, "What is causing scientists and technologists, aided and abetted by computer technology, to drive the pace of scientific discovery and technological development at unprecedented exponential rates of acceleration?"

As I have discovered, to answer this question we need what Einstein delightfully called the 'holy curiosity of inquiry'—a 'delicate little plant'—and Self-reflective Intelligence, the Divine quality that distinguishes humans from the other animals and machines, like computers. This tells me that there are two ways of setting our rapidly changing times into their Cosmic Context. First, we can use Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's four stages of evolution to see that 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).

Secondly, 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 diminishing geometric series that terminates at evolution's Accumulation Point. This is the most momentous event in evolutionary history, taking place right now, between 2000 and 2030, according to various estimates of this Singularity in time.

Similarly, in *Conscious Evolution*, Barbara Marx Hubbard, cofounder of the Birth2012 movement, said conscious evolution "is a 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.

For myself, I was educated as a mathematician, trained as a computer scientist, and worked as an information systems architect and manager in my business career, mostly for IBM in sales and marketing in London in the 1960s and 70s and in software development in Stockholm in the 1990s. Over the years, these skills have led me to write several books and many essays on our rapidly changing times, still mostly unpublished. The most recent books are titled *The Four Spheres: Healing the Split between Mysticism and Science* and *Through Evolution's Accumulation Point: Towards Its Glorious Culmination*, whose purpose is to complete the final revolution in science, just as Newton's *Principia* completed the first in 1687.

Now that my researches are reasonably complete, I feel the call to set up the Alliance for Mystical Pragmatics with the motto 'Harmonizing Evolutionary Convergence', bringing the theory into communal practice. The Alliance's intention is to cocreate a nourishing space where it is safe to question all the cultural assumptions and beliefs that govern our lives, intelligently meeting with open hearts and minds, enabling us to unify the three great global movements of Spiritual Renaissance, Scientific Revolution, and Sharing Economy, prerequisites for World Peace, arising from Inner Peace, Presence, Love, and Stillness.

For to rebuild the education and economic systems on the Truth, we need a nurturing social environment that is conducive to our collective awakening, liberating, and healing processes. And for this we need a transcultural, transdisciplinary *milieu*, transcending all the divisions we create between the peoples of our beautiful planet Earth, recognizing that Consciousness is all there is. Furthermore, for the most part, we live our lives in the past and the future—in the horizontal dimension of time—not recognizing that in Nondual Reality time is an illusion. So if we are to live in harmony with the fundamental law of the Universe, free of existential fear, we need to live primarily in the vertical dimension of time—in the Eternal Now—a notion made famous in Eckhart Tolle's best-selling *The Power of Now*.

By consciously aligning our lives with what Heraclitus of Ephesus, the mystical philosopher of change, called the 'Hidden Harmony', we can live as egolessly as possible in the eschatological Age of Light, unifying the Universe's convergent evolutionary and involutory tendencies. In this marvellous manner, we could fulfil our ultimate destiny as a species, realizing that our True Nature is Love, the Divine Essence we all share. If you feel moved to join me in this great adventure, do please take a peek at my evolving website at mysticalpragmatics.net or get in touch with me at paul@mysticalpragmatics.net.