

The Urantia Book and Quantum Physics - Part 4 - Consciousness

This concludes my findings in The Urantia Book regarding quantum theories.

The material overlooks the idea that our consciousness physically shapes the world through our observations. If we claim to create our own experiences collectively and that the world vanishes when not observed, then who, exactly, is the observer shaping our shared experiences in the objective reality we perceive, albeit interpreted differently?

This idea echoes the classic question: if a tree falls in a forest, does it make a sound? I've always thought this question is a bit silly. If person A isn't there, they won't hear the tree fall. But many other beings, from various creatures to microbes, definitely do. So, who is the observer creating the objective reality? From a cosmological perspective, the First Source and Center acts as the original observer.

The text explains that all spiritual beings live within the material world, a truth that encompasses all forms of existence. It also acknowledges that spiritual, morontia, and finite beings can each experience objective reality in a subjective way. However, this variation does not mean that the objective world has stopped existing.

I believe contemporary authors on quantum physics sometimes stretch their theories too far. There remains a vast amount of unknowns, much of which may remain beyond our comprehension. We exist in a need-to-know universe.

What we do understand is that consciousness permeates all existence. Intelligence exists everywhere.

The Urantia Book does tell us this: "In science the human self observes the material world; philosophy is the observation of this observation of the material world; religion, true spiritual experience, is the experiential realization of the cosmic reality of the observation of the observation of all this relative synthesis of the energy materials of time and space. To build a philosophy of the universe on an exclusive materialism is to ignore the fact that all things material are initially conceived as real in the experience of human consciousness. The observer cannot be the thing observed; evaluation demands some degree of transcendence of the thing which is evaluated." (UB112:2.12)

Consciousness and objectivity

Current quantum physics brings consciousness into the realm of scientific discussion, marking a notable departure from traditional science, which typically seeks to eliminate such considerations. Detractors from the established camp still struggle with the idea that consciousness—and all that lies beyond a purely material basis—has no place in scientific research. Nonetheless, we are now situated within this new paradigm.

Research has shown that observation significantly influences events or our subjective experience of them. Nevertheless, the objective reality remains unchanged. It is the interpretation of this reality that warrants examination. Our individual subjective perspectives greatly impact how we perceive the objective world.

Recent research indicates that humans and advanced animals may not be the only entities with consciousness. Evidence now suggests that nearly all animals, along with plants, possess

some form of consciousness that informs their decision-making. For example, where should I establish roots to access the best nutrient sources, optimize sunlight for growth, and avoid disrupting my neighboring plants? Additionally, how can I attract wasps from miles away to defend me by consuming the caterpillars that are harming my growth?

Consciousness represents a field, a network of mutually beneficial interactions. Cosmic consciousness takes this a step further; it embodies a connection to spirit. The Cosmic Mind is universally active. Human minds (and animal minds as well) originate from the Cosmic Mind, facilitated by our Universe's Mother Spirit, which serves as the foundation of our intellect and consciousness.

Consequently, mind, and thus consciousness, does not arise from mere biological processes; rather, it is a divine gift, as are all our spiritual attributes, including our personalities. Science struggles to address this, similar to its difficulties with understanding the origin of life and the miraculous processes occurring within our bodies and the world at large.

Currently, astrophysicists are beginning to reconcile with the notion that the simplistic explanation for what precedes the so-called "Big Bang" might be intelligent design, or God, although they tend to avoid using that name, opting instead for the term "intelligent design." Eventually, science and religion — true religion — will merge, as there is ultimately only one truth in Universal Reality.

The ten spiritual influences on our consciousness

In *The Urantia Book*, we discover that humans have been gifted with ten spiritual influences, in addition to our God-given personality. There is our indwelling spirit of God, the so-called Thought Adjuster or Mystery Monitor; then we have the spirit of Truth that Jesus bestowed upon all mankind at Pentecost; and we have the so-called Holy Spirit, which are the circuits of our Universe Mother Spirit; and the final seven are the Adjutant Mind Spirits of intuition, understanding, courage, knowledge, counsel, worship, and wisdom.

