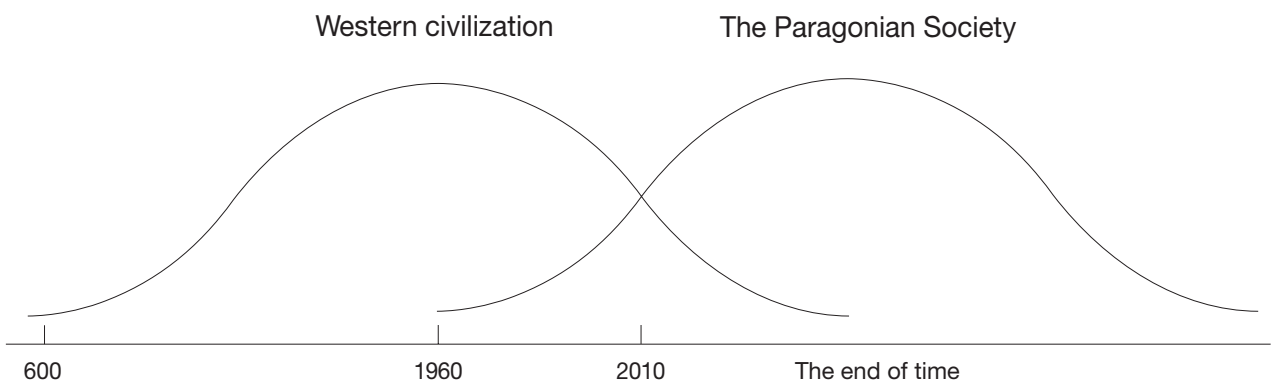


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This strategy for change has been inspired by Vimala Thakar's *Spirituality and Social Action: A Holistic Approach*, whose first chapter is called 'Awakening to Total Revolution'. As she said in the first paragraph, "In a time when the survival of the human race is in question, continuing with the status quo is to cooperate with insanity, to contribute to chaos."

The key reason why we urgently need to awaken to total revolution is that the pace of evolutionary change is accelerating at unprecedented speeds at the present moment, but we do not fully understand the evolutionary energies within us that are causing us to behave as we do. Running our business affairs in such an ignorant way is rather like driving down the highway at ever-increasing speeds with our eyes closed, a highly dangerous activity, which can only lead to catastrophe.

We are ignorant of our origin and destiny as a species because during the past few thousand years our minds have become fragmented, leading us to lose touch with the innate Wholeness and Oneness that we are, a critical issue that has also been highlighted by David Bohm and J. Krishnamurti, Vimala's spiritual teacher. As Bohm pointed out in an interview in 1986, reflecting on Krishnamurti's enlightened educational philosophy, if we do not question the fixed beliefs and assumptions that guide our lives, then humanity is not a viable species.

One example of this fragmentation is that there are many spiritual seekers and social activists in the world today, but very few who are working to heal the split between the inner and the outer. As Vimala ruefully observes, "religious groups concerned with inner growth and inner revolution, and social activist groups concerned with social service ... throughout history have been contemptuous of each other."

Another deep split in the human psyche arises from the schism between science and religion, most obviously expressed in the war between the Darwinists, who believe that evolution is blind, and the Creationists, promoting intelligent design. These are just some examples of the way our conditioned and analytical minds, which cause us to behave as we do, have become deeply fragmented and deluded, occluding the divine energies we need to heal what Erich Fromm aptly called our sick society in *To Have or To Be?* and other works.

Our children celebrate when they leave school and graduate from university. But what is there to celebrate? The education system and other divisive influences on their lives have stultified their natural intelligence, leaving them with utterly shattered minds. They then take their fragmented world-views into business and education, infecting their children from one generation to another, a pathogenic situation that has been going on for hundreds and thousands of years. None of us, whether brought up in any culture in the East or the West, has been able to avoid this conditioning. We go out into the world thoroughly brain-washed, living very far from Wholeness and the Truth.

The Principle of Unity

Thankfully, there is a way out of our dilemma. Through the tendency of Life to integrate that which has become separate, we can heal all these splits by applying the Principle of Unity, the fundamental design principle of the Universe, to all our activities. The Principle of Unity states very simply that *Wholeness is the union of all opposites*, which is a universal truth, applicable in all situations.

