

# The Theory of Everything

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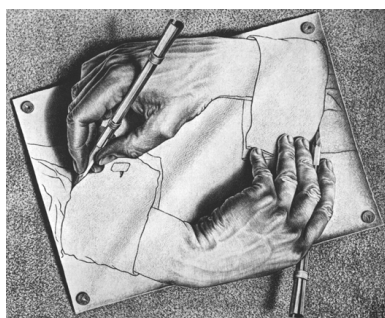
To learn how to develop the elusive Theory of Everything, we first need to look afresh at the answers to two questions: What is a theory? and What is everything? For understanding what these entities are is key to solving the ultimate problem in human learning, for which there is a deep yearning, as illustrated by this ‘wanted ad’ in the *New Scientist* in the UK in 2005.

For what could be more important for a cognitive species than to know what the Universe is, how it is intelligently designed, and hence understand what it truly means to be human compared with the other species and machines with so-called artificial intelligence?

First of all, everything is not the physical universe of mass, space, and time. Rather, everything is the Totality of Existence, consisting, by definition, of all beings—discerned as all structures, forms, and relationships—embraced by and grounded on the Ineffable, Formless Absolute, as the Supreme Being. This means that the Totality of Existence, like the Absolute, is beyond compare. For, if it could be compared with anything else that exists, it would not be the Totality of Existence.

Secondly, a theory is not primarily a collection of explanatory statements that can be written out in words, mathematical symbols, diagrams, and pictures. Rather, as David Bohm, my principal scientific mentor, pointed out, a theory begins as a form of insight. For the word *theory* derives from the Greek *theoria*, which has the same root as *theatre*, in a word meaning ‘to view’ or ‘to make a spectacle’.

So all our theories, as conceptual models or cognitive maps, are resident in the Cosmic Psyche, the ninety-nine percent of the Universe inaccessible to our external senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell. The Theory of Everything is thus the complete integration of all these fragmented and specialist conceptual models—many of which are sub- or unconscious—as a coherent map of the Totality of Existence, residing in the Cosmic Psyche, accessible to everyone through self-inquiry.



Now, as such a transcultural and transdisciplinary megasynthesis is a being, it must be included in the territory being mapped. Furthermore, the mapmaker and the process of developing such a self-inclusive map are contained within the territory. This might seem a little strange. For such an activity is like a television camera filming itself filming, brilliantly illustrated by M. C. Escher’s lithograph ‘Drawing Hands’.

In addition, the way we look at the territory, both within and without us, is through our maps. So, by being free of any preconceptions of what we might see, both the Theory of Everything (called *Panosophy* or the *Unified Relationships Theory*) and the mapmaker *are* the Totality of Existence, with no separation between them in Wholeness. Such a holistic approach to learning is enabled by Self-reflective Divine Intelligence, as the eyesight of Cosmic Consciousness, which provides the coherent light to enlighten our cognitive mapmaking activities, inspired by E. F. Schumacher’s maxim in *A Guide for the Perplexed*: “Accept everything; reject nothing.”



This naturally numinous expression of my innermost being marks the convergence of 13.8 billion years of evolution at its Omega Point and the glorious culmination of over seventy years searching for the root



cause of conflict and suffering in the world, so that one day we could perhaps cocreate World Peace.

By starting afresh at the very beginning, this great quest has also been facilitated by over forty years developing a holographic system of thought and Cosmology to answer the most critical unanswered question in science: *What is causing scientists and technologists, aided and abetted by computer systems, to drive the pace of scientific discovery and technological development at unprecedented exponential rates of acceleration?*

At the individual level, I have been guided in this lifelong evolutionary adventure by the creative power of Life, emerging directly from the Divine Origin of the Universe in the Eternal Now, like a sparkling fountain. This guiding spirit or inner guru, called *Logos* or *Daimon* and *Genius* in Greek and Latin, respectively, has healed my fragmented, dualistic mind in Wholeness, the True Nature, Authentic Self, and Genuine Identity of all beings in the Universe.

Mystics through the ages have had some sense of this exquisite experience of Wholeness, expressed in many different ways through their writings and teachings. However, in *A Theory of Everything*, published in 2000, Ken Wilber effectively said that such a Gnostic experience is impossible:

This book is a brief overview of a Theory of Everything. All such attempts, of course, are marked by the many ways in which they fail. The many ways in which they fall short, make unwarranted generalizations, drive specialists insane, and generally fail to achieve their stated aim of holistic embrace. It's not just that the task is beyond any one human mind; it's that the task is inherently undoable: knowledge expands faster than ways to categorize it. The holistic quest is an ever-receding dream, a horizon that constantly retreats as we approach it, a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow that we will never reach.



For myself, I have been able to achieve the impossible because in the spring of 1980 the creative power of Life began the process of healing my fragmented psyche in an apocalyptic awakening, as the remedy for a cataclysmic trauma I suffered as a two-centimetre embryo, fifty days after my conception in 1941. This eureka moment felt as if a big bang had erupted in the utmost depths of my psyche, leading me to develop a coherent conceptual model of the Universe, unifying the apparent incompatibilities between mysticism and mathematics, science and spirituality, East and West, and all other opposites.



However, as this epiphany was unprecedented in the entire history of evolution and human learning, what I write in the spirit of the New Story and New Reality, being much talked about today within more progressive circles, is generally interpreted through fragmented filters. For such elitist, cliquish luminaries are still heavily conditioned by the delusions of the prevailing culture. Not the least, I have yet to meet anyone who is willing to make the radical change in the work ethic that I needed to do to develop *Integral Relational Logic*—as the Gnostic Foundation and coordinating framework for Panosophy—free of the divisiveness of money, which has bedevilled human affairs for thousands of years.

Furthermore, we live in a paradoxical world, so if we do not include self-contradictions in our maps with what Tim Freke calls paralogical thinking, we would be led dangerously astray. Heraclitus of Ephesus called the union of all opposites the *Hidden Harmony*, which is still not understood and accepted by scientists, mathematicians, and logicians, maintaining a superficial and narrow anthropocentric and egoic perspective.

Most significantly, the fundamental law of the Universe—which is an irrefutable, universal truth that I call the all-inclusive *Principle of Unity*—tells us that it is false to believe that we can continue to have children indefinitely. For all beings are born to die, including *Homo sapiens* ‘wise human’. This is our foremost existential challenge, which can only be resolved when we live in the Eternal Now, in union with the Divine—as the Immortal Ground of Being—free of the sense of a separate self.

If I am to make a worthwhile contribution to humanity at these critical times we live in, I must therefore wait to tell my astonishing story to those who are willing to meet me as an ordinary human being, ready to bring the sub- and unconscious of the entire species out into the open by questioning *all* our implicit or explicit assumptions, in the spirit of Vimala Thakar's *Spirituality and Social Action: A Holistic Approach*.