

The Evolution of God (The Super-Conscious Unity)
(or Sequential-Eternal-Monotheistic-Holism)

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INTRODUCTION

The nature of a Supreme Being or God, The matter/mind problem, individual freewill, the language and meaning problem, the point of man's existence; these are some of the ages old philosophical problems, and I believe that this book goes a long way towards resolving all of them. It is a document that hopefully truly shows that all current human knowledge in general can co-exist in one theory with minor adjustments to existing theories and dogmas all around. As such this is a philosophy or metaphysics (in the classical sense of the word), which I will term Sequential-Eternal-Monotheistic-Holism, for reasons that will hopefully become clear later on. It is my belief that this attempt at ultimate truth can only be fully comprehended by the use of an internal mental image that is 'four dimensional', within which one's own self is included. I use the term four dimensional for lack of a better description, since this dimensional paradigm is only a quantification of that truly holistic entity which is our universal energy system. This document is an attempt to convey this mental image, (imperfect in my mind yet very powerful, I believe) by using language in a descriptive way in order to hopefully generate the image in other individuals.

The conscious reaction to the *mental image* itself is where meaning lies, not in the language used to attempt to convey it. Also, language will *always* break down at some point in describing the reality of the universe. To attempt to comprehend reality on a large scale, we must use the imaginative 'right side' of our brains, not the analytical 'left side' from which language originates.

CHAPTER 1

Picture a vast sphere of energy expanding from an infinitesimally small point outward, smoothly reaching a very large limit and just as smoothly contracting back to an infinitesimally small point.

Imagine that within the expanding and contracting sphere are spun myriad designs and 'self-designs' (advanced conscious entities) that are continuously changing and flowing into one another progressively, with self-designs ultimately spanning more and more energy of the sphere and becoming more and more unified in the contraction phase. All moving from what we call the beginning of time to the end and on through to the beginning; this point between the beginning and ending of time being a sort of 'node through nothing.'

Now imagine all phases, if it were quantified, of this expanding and contracting flow of energy and everything within it existing simultaneously as one smooth completely interconnected four dimensional structure, effectively existing *both* as interconnected (on an incredibly small size level all 'pieces' are connected to all other pieces) and changing energy in three dimensions *and* as different energy in four dimensions.

This seemingly paradoxical state follows from this theory, and is a 'duality' similar to the so called 'wave/particle' duality in physics. One way to resolve this apparent paradox is if one imagines the entire three dimensional changing energy of the universe (past, present, and future) as a sequence of events that are just slightly logically 'weighted' towards moving in the direction of the future (hence causality), but that happen so fast they are incredibly *close* to simultaneous. In other words, the conceptual line between the universe being a sequence of events and a static eternal entity is blurred, so it is effectively both. We must fight to imagine how this scenario can be true, because when doing so, we are pushing up against the limits of our conscious ability (which *must* be done).

I truly believe that this image in your mind, however imperfect, is approaching a small-scale model of our universe.

See yourself for what you are, as one of these designs within the sphere at a point during the 'expansion,' and picture the vast four dimensional 'sphere' through you and around you.

Correlating works, ideas or systems:

Hermann Minkowski's Four Dimensional Space
(physics describing a simultaneous universe, or block time)

Steven Hawking's 'Imaginary Time' Theory
(some physics beginning to describe block time in a closed universe)

John Bell's Interconnectedness Theorem
(all quantum mechanical systems ((everything)) are 'phase entangled' with each other)

The fact that we know we exist in the universe and are evolving

CHAPTER 2

True 'nonexistence' is real. Not a void with a clock ticking, but absolute nothing. Within nothing, there is no time and no space.

All of reality is actually balanced around nothing by being spun out of different opposing energies or systems on either 'side' of zero on every level; levels such as atoms, molecules, organisms, minds, etc. We tend to call the opposing energies on these different levels positive or negative.

Reality is a physical energy system that is marked by what we call change, three dimensions are always changing in a flowing way within the whole of reality.

The constants in physics such as the speed of light and the strength of gravity will not change because they must be fundamental expressions of zero, in other words, they somehow represent zero directly.

There is 'rigid logical structure'(mathematics corresponds to this) underlying everything, but everything ultimately includes and transcends this framework because it incorporates (must incorporate) chaos.