The last seven serve as the wellspring of intelligence in our minds, activating individually as we develop from childhood. Our animal companions possess the first five of these mind spirits, which represent their source of intelligence.

Time and consciousness

We discovered from *The Urantia Book* that time combines both objective and subjective elements. However, the objectivity of time varies from world to world, as each planet follows its own unique temporal pattern. What constitutes a day or minute in our world is merely a convention, an invention based on our collective agreement as a society. Previously, we had 13 months of 28 days each, but now we have 12 months with differing numbers of days. Other worlds will have established their own systems for measuring time.

Objective time serves as an organizer of sequential events or experiences. Yet, we can only perceive time subjectively through our consciousness. The true essence of "time" exists only in the present moment, the eternal now. Other facets of our temporal experience manifest in our minds as past or future, depending on our intentions.

Observing a butterfly darting around a flower before it lands reveals that the butterfly experiences time quite differently than we do. How else could it move so swiftly? I believe creatures that we perceive as having short lifespans actually experience time at a slower rate. Similarly, when I watch birds navigating through tree branches and the legs of outdoor café

tables at incredible speeds, it's clear even the best Top Gun pilots would struggle to keep pace. They, too, must be experiencing time in a uniquely subjective way.

Each realm of time and space possesses its own objective time; however, those living in non-time worlds, like Havona, maintain an awareness of subjective time—their experience of events occurring in sequence.

It's a both/and world

The binary framework of Newtonian physics may be fading, if it ever truly existed. Instead, we inhabit a both/and universe, or as Paul Levy describes it, a four-value realm, where multiple truths coexist simultaneously. This notion is akin to the idea that the phrase "where two or three are gathered" extends beyond just two or three to encompass two or more individuals. Essentially, the both/and signifies both each and many.

This concept readily applies to the non-locality inherent in quantum physics, where events in one location can influence occurrences far away in space, and possibly in time as well. Quantum physics proposes that present events can affect the past and the future. Is it possible to alter the past? The Urantia Book subtly suggests that it is. History, in its essence, isn't fixed.

On a more basic level, historians appear to shape history based on their subjective interpretations or intentions. The Hebrews, while composing their sacred texts, the Torah and what we refer to as the Old Testament, omitted significant historical facts and crafted a narrative that they preferred—portraying heroes and events that may not have been real, but served other purposes for their community. We mirror this practice today. Take the events surrounding 9/11, where the narrative of 19 supposed hijackers served as justification for military action against another nation, overshadowing a more complex reality. Such instances are numerous, illustrating how those who wish to repress certain narratives will go to great lengths to conceal stories that contradict their desires.

Mainstream science has yet to explore a seemingly endless array of topics. While Wikipedia lists numerous issues, it only addresses the typical questions scientists pursue based on familiar ground. Numerous other inquiries exist, particularly in the early stages of quantum physics, seeking to grasp concepts that align more with the philosophical themes found in The Urantia Book. Here are a few examples:

- ✻ The secrets and power of Sacred geometries
- ✻ Phi, psi, Fibonacci number sequences, and the relation of these to our physical world
- ✻ The power of sound to heal, transform, and create, not to mention its relationship to our consciousness through music
- ✻ The inherent power of crystals
- ✻ Consciousness and intelligence of plants
- ✻ The constant presence of extraterrestrial beings and their crafts

Here are a few thoughts that come to mind. Some of the scientific fields are hindered by those who prefer to keep many aspects of our world hidden, leading to their neglect. Nikola Tesla is one example of a thinker whose ideas were suppressed by larger entities, potentially of a Luciferian nature. In contrast, other scientists like Slim Spurling, with his Light-Life tools based on sacred and various cubits—technologies capable of healing, reducing air pollution, and more—are largely overlooked due to traditional scientific perspectives.

However, we have all of eternity at our disposal. Ultimately, Truth, Beauty, Goodness, and above all, Love will triumph.

I am planting seeds, nothing more.

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