This is the essence of the cultural revolution that is taking place today. We are beginning to adopt a both-and approach to life, able to see both sides of every situation, rather than the either-or approach that is instilled in us by our egoic minds, encapsulated in the statement, "If you're not

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with us, you're against us." This divisive approach to human affairs has led to Western civilization being further removed from Reality than any of the other twenty-odd civilizations that have existed during the patriarchal epoch, meticulously described by Arnold Toynbee in his monumental *A Study of History*.

The Principle of Unity is leading us to recognize one simple truth: in Reality, we are all one undivided whole, not separate from God, Nature, and each other for a single instant of our lives, contrary to what our religious, scientific, and economic conditioning has led us to believe. The health, well-being, and survival of our species is thus dependent on us all working harmoniously together with a common vision. For it is out of such loving synergistic relationships that miracles can happen, that the New Humanity can emerge.

However, while Love is essential if we are to heal the deep split between the inner and the outer, it is not sufficient to bring about urgently needed revolutionary change in economics, education, science, medicine, law, politics, and religion. Piecemeal, tentative approaches to these critical issues that do not go to the root of the human malaise cannot work, no matter how inspiring and heartfelt they might be. To transform the Whole, we need to start afresh at the very beginning, invoking Consciousness and Intelligence, as well as Love and the Truth, capitalized words to denote various aspects of the Divine.

Of course, throughout the patriarchal epoch, we human beings have struggled to live in love, peace, and harmony with each other, for the most part failing to understand the root causes of the conflicts and suffering that have bedevilled human affairs since the dawn of history. This situation has now reached crisis proportions not because of the war on terror, of global warming, of psychological stress, strain, and burnout, of inherent economic instability, inequalities, and injustices, or of any other obvious threat to our survival as a species.

Rather, we need to awaken to total revolution in the next few years because evolution is currently accelerating at unprecedented exponential rates of change, passing through the most momentous turning point in its fourteen-billion-year history. But because of our fragmented and deluded minds, few are yet conscious of this fact. Because business and academia emphasize specialization rather than generalization, few can see the Big Picture.

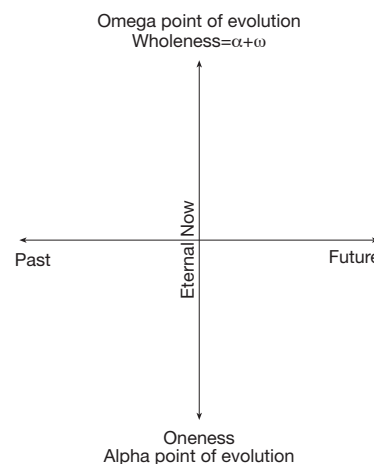
To use a mapmaking metaphor, we are not following E. F. Schumacher's maxim for mapmaking given in *A Guide for the Perplexed*: "Accept everything; reject nothing." While specialists can create the most detailed maps of particular localities on Earth, they do not realize that all these maps do not fit together as a coherent whole because the Earth is spherical, not flat. We are thus using faulty maps to navigate our ways through life, rather like the maps sailors used prior to the scientific revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. And just as the Aristotelians and Christians rejected Copernicus's heliocentric view of the solar system, we are most reluctant to correct our maps. We are still living in the Dark Ages, placing humanity in a pretty perilous predicament. For any species that does not adapt to its changing environment cannot expect to survive for long.

These cosmic, evolutionary changes affect everyone on Earth, whether we are conscious of this or not. They are not being caused by human endeavour, but by creative energies that arise within us, like a fountain. However, we actually have no control over these energies because they originate at our divine Source, as the power of Life. We can also call Life the Logos, the name that Heraclitus, the mystical philosopher of change, gave to the immanent rational organizing principle of the Universe. Nevertheless, we can adapt to this rapid rate of change by learning to understand the evolutionary energies that cause us to behave as we do. And it is these very same life-giving energies that are awakening us to total revolution, both within individuals and in society as a whole. In this way evolution is becoming fully conscious of itself, much as Julian Huxley said in the preface to Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's *The Phenomenon of Man*.

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Once again, the Principle of Unity can help us here. This shows that the past and the future, in the horizontal dimension of time, which is where machines, like computers, function, unify in the eternal Now, in the vertical dimension of time, in the timeless. So if we are to become free of our mechanistic conditioning, we need to be reborn, rather like Neo in the popular movie *The Matrix*, recognizing that in Reality, there is no past or future. Only Now is real, a notion becoming increasingly popular through such books as Eckhart Tolle's best-selling *The Power of Now*.

