

The Central Issue of Our Times

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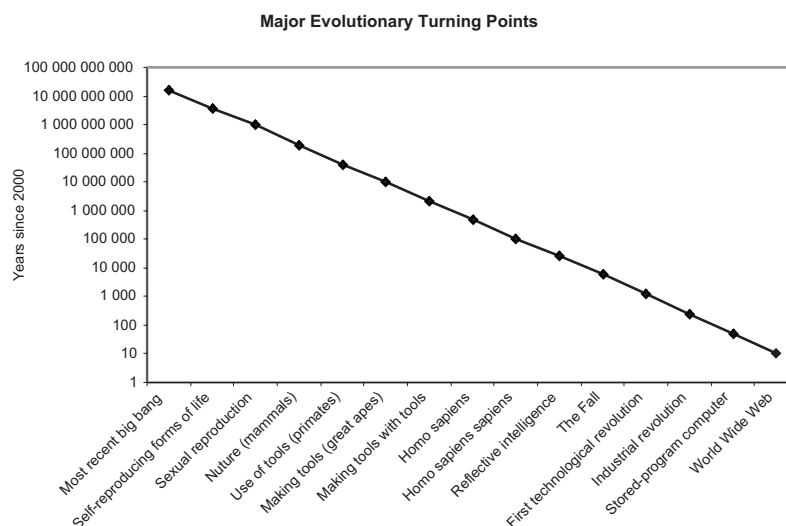
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Today, we meet to examine the legacy of David Bohm, the most innovative scientist since Isaac Newton, seeking, like Newton, to break free of the mind-forged manacles in which science shackles itself. In three days' time, it will be the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*, which radically changed the way that humanity understands its place in the overall scheme of things. But can Darwin's theory or any other evolutionary theory that has ever been proposed explain why scientists and technologists are currently causing the pace of evolutionary change to accelerate exponentially?

Tragically not. Explaining this central issue of our times is not on the agenda of any university, scientific institute, or business research and development department anywhere in the world. As a consequence, we are living our lives and running our business affairs in ignorance of the evolutionary energies that cause us to behave as we do, rather like driving along the highway faster and faster with our eyes closed. Such blind behaviour is hardly denoted by the term *Homo sapiens sapiens* 'wise, wise human', the name that we have rather arrogantly given to our subspecies.

The reason for our ignorance is that we cannot understand what is happening to humanity at the present time within the prevailing materialistic, mechanistic, and monetary worldview. We can only humbly live up to our name as a species by extending David Bohm's theory of the implicate order, which, in the pursuit of Wholeness, not only resolved the incompatibilities between quantum and relativity theories, but also included thought, consciousness, and spirit in the purview of science.

But before exploring how fragmentation can come to an end, how can we best present the exponential rate of evolutionary change? Well, here is a diagram presented by Nick Hoggard at the continental gathering of the Scientific and Medical Network in 2000 in Växjö, Sweden.



Using the reciprocal of the Feigenbaum constant in chaos theory (4.6692), Nick demonstrated that evolution is currently passing through its accumulation point in systems theory terms. For an infinite series of diminishing exponential terms has a finite limit, which we have reached today. Using the analogy of the bifurcation points in a dripping tap, the evolutionary tap is no longer dripping, but is turned full on. No further evolutionary turning points can be detected, the most momentous turning point in the fourteen billion years of evolutionary history, an unprecedented situation that requires an unprecedented solution. For as Einstein famously said, you cannot solve a problem with the mindset that created it.

So how can we best help the people understand what is happening to us all at the present time? Well, at the moment the focus of popular attention is on 21st December 2012, because this is when the 27 octillion years of the Mayan calendar, which is uniquely exponential in character, reach their finite limit, matching the Long-Count calendar to the Gregorian calendar. This vision, which inspired Nick Hoggard's own evolutionary studies, is stirring up much emotion.

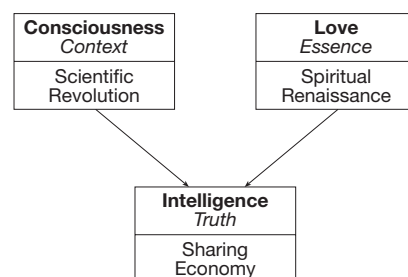
On the one hand, the movie *2012* is triggering people's fears with the prospect of a global cataclysm, being promoted by an apparently genuine organization called the Institute for Human Continuity, which asserts that a mysterious body from outer space is about to hit the Earth, a ridiculous vision that NASA has been moved to refute. On the other hand, the New Age movement, which tends to look at the world through rose-tinted glasses, believes that we are about to enter a Golden Age, not unlike the mythical Paradise that our forebears lived in in prehistory and in which we are conceived as individuals, as Stanislav Grof describes in *The Holotropic Mind*.

For myself, with the wonderful assistance of David Bohm as my scientific mentor, I have spent the last thirty years developing a self-reflective model of the psychodynamics of the whole of society using the modelling methods of information systems architects in business as the gnostic foundation and metaphysical framework. If I can find the necessary support, I plan to publish the results of these self-inquiries, which have enabled evolution to become fully conscious of itself, in a 1000-page work of scholarship called *Wholeness: The Union of All Opposites, or Semantic Principles of Natural Philosophy*. As the second title indicates, the main purpose of this book is to complete today's revolution in science being promoted by the Institute of Noetic Sciences, just as Newton's *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy* completed the Copernican revolution in 1687.

Wholeness is in three parts called 'Integral Relational Logic', 'The Unified Relationships Theory', and 'Returning Home to Paradise'. IRL is the framework for the URT, the much sought-for theory of everything, sometimes called the Holy Grail or Philosophers' Stone of human learning. Part III is less abstract, focusing attention on human evolution and involution as a whole, from start to finish.

To bring our evolutionary story to as wide an audience as possible, we also need to produce a series of television programmes, explaining as simply as possible both our origin and destiny as a species. To this end, I have sketched out a 13-week series as an extension of David Attenborough's *Life on Earth*, broadcast by the BBC in 1979, the inspiration for my own evolutionary studies.

Thirdly, our health, well-being, and even survival as a species is dependent on us all working harmoniously together with a common vision, recognizing that Love is the Divine Essence that we all share and that Consciousness is the Cosmic Context for all our lives. To generate such life-enhancing synergy, I am endeavouring to set up the Paragonian Foundation, which could help carry us out of today's Dark Ages into the Age of Light, as Love and Intelligence conquer fear and ignorance. The overall strategy of the Foundation, whose name means 'beyond conflict and suffering', is depicted in this diagram, further explained at www.paragonian.org.



Now because we cannot uncover the innermost secrets of the Universe within the rigid scientific, economic, and religious infrastructure of Western civilization, I have, of necessity, spent most of my life in solitude, nevertheless graduating in mathematics, getting married and having children, and earning my living in the IT industry, mostly with IBM in sales and software development. To unify my inner and outer worlds as the final stage of my own spiritual awakening, I am now seeking to set up the nucleus of a team that could bring these ambitious aims to fruition.

First of all, I need a full-time Chief of Staff to find funding and set up the team. Some of the key skills here are book designers, editors, and reviewers, web designers, TV documentary producers, and what Eckhart Tolle calls 'frequency holders' to help the team stay spiritually grounded. So if you feel moved to help set up this epoch-making project, whose motto is 'Awakening to Total Revolution', inspired by Vimala Thakar's call to open ourselves to Wholeness, beyond narrow, one-sided views of human life, I can be contacted at paul.advaita@gmail.com or +46-303-77 55 36.