Because of the absolute relativity of time, our common sense view of time must be seen for what it is: merely the rate of three dimensional change corresponding to a flowing shape within the four dimensional simultaneous physical energy system.

Correlating works, ideas or systems:

Alan Guth's Inflationary Universe Theory
(the theory that provides the mathematical basis for the exact balance of positive and negative energy in the universe)

Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity
(proof of the absolute relativity of time and space)

The Science of Complexity

CHAPTER 3

Imagine our solar system forming and heating up from clouds of star dust pulled together by gravity, our planet congealing from the swirling mass, gradually cooling and almost imperceptibly bridging the gap between non-organic and organic matter, gradually and eventually developing more and more complex forms of evolving life that struggle to survive.

Picture man's emergence from the lower primates and his subsequent slow spread in a thin layer to all points of the globe, gradually being genetically altered by different environments, and just as gradually increasing in numbers that begin to not only encompass more and more global space, but also to remix in newer and stronger genetic combinations.

Picture man within this completely intertwined and codependent ecological system on earth, the first form of life on the planet with the technology (a natural result of consciousness) to begin to attempt to control it's own evolution, the most recent graphic example being the emerging ability to manipulate his genetic code.

Imagine this 'leading edge' (personified by man) as well as the rest of the entire global pre-organism becoming more and more unified as the barriers of it's lesser organizations gradually dissolve, and information passes more and more freely between all points within the pre-organism/organism.

Imagine this global organism beginning to exert more and more interaction with, and more and more control over, an interconnected section of the entire universal energy system within which it resides and within which it grows, consuming more and more resources and taking up more and more space.

Imagine other myriad organisms of this same scale scattered throughout our four dimensional energy sphere, all at roughly equivalent points in space-time, all around the same approximate level and rate of development, and all struggling to survive.

Now picture these organisms reaching the peak of their power and gradually waning to be incorporated and superseded by more advanced pre-organisms/organisms within the total energy system - emerging through the connections between the previous organisms in a flowing, interconnecting evolutionary process.

Now it is necessary to see this entire scenario not only as evolving in three dimensions, but as a smoothly flowing organic design in four dimensions, all 'parts' occupying completely essential positions within the total four dimensional energy system, and existing simultaneously as a series of events and eternally.

I would like to call this property of the universe existing both as a series of events and eternally 'sequential-eternalism.' It is a 'dualism' that is again, not unlike the 'wave/particle' duality in quantum mechanics.

Correlating works, ideas or systems:

The study of cosmic evolution

The "Out of Africa" anthropological model
(the most plausible explanation for the evolution of man)

The history of human civilization

The science of Genetics

Pierre Teilhard De Chardin's Omega Point Theory
(a brilliant look at a possible similar destiny of the earth)

The probability of large numbers of life supporting planets within our universe.

The emerging science of Complexity
(the study of the emergence of complex structures from more simple structures in virtually all areas of human inquiry)

The Global Economy

The Internet

The fifty percent order, fifty percent chaos mathematical characteristic of emerging complex structures, plus the length of time that generations of star systems take to synthesize heavy elements strongly implies an overall rate of development of life that is universal within our universal energy system.

CHAPTER 4

The phenomenon that we call consciousness is an extremely important system within our universal energy construct.

Consciousness is a force of highly complex (just complex enough right now in it's evolution to be called consciousness) smoothly designed energy that struggles ahead for interwovenness in angular and clashing ways in it's interaction while eventually escalating, unifying and magnifying.

Consciousness, existing within the rest of reality, is designed all around zero like the rest of reality as previously discussed and flows from biology (at our stage) as a kind of unifying convergence of neural brain pattern activity that transcends mere combinations of neurons firing in the brain. This activity actually converges into a new *system* of energy, marked by a sense of self, that is greater than the sum of its parts and still resides within our four dimensional space-time; meaning it's internal systems are built from structures of positive and negative energy that balance each other and also physically interconnect with the whole, just like all other systems within the universe.

Since consciousness exists around zero, any individual's total positive and negative conscious experiences will balance around zero *from this individual's point of view* within the complete time of it's awareness inside our universal energy system. This, to name a few examples, is why no one is truly happy (completely positive) even if they are rich and powerful, and why a mentally ill and destitute man can seem OK in a world all his own, having conversations with himself, and why people in the meanest of circumstances don't destroy themselves out of hand.