We can thus see that all the divergent streams of evolution will soon converge in a megasynthesis at the end of time, much as Teilhard prophesied in *The Human Phenomenon*, the more recent translation of his visionary book. As he said, this convergence is carrying us to evolution's glorious culmination, which he called the Omega point, leading to a superconscious and superintelligent society living in love, peace, and harmony, when we shall all be able to say, with John the Divine, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."



Finding a common context

One key reason why it has been so difficult for human beings to live in love and peace with each other during the past 5,000 years is that we do not have a common context within which to live every aspect of our lives. To use the mapmaking metaphor again, we still have a flat-earth mentality, not seeing the Earth as a sphere. Specifically, in Western civilization, the overall context for science is the physical universe, for religion, it is the Christian concept of God, the Supreme Being, in whose image we humans are supposedly created, and in business, the global economy provides the context in which we trade goods and services.

The central issue here is that God and the Universe, the contextual concepts for the two primary ways of searching for the Truth, are incompatible with each other. They are incompatible because both *God* and *Universe* indicate wholeness in some sense, but it is not clear how they relate to each other, about which has precedence, if either. Yet these conflicting concepts have governed human learning for thousands of years, preventing us from developing a coherent way of determining the truth or falsity of what we are taught or what we discover for ourselves, which is one reason why the world is in the terrible mess it is in today.

So the top priority of the New Humanity, which we could call *Homo divinus universalis*, must be to establish a common context in which we can have harmonious dialogues about the critical issues facing humanity today. For without such an overriding context, which we all share, our minds will remain fragmented and we shall continue to have arguments with each other, not the least about the Whole.

These conflicts arise from the greatest delusion that arises from our egoic, fearful minds. For reasons that I look at later, we have turned what we all share in common, and about which there can be no argument, into personal Gods, who we seek to defend, even to the death. We can become free of these conflicts by recognizing that it is Consciousness (with a capital C) that provides the overall context for all our lives. And within this overall context, it is Love, our divine Essence, which is our common, immortal Ground of Being.

Consciousness and Love, which we can also call Wholeness and Oneness, respectively, are what is common to us all. Within this overall context and gnostic foundation, anything is possible. Our uniqueness is not determined by our notions of God, but by all the diversity and variation that arises from Consciousness.

Such a world-view is becoming increasingly accepted within spiritual circles. As many are intuitively aware, "Consciousness is all there is," as the Advaita sage and former President of the

Bank of India, Ramesh S. Balsekar, emphasizes in *Consciousness Speaks*. In the words of Rumi, the Sufi poet, “Love is the sea of not-being and there the intellect drowns.”

However, the most influential scientists in society do not yet accept such a context for all our activities. For instance, Stephen W. Hawking was reported as saying on BBC radio in December 2006, “scientists still have ‘some way to go’ to reach his prediction in his bestselling *A Brief History of Time* that mankind would one day ‘know the mind of God’ by understanding the complete set of laws which govern the universe.” He still believes that the giant LHC atom smasher that will go into operation in the CERN nuclear physics laboratory in Geneva in 2007 is necessary to reveal these laws, which he thinks could be developed within twenty years. Furthermore, he still believes that “Mankind will need to venture far beyond planet Earth to ensure the long-term survival of our species,” not recognizing that the human race is not immortal; it is subject to the same laws as any other structure in the Universe.

The unified relationships theory

We can establish that Consciousness is the overall context for all our lives as a scientific fact through the unified relationships theory (URT), a coherent body of knowledge that corresponds to all our experiences, from the mystical to the mundane. The URT can heal our fragmented, specialized minds, because it uses a process of conceptual abstraction of the utmost generality, which has evolved from pure mathematics and Ted Codd’s relational model of data in computer science, which is used in virtually all databases on the Internet. The URT is so named because it is a generalization of Albert Einstein’s unified field theory. Fields, both physical and nonphysical, are special types of relationships, and it is relationships that make the world go round.

Furthermore, because the URT unifies mathematics and mysticism, spirituality and science, and reason and religion, it provides the context and foundation for our spiritual lives, free of the constraints imposed by the organized religions. The URT expresses the perennial wisdom that underlies all the religions in a language that has evolved from mathematics, metaphysics, computer programming, and information systems modelling methods in business.

And because of its immediate business precursors, the URT could also provide the overall context and framework for the life-enhancing, ecologically sustainable Sharing Economy that could emerge following the collapse of the global economy in the next few years. If we are to rebuild business and academia on the Truth, we need to burn all existing maps, enabling us to develop a comprehensive map of the Universe that could help us to navigate comparatively safely through life, free of the delusions that have distorted our vision for hundreds and thousands of years.

