

Completing the Convergence of Science and Ancient Wisdom

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Having been born near London in the middle of the Second World War, I began investigating how we could end the long-running war between science and religion as an eight-year-old in 1950. However, it was not until 1980 that I had sufficient life experience to dedicate myself full-time to healing this deep wound in the collective psyche. At the time, I was working in marketing for IBM in London, asking myself three fundamental questions about the relationship of human beings to machines, like computers:

1. Could computers become more intelligent than human beings by programming themselves without human assistance to develop artificial intelligence?
2. Whatever the answer to this question, what long-term economic and psychological issues could arise from humanity's growing dependency on information technology?
3. What is causing scientists and technologists to drive the pace of evolutionary change at exponential rates of acceleration?

But then we need to ask ourselves why these most critical scientific problems are not on the agenda of any scientific institute, technological research and development department, or governmental body. Essentially, this is because for the past several thousand years, evolution has been more divergent than convergent, leading to religious demarcations, academic specialization, and the division of labour in the workplace. As a consequence, Western civilization is erroneously based on the assumption that we human beings are separate from the Divine, Nature, and each other. So it is not possible to understand the root causes of our rapidly changing world while religion, science, and economics are based on seven pillars of unwisdom: misconceptions of God, Universe, Life, humanity, money, justice, and reason.

To see how we could intelligently adapt to the unprecedented rate of evolutionary change that we are experiencing today, I have used the holistic mathematical mapping skills of information systems architects in business to rebuild the entire world of learning on seven pillars of wisdom, recognizing, like the mystics, that we are never separate from the Divine for a single instant in our lives. Through self-inquiry and by generalizing the semantic modelling methods that underlie the Internet, I have developed an egalitarian, commonsensical science of thought and consciousness called Integral Relational Logic (IRL), the most radical transformation of Western thought since Plato, Aristotle, and Euclid laid down its foundations around 2,350 years ago. For IRL changes either-or, linear logic into all-inclusive, both-and reason.

IRL provides the Cosmic Context, coordinating framework, and Gnostic Foundation for the Unified Relationships Theory (URT), so-called because fields in science are a special case of relationships and it is relationships that are causal, whether these be physical or nonphysical, such as electromagnetic and morphogenetic fields or mental and subtle healing energies. The URT arises when the divergent tendencies of evolution transform themselves into convergence, thereby integrating all knowledge in all cultures and disciplines at all times into a coherent Whole. Such a self-reflective experiment in learning is evolutionary, leading to what Pierre Teilhard de Chardin called the Omega Point, coincident with the Alpha Point, the Divine Source from which the entire world of form emerges through the power of Life.

To communicate the results of this lifetime of investigation into how we could live in love and peace with each other, I have set up a website at <http://www.paragonian.org>. I coined the word *paragonian* in 1984 from the Greek *para* 'beyond' and *agon* 'conflict or contest', the root of words like *agony* and *antagonistic*. So *paragonian* denotes a loving, peaceful way of life beyond conflict and suffering, a utopian

vision that can only be truly realized when we all Awaken to Total Revolution, as Vimala Thakar inspires us to do in *Spirituality and Social Action*. This website contains several pages outlining this holotropic synthesis of everything, plus many pdf files for downloading, some of which are listed here.

Introductory presentation, essay, and proposal

'The Two Dimensions of Time': pdf_files/two_dimensions_of_time_poster.pdf (1 sheet, 8 x 4 feet)

Handout from poster presentation: pdf_files/two_dimensions_of_time_handout.pdf (8 A4 pages)

Inspired by an essay by Peter Russell called 'A Singularity in Time', I have written a 40-page essay called 'The Singularity in Time: The Omega Point of Evolutionary Convergence' showing with some simple mathematics that the singularity in time that evolution is currently passing through is mystical, not technological, as some computer scientists believe, putting the much anticipated prophecies of 2012 into their cosmic evolutionary context (pdf_files/articles/2011/the_singularity_in_time.pdf).

If we are to collectively and consciously transform the divergent tendencies in evolution into convergence, we need to work harmoniously together with a common vision. To this end, I have made a proposal for Project Heraclitus, consisting of three subprojects Agape, Aditi, and Eutopia, the first two focusing attention on the great Spiritual Renaissance and Scientific Revolution taking place today, thereby showing how we could synergistically heal our grievously sick society (pdf_files/project_heraclitus.pdf).

Books

As Western civilization is further removed from Reality than any other culture in human history, to heal my fragmented mind, I have spent the last three decades rebuilding the whole of science, philosophy, religion, and economics on the Truth. The result is an 800-page book called *Wholeness: The Union of All Opposites*, alternatively titled *Semantic Principles of Natural Philosophy* to indicate that it is intended to complete the revolution in science currently emerging today, just as Isaac Newton completed the Copernican heliocentric revolution. Draft chapters of this book can be downloaded from wholeness.shtml.

Wholeness is really three tightly knit books in one, titled *Integral Relational Logic: An Egalitarian, Commonsensical Science of Thought and Consciousness*, *The Unified Relationships Theory: The Grand Unified Theory of Everything*, and *Returning Home to Paradise: The Story of Human Phylogeny from Alpha to Omega*.

Television series

As events are currently happening faster than people can assimilate by reading, in 2006 I drafted a proposal for a 13-part television series putting our rapidly changing world into the context of the last fourteen billion years of evolution. The synopsis for this TV series, which was inspired by David Attenborough's *Life on Earth*, broadcast on the BBC in 1979, is available at tv/our_evolutionary_story.pdf. 'Our Evolutionary Story' needs some updating with recent discoveries being made by people's self-reflective Divine Intelligence, as evolution collectively becomes increasingly conscious of itself.

Paragonian Foundation

As the global economy is shaken to its very foundations by people's fears and ignorance of the sub- and unconscious evolutionary energies that cause us to behave in the way that we do, we need quite new living organisms that could carry us into the exquisitely beautiful eschatological Age of Light. To this end, my website is structured around a proposal for the Paragonian Foundation, consisting of the Paragonian Fellowship, University, and Business Academy, following a three-prong strategy. For we can only cocreate the Sharing Economy by first transcending our religious differences and completing today's scientific revolution. For while many like to emphasize their uniqueness, we can only really live in love and peace with each other when we realize that we share the Ineffable, Nondual Absolute in common, providing us with our Cosmic Context and Divine Essence, called Consciousness and Love, respectively.

If you feel moved by any of these proposals, you are welcome to contact me at wholeness@paragonian.org.