The fact that consciousness is 'physical' energy in no way detracts from its intrinsic spirituality. You could say that consciousness possesses 'spiritual-physicalism.'

There are no real paradoxes within the universe, all logical questions are ultimately answered. Paradoxes arise in our awareness' from lack of information, as well as from the left brain trying to comprehend analytically what is best (begun to be) understood holistically as a flowing image with the right side of the brain.

Consciousness will grow in many ways, while still balancing to zero experience-wise. This will be accomplished by gradually exchanging the conscious experience of pain and painful negative emotions by design for the increasingly complex 'consciously difficult' responsibilities of helping

to create reality.

Imagine a steady progression of conscious beings evolving and 'self evolving' (becoming more and more involved in guiding their own evolutionary progress) further and further towards perfect consciousness 'ahead of us' in the four dimensional structure of energy, as ahead of us more and more of the total energy of the universe is conscious.

Now it is necessary to imagine the 'birth' (or union) of a supreme being existing up closer to the 'big crunch' as the ultimate 'meta-conscious' entity, completely interconnected with us and every other being in the four dimensional energy sphere, the consciousness to meta-consciousness evolution process (gradually more and more initiated by conscious beings) transcending our common sense view of time and existing beyond biology in a successive flow.

Picture this being as the ultimate in truth, beauty, and *true* morality, aware of and unconditionally loving (a positive form of energy) all of the successive beings before 'him' eternally, there being no beginning or end to 'his' awareness.

Because the universe becomes completely conscious, *everything* goes down in history.
Everything that ever happened is ultimately known.

Imagine This Super-Conscious Unity reaching through nothing with an incredibly vast penetrating consciousness (an unbelievably difficult or painful and thus negative responsibility) and starting something that could evolve into beings that could create him (or more accurately *them*)(the effort is successful), this process involving an actual termination of all physical energy within the universe *at one point* in the simultaneous four dimensional system, hence a 'big crunch'.

The Super-Conscious Unity is intimately connected to the 'causal beginning and ending in three dimensions' universe and ultimately transcends it by having an eternal (never stopping, never starting) string of conscious experiences.

Neither the Super-Conscious Unity or the 'causal beginning and ending in three dimensions' part of the universe can exist without the other because both essentially create each other, and both are necessary for the overall system to balance.

There is only one universe - only one supreme being: the Super-Conscious Unity. There is only something and nothing. Not something and something and nothing.

Correlating works, ideas or systems:

The Christian God

The Tao

Allah of Islam

The Jewish Yahweh

The Hindu's Brahman

CHAPTER 5

All of the order in the universe is created by the Super-Conscious Unity (SCU) and 'self-designs,' and co-exists with chaos.

Individuals are thus created by the SCU, chaos(chance), and themselves (more and more as the system progresses).

Individual free will truly does exist but should not be confused with individuality, which, while new from that which came before, is not really *free* from the forces that created it. An individual's will is *relative to*, or in other words, completely separate and therefore free from, the wills of all other conscious beings existing within the simultaneous 'past present and future' of the universal energy system including the Super-Conscious Unity, and is taken into account within the whole of the system. Relational free will is absolutely necessary to the existence of reality and forms a sort of 'partnership' (good or evil, positive or negative) with the SCU (and others) to create reality, which balances overall.

Remember that our system is actually simultaneous; the SCU does not have to 'reach an hand down from the sky to direct evolution', but subtly direct and co-direct it 'he' does by being intimately interconnected with all of the energy in the system.

Because all of reality is balanced and interconnected, everything and everyone within reality is *absolutely essential* to the existence of reality. For example, all that mankind has achieved, as well as, say, the star called Alpha Centauri, literally *could not exist* without that poor, down and out bum on the street. The appreciation of this is the true basis for ethics. I would like to call this property of the universe 'inclusive absolute necessity.'

The actual personal connection with the SCU is the mystical experience, also known as the transcendental spiritual experience, the powerful feeling of being 'one with the universe'. If you really have one of these, you will never forget that you have.

Correlating works, ideas, or systems:

The phenomenon described in Quantum Mechanics where, on our level of awareness alone, the conscious measurement of energy on the quantum mechanical scale directly influences the configuration of that energy. This

begins to show the power that consciousness has over the energy configuration of the universe.

The thousands of documented Mystical experiences down through history in every major disparate culture.