Beyond conflict and suffering

The URT tells us that if we are to awaken to total revolution, we need to move forward on three fronts. Life needs to help us to create epoch-making scientific, spiritual, and economic revolutions, the like of which have never been seen before in human history. And, of course, these liberating revolutions cannot be brought about through the agency of any existing organizations, all of which are constrained, to some extent or other, by the prevailing culture, by traditional ways of thinking.

To this end, during the past few years, I have been attempting to set up the Paragonian Foundation, consisting of the Paragonian Fellowship, University, and Business Academy, addressing the spiritual, educational, and economic aspects of the cultural revolution that evolution is guiding us to make.

I coined the word *paragonian* on 29th October 1984, following several weeks spent searching Greek and Latin dictionaries in Wimbledon library in London. I did so to denote a society living in harmony with the Principle of Unity, not denying its truth, as Western civilization tends to do. *Paragonian* comes from the Greek *para* ‘beyond’ and *agon* ‘contest’ or ‘conflict’, a word that is also the root of *agony*, until the 17th century meaning ‘mental stress’, and *antagonist*, ‘a person

that one struggles against'. So *paragonian* means 'beyond conflict and suffering', a healthy, liberated, and awakened way of being that we can realize when we live consciously in Oneness, in union with the Divine, at the Alpha point of evolution. *Paragonian* thus denotes the essence of *Advaita* in a word with a Western etymology.

A scientific revolution

Since 1980, I have written hundreds of thousands of words describing my increasing understanding of our origins and destiny as a species. This evolutionary vision is summarized in *The Paragonian Manifesto: Revealing the Coherent Light of Consciousness*, which I wrote and published in 2004. However, this book has so far received very few reviews and endorsements, telling me that the time was not right to publish such an all-inclusive, revolutionary book. People have been reading it from the perspective of what they have learnt during their lives within the prevailing culture, for they can do nothing else. But this does not help show how the concepts of God and the Universe can be unified in Consciousness, thereby healing our fragmented minds.

Since then, my insights have become ever clearer and more soundly grounded, telling me that I need to follow my natural energies, without resistance, presenting my insights in the context of Consciousness, not the fragmented contexts of both the prevailing and emerging cultures, an approach that is more revolutionary than evolutionary in manner. I need to demonstrate a both-and approach to life, based on the Principle of Unity, in what is still predominantly an either-or world.

To this end, in December 2006, I wrote a 9,000-word introduction to the URT in as thoroughly a scholarly manner as I could manage, with references to established authorities every hundred words, on average. The framework for the URT is called Integral Relational Logic (IRL), which takes the evolutionary process of conceptual abstraction, employed by pure mathematicians, computer programmers, and business information systems modellers, to its utmost conclusion. IRL is the framework for transformation that the *What is Enlightenment?* magazine is seeking for it

is dedicated to a revolution in human consciousness and human culture. Guided by the evolving vision of founder Andrew Cohen, we are in search of a radical new moral and philosophical architecture for twenty-first-century society. We believe that finding this framework for transformation—rooted in the timeless revelation of enlightenment, reaching toward a truly coherent ethics for postmodern world—is imperative, not only for the evolution of our species, but for our very survival.

The article, called 'The Unified Relationships Theory: Healing the Fragmented Mind', describes the way that mathematical abstraction can heal our fragmented minds more clearly than I have done in my previous writings. The article then goes on to show how this process of abstraction can be used to establish the concept of the Absolute as a scientific one, leading us to establish the scientific fact that Consciousness is the overall context for our lives, not the physical universe, as is widely believed today. I am seeking to publish this article in a scholarly journal as soon as possible in 2007.

However, while many mystics and spiritual seekers intuitively know that Consciousness is all there is, establishing this fact scientifically has taken me twenty-seven years of the most meticulous reasoning, diving below the foundations of mathematics, indeed, of all knowledge. Much of this reasoning has been available on the Internet since February 2004, the first half of an 800-page scholarly work on the URT, currently called *Ineffable, Nondual Wholeness: The Union of All Opposites*. However, I plan to change the title of this book to *The Unified Relationships Theory: Healing the Fragmented Mind*.

The overall purpose of this book is to complete the revolution in science that has been taking place during the past few decades, just as Isaac Newton's *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy* completed the Copernican revolution in 1687. However, I cannot do this entirely on my own. I need specialists in their various fields to work with me within the overall context of Consciousness and Love to create what I call a 'vital science'. We also need to explore how the

URT could provide the infrastructure for the Paragonian Society and the Sharing Economy, which could come into existence when the global economy inevitably collapses in the next few years. To this end, I have prepared several research projects to be undertaken by the Paragonian University, if and when it becomes manifest.

The university is so named because *university* is cognate with *universe*, from the Latin *universus* ‘whole, entire’ from *unus* ‘one’ and *versus* past participle of *vertere* ‘to turn’. So a university is a centre of learning, of research and education, whose purpose is to turn our understanding of ourselves and the world we live in into one whole. Sadly, universities today are very far from living up to their name. To emphasize that we can only discover the truth about ourselves through self-inquiry in community with others, the motto of the university is ‘Awakening to Ourselves’.

One of the university’s projects is to create a glossary of words used within the unified relationships theory. Changing the meanings of *God* and *Universe* requires us to make changes to many other words. This is essential, for current dictionary words in all European languages reflect a fragmented world-view, which is very far from Reality. My general approach here is to reveal the root meanings of words: what David Bohm called the ‘archæology of language’. It is interesting to note that the original meanings of words are often much closer to the Truth than modern meanings, indicating that the ancients were closer to Nature than we are today.

As the notion that Consciousness is the overall context for all our lives cannot be seen with physical eyesight or any of the other five senses, I am proposing to manufacture a plastic ball illustrating the surface, depths, and the centre of the ocean of Consciousness. This model will show, in physical form, a view of Consciousness that corresponds to a view of the Earth as a sphere, freeing us of our existing ‘flat-earth’ world-views.

Viewing the Universe as Consciousness is an extension of David Bohm’s notion of the holomovement, which he regarded as an undivided flowing movement, rather like a river. The holomovement is central to the implicate order, which Bohm used to unify the incompatibilities between relativity and quantum theories.

The point of the model is to show that the physical universe of our senses is just the surface of the ocean. If we are to go deeper than the superficiality of today’s society, we need to look beneath the surface, represented by the currents in the ocean, at both our individual and collective psyches. The centre of the ocean of Consciousness is the divine Source of Life, which can also be seen as the origin of the radiant light of Consciousness, which can awaken us to total revolution. I envisage that this ball will eventually be manufactured in hundreds of thousands, if not millions.

To help people to see the underlying structure of the Universe, I would also like to commission someone to write a graphical computer program illustrating the tabular and graphical structures of IRL, making explicit what is implicit within all of us. IRL has evolved from business modelling methods such as entity-relationship modelling and the Unified Modeling Language (UML), which today use the graphical facilities of computers. And there are many graphical programs showing how to organize concepts and ideas, such as mind maps and thesaurus generators. Three I know about on the Mac are ConceptDraw, OmniGraffle, and Inspiration. Furthermore, three programming languages, APL (A Programming Language), Logo, and Smalltalk were specifically designed by Kenneth Iverson, Seymour Papert, and Alan Kay, respectively, as educational tools.

The seed idea for such an educational program is also present in Richard Dawkins’ program *The Blind Watchmaker* and in Stephen Wolfram’s *A New Kind of Science Generator*. Richard sought to demonstrate in his program that evolution progresses without divine intervention, which is very far from the truth. As the URT shows with the utmost simplicity, all programs that have ever been written have arisen through the creative power of Life, including *The Blind Watchmaker*.

The spherical model and educational tool are just two elements in bringing the URT into the consciousness of the general public, not the least today’s children, who are destined to live lives

radically different from any other generation in human history. For this reason, it is vitally important that they are aware of what is causing the pace of evolutionary change to accelerate exponentially today.

To this end, in the summer of 2006, I prepared the synopsis for a 13-part TV series called 'Our Evolutionary Story', inspired by David Attenborough's *Life on Earth*, broadcast by the BBC in 1979, and the popular movie *What the Bleep Do We Know!?* The series could be better titled 'Awakening to Timeless Evolution', the title of an extended article I wrote in January 2006, exploring the way that an exponential series of diminishing terms in mathematics can be used to map to the major turning points in evolution during the past fourteen billion years. It is these calculations that show that evolution is currently passing through its point of accumulation, in systems theory terms, which is leading to a spiritual renewal of Earth. We shall also need to write a book to accompany the series, replacing *The Paragonian Manifesto* as the introductory book for the Paragonian vision.

A spiritual revolution

The spiritual revolution that we are engaged in today is exactly the opposite of the scientific revolution in many respects. Most particularly, while the scientific revolution is concerned with grow and development, leading to Wholeness, Transcendence, and Cosmic Consciousness, the spiritual revolution is more a dying process, leading to Oneness, Immanence, Love, and Unity Consciousness.