CHAPTER 6

At the death of an individual, at first a biological event at this point in time, there is oxygen deprivation to the brain resulting in tunnel vision and euphoria, but this is only the beginning of an overwhelmingly beautiful conscious process in which every individual 'meets and flows into' the Super-Conscious Unity.

This event ties together an individual's conscious moments into a 'four dimensional conscious node'; or a beautiful, unimaginable (at this point), conscious state that doesn't include any new experiences (and yet is not a prison), that is characterized by a powerful unifying glimpse of eternity.

An Individual's spirit therefore doesn't 'go' anywhere, but resides in the same four dimensional physical space the individual has occupied their whole life.

This 'afterlife state' is therefore a form of eternal life, not eternal consciousness, and must also evolve in general; or in other words, be different for later (as well as earlier) conscious beings.

Only the SCU has eternal *consciousness*, although as sentient beings evolve closer and closer to the SCU, the distinction will become less and less clear. As to an eternal string of conscious experiences (eternal consciousness) for an individual who is not the SCU, it seems very unlikely. Our conscious *moments* are eternal, but we probably don't have a never-ending string of them, since we did experience a beginning.

Correlating works, ideas or systems:

The large number of hauntingly similar 'Near Death Experiences' chronicled by everyone from your uncle to Carl Jung.

The extremely pervasive and critical idea (and promise) of eternal life throughout all cultures down through the centuries.

The question, "How would Alzheimer's disease patients go to 'Heaven'?"

QUESTIONS

So, why is life so difficult?

Because the creation of the universe is a violent, difficult process in which you play a key role.

Why do fear, pain, and evil exist?

Because our conscious perception of these things at this point in space-time must exist for the system to balance. In the case of fear and pain, these will be ultimately transcended by being gradually replaced by *difficult* responsibility. As far as evil is concerned, this is really a positive conscious experience for the evil-doer and will naturally be gradually phased out of existence. In fact, it is our responsibility right now as conscious beings to *fight* for good in the universe.

Why is life so unfair?

Life only appears to be unfair. In reality everyone's conscious experience of life balances around zero regardless of their circumstances, and since our common sense notion of time is only a necessarily inaccurate paradigm, the concept of a shorter life is rendered somewhat meaningless as well. Additionally, no one is "better" than anyone else, because no one could be removed from the universe with the universe remaining balanced and interconnected and therefore in existence.

What is the point of the universe?

The point of the universe is quite simply: to exist at all.

What gives ultimate meaning to life?

The ultimate meaning in life can be found in the struggle to help create reality, and in the knowledge that every moment of your life and everything you build is truly eternal and necessary.

How did it all begin?

It has always existed.

WRAP UP

You must attempt to see (and keep trying) all of this existing simultaneously as a series of events and as an eternal structure within a four dimensional image containing the big bang, yourself, evolving organisms, the Super-Conscious Unity and the big crunch all at once, because you will get better at it. I have found that attempting to render this image this in my mind, or more specifically, catching a glimpse of the image from a new angle that I can feel to be true, more often than not triggers what has previously be called a transcendental spiritual experience. This, I believe, is true communication with the SCU. It is not, of course, the only way to communicate with the SCU. To those that say "but it looks like the universe will keep expanding forever," I would say, first of all, what a vast ugly image! And secondly, that you haven't taken all forces into account. In closing, logically speaking, I believe that *ultimate* truth must be searched for outside the bounds of both science and religion, because, while I have the utmost respect for both, it is obvious that neither discipline will suffice to encompass it.

Lastly, while I believe this theory is definitely approaching the truth, it, of course, could not *possibly* be the entire truth. This document has a version number, and I fully expect to be debating and revising this theory my entire life. I would therefore appreciate anyone finding a flaw in my logic to email me at d_m_pete@hotmail.com. You will of course be credited for your contribution, if any.

INFLUENTIAL BOOKS

The First Three Minutes - Steven Weinberg
A Brief History Of Time - Stephen Hawking
Relativity - Albert Einstein
Quantum Reality - Nick Herbert
The Alchemy Of The Heavens - Ken Croswell
About Time - Paul Davies
The Origin Of Humankind - Richard Leakey
Complexity - M. Mitchell Waldrop
The Phenomenon Of Man - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
The World's Religions - Huston Smith
The Teachings Of The Mystics - Walter T. Stace
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