In a way, we should really begin with the spiritual revolution, for this is based on the Alpha point of evolution, in contrast to the goal of the scientific revolution, which is the Omega point. Of course, both the Alpha and Omega points co-exist in the eternal Now. So these revolutions are both actually taking place in the present moment. That is the great paradox of evolution. It has taken some fourteen billion years of growth and development for intelligent beings to emerge who are living consciously at the end of time, at evolution's glorious culmination.

The dying process that we are engaged in here, if I can call it a process, is that we are dying to the sense of a separate self. This is an egoic, psychological death, enabling us to be free of the fear of death, not only of our own bodies, but also of the global economy and the human race, itself. One day, in the foreseeable future, a generation of children will be born who will not grow old enough to have children of their own.

This is not really a revolution, for this awakened approach to spirituality has been practiced in the East for hundreds and thousands of years. For instance, Shakyamuni Buddha's three marks of being encapsulate this spiritual wisdom:

1. There is nothing whatsoever that is permanent in the Universe, including our bodies and any groups, from our family to our species, which we feel we belong to (*anitya*).
2. If we do not recognize this fundamental principle of existence, we shall suffer (*dubkha*).
3. The way to end suffering is to be free of the sense of a separate self, of attachment to the egoic mind (*anatman*).

As a demonstration of the impermanence of everything, Tibetan monks following the Dali Lama around the world spend a few days creating a most beautiful mandala in coloured sand, measuring two or three square metres. To demonstrate that they are not attached to anything, they then throw all the sand away, in Stockholm, a few years ago, into the sea. This is an important lesson that we all need to learn.

The Hindus have a somewhat different, but related approach. To them Brahman and Atman are one. The purpose of the spiritual journey is to unify the Divine and the human, enabling us to say, "I am That", the title of a classic spiritual book by Nisargadatta Maharaj. In this way, we can answer the most fundamental question any of us can ask ourselves, "Who am I?"

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The monotheistic religions, on the other hand, regard God as other. As F. C. Happold points out in *Mysticism*. “To Jew, Christian, and Moslem, a gulf is felt to exist between God and man, Creator and created, which can never be crossed. To assert that ‘Thou’ art ‘That’ [as the Hindus do] sounds blasphemous.” So the mystics of these religions have needed to be very careful about what they said if they were not to incur the wrath of the Church authorities. As Elaine Pagels tells us in *Adam, Eve, and the Serpent*, “Even the mystics of Jewish and Christian tradition ... often are careful to acknowledge the abyss that separates them from their divine Source.”

So the mystics in the monotheistic religions have often been at odds with the theological teachings of their religions. For instance, Yehuda Berg tells us in *The Power of Kabbalah* that the Zohar, the primary Kabbalistic text, “warned that the ‘governing religious authority’ would always try to prevent the people from claiming the spiritual power that was rightly theirs.” Such authorities would “act as an intermediary between man and the divine”. For if they allowed people to “connect directly to the infinite, boundless Light of Creation” that “would mean their demise as gatekeepers to heaven”.

Other commentators on monotheistic mysticism have made similar comments. For instance, in *Cosmic Consciousness*, published in 1901, Richard Maurice Bucke, prophesied that, one day, “Churches, priests, forms, creeds, prayers, all agents, all intermediaries between the individual man and God will be permanently replaced by direct unmistakable intercourse.” And when this happens, “all religions known and named to-day will be melted down”. “Sin will no longer exist nor will salvation be desired,” extraordinary words written many years ahead of their time.

For me, realizing that nondual Love is our immanent divine Essence is the heart of the spiritual revolution taking place today. For without egoless Love, we cannot possibly live in love, peace, and harmony with each other and our environment. Not that we can kill the ego completely, for we need the ego to function in the world. Even Ramana Maharshi would turn when his name was called.

If we are to unify our divine and human qualities, what we need to remember is that who we truly are is who we are in our most intimate moments, not any roles that we might play in the world. For instance, when we are alone with the Divine, when we commune with Nature, especially wilderness untouched by humans, or when we engage in divine love making with our beloved, which is the most beautifully empowering and healing meditation available to any of us.

There is a potential conflict between the scientific and spiritual revolutions here. IRL is based on David Bohm’s very general way of perceiving order: “to give attention to similar differences and different similarities”. By comparing all the data patterns of our experience, we can thus bring universal order to all our thoughts. We use such comparisons whenever we employ someone to do a job for us; we need someone with the necessary skills, experience, and knowledge.

But when our discriminating activities lead to discrimination, judging people as being better or worse, more or less important, and so on, this is the ego at play. Such egoic games have been played for thousands of years, leading to today’s celebrity culture. These games are even played by spiritual seekers, which Chögyam Trungpa called ‘spiritual materialism’, which might be better called ‘spiritual egoism’.

Nevertheless, there are many individuals, communities, and organizations who recognize that nondual Love is our divine Essence and that we can only live in Peace from this wonderful space of Emptiness. However, the awakening-of-consciousness movement is in a pretty confused state, lacking the cohesion we need if all the divergent streams of evolution are to converge as Teilhard prophesied. Giving this life-saving movement a common focus is the overall purpose of the Paragonian Fellowship, whose motto is ‘Awakening to Love’.

Many spiritual seekers are noticing that the pace of spiritual awakening has been speeding up in recent years. But what we are seeing today is just a tiny ripple compared to the tsunami that is even now building up in the depths of the ocean of Consciousness. The reason for this is that evolution

is an accumulative process of divergence and convergence, proceeding in an accelerating, exponential fashion by synergistically creating wholes that are greater than the sum of the preceding wholes through the new relationships that are formed, miraculously out of nothing.

So evolution has the potential within it to accelerate at superhyperexponential rates of change, which would literally blow our minds. When we realize that we are all in the same boat, that our health, well-being, and survival is dependent on us all working harmoniously together with a common vision, the lack of trust that still exists today would simply evaporate.

This potential lies very much at the grass roots of society today, particularly within women, bringing up Indigo children, who are the forerunners of the Paragonian Society. And just as women give birth, the Age of Light will be born through the life-giving feminine energies of both women and men. The primary revolutionary energy in the world today thus comes not from the mind, but from the heart. If Life intends it, the Paragonian Fellowship could carry us all to love, peace, and harmony at the most amazing rates of change that few can possibly imagine today.

An economic revolution

The key point about the economic revolution that we urgently need to bring about is that in today's Information Society managing our business affairs through financial models is utterly inappropriate. Money is a type of information, and so can be represented in information systems models. But the meaning of information, and hence its value, cannot be satisfactorily represented in quantitative financial models.

Business modelling methods, such as UML, developed by Rational Software Corporation in the 1990s, now a subsidiary of IBM, provide a more accurate and comprehensive representation of the underlying structure of a business than management accounting methods. The chief information officer (CIO), engaged in knowledge management, has a far clearer view of what is actually going on in a company than the chief financial officer (CFO), managing money. So if we pay any attention to money in our daily lives, other than what we are legally obliged to do, we cannot shine a brilliant light through the impenetrable fog created by divisive econometric modelling methods, which prevent us from peacefully managing our business affairs with full consciousness.

Furthermore, the money supply is a finite resource in a Universe of infinite possibilities, which is how the quantum physicist Amit Goswami describes Existence in *What the Bleep Do We Know!?* For if there were an infinite supply, money would lose all its value and would cease to function as a means of exchange or as a store of value. So if we allow money to control our lives, we cannot possibly realize our fullest potential as either individuals or as a species.

Above all, our obsession for money is causing severe psychological and ecological damage, driving us to the brink of extinction before we have reached evolution's glorious culmination. So if more than a tiny fraction of the human race is to survive beyond 2020, our highest priority is to dissolve those organizations that are causing all this damage, namely the stock markets of the world, and their corresponding joint-stock companies and joint-stock banks.

There are two just two scenarios that we need to consider. Will Western civilization die violently or peacefully? First, will the global economy disintegrate chaotically, leading to the meltdown of the infrastructure on which we all depend? By infrastructure, I particularly mean the Commons, such as the electricity, gas, telephone, and rail networks, and, of course, the Internet. Or could we dismantle the divisive institutions and repeal the pathogenic laws that are causing so much damage in an orderly fashion, enabling us to build the infrastructure for the Sharing Economy?

There is no other scenario that we need to consider as evolution passes through the most momentous turning point in its history. What is certain is that dysfunctional Western civilization is dying very rapidly, becoming as dead as the dodo, as obsolete as phlogiston. So could a phoenix

arise from the ashes? We evidently cannot continue living in the way we have been doing for the past five thousand years for more than another five.

As such an economic revolution is dependent on the spiritual and scientific revolutions reaching a reasonable level of maturity, nothing more need be said at this time. Until the Paragonian Fellowship and University are established, we cannot really set up the Paragonian Business Academy, with the motto ‘Working harmoniously together’. While the underlying principles of the Sharing Economy are in complete harmony with the fundamental laws of the Universe, there is not yet sufficient spiritual maturity in the world to implement such a life-enhancing, ecologically sustainable way of managing our business affairs. All we can do is trust that the loving, convergent, cooperative powers of Life will very soon conquer the fearful, divergent, competitive forces.

Resistance to change

If awakening to total revolution were easy, we would have done so long ago. For there is almost no one on Earth who would rather live in conflict and suffering than in love and peace. The reason we human beings have failed miserably in this respect during the past few thousand years is that the Universe has a built-in resistance to change, even as evolution is accelerating at unprecedented rates of change, leading many to be afraid of change.

The central issue here is that all structures in the Universe, whether they be physical, biological, or mental, have the tendency to maintain themselves, to preserve the status quo, in what systems theorists call homeostasis. We could also call this self-preserving tendency autostotic, from the Greek *soteria*, ‘preservation, salvation’. The immune response of the body rejecting potentially life-saving organ transplants is a familiar example of the way that structures seek to protect themselves, even against life-saving structures that could prevent them dying, from adapting to their changing environment.

So when Life has created individuals that do not fit into the prevailing environment, they have often had a pretty hard time of it. It was only when these individuals reached a critical mass and the environment changed that dynamic equilibrium could be restored. The formation of atoms in the most recent big bang, the emergence of the first self-reproducing forms of life on Earth, and the creation of new species are all examples of these struggles of life to become manifest in the world of form. The noosphere is no exception to this general principle. Revolutionary pioneers have rarely been accepted by their contemporaries.

It is only when we recognize that our overall environment is Consciousness, and not the global economy, Western civilization, planet Earth, the physical universe, or a God in whose image we are created, that dynamic equilibrium will be restored. But even within individuals, this is not easy, as the Hindu classic *Bhagavad Gita* records. When Krishna showed Arjuna the Ultimate Cosmic Vision—“all the manifold forms of the universe united as one”—Arjuna said, “I rejoice in seeing you as you have never been seen before, yet I am filled with fear by this vision of you as the abode of the universe.” Today, this inability of our organisms to cope with the dazzlingly radiant light of Consciousness can give rise to what Christina and Stanislav Grof call a spiritual emergency, as Spirit emerges within us faster than our body-mind organisms can deal with.

In psychological terms, our resistance is an example of what Abraham Maslow called the Jonah syndrome at work. As he said, we all have an impulse towards actualizing our immense potential as human beings in what he called ‘self-actualization’. But like Jonah in the Bible,

We fear our highest possibilities (as well as our lowest ones). We are generally afraid to become that which we can glimpse in our most perfect moment, under the most perfect conditions, under conditions of greatest courage. We enjoy and even thrill to the godlike possibilities we see in ourselves in such peak moments. And yet we simultaneously shiver with weakness, awe, and fear before these very same possibilities.

A Strategy for Change

Not only this. There is a tendency in society to limit the potential of those seeking to realize their fullest potential as human beings. As Maslow says, “Not only are we ambivalent about our own highest possibilities, we are also in a perpetual ... ambivalence over these same highest possibilities in other people,” which he calls ‘counter-valuing’. He goes on to say, “We surely love and admire all the persons who have incarnated the true, the good, the beautiful, the just, the perfect, the ultimately successful. And yet they also make us uneasy, anxious, confused, perhaps a little jealous or envious, a little inferior, clumsy.”

The effects of the Jonah syndrome arise as a theme in many fairy tales in all cultures of the world, where the hero has to overcome monsters, such as nine-headed trolls, to win the heart of the princess or reach the treasure. I was reminded of this by Meryl Tankard’s marvellous production of *Aurora*, based on the story of the Sleeping Beauty, performed by Gothenburg Opera’s Ballet Company in December 2006. This story can be seen as an allegory of the past few thousand years of human development.

The princess falling asleep for one hundred years corresponds to the 5,000 years when the human mind has become increasingly dominant in the human psyche, leading us to become separate from our divine Source. In the words of the Brothers Grimm, after ‘Briar-rose’ fell asleep in the tower where an old woman sat spinning, “round about the castle there began to grow a hedge of thorns, which every year became higher and higher, and at last grew close up round the castle and all over it, so that there was nothing of it to be seen, not even the flag upon the roof.”

It needs the love of the prince for the princess to cut down all this undergrowth so that the radiant light of Consciousness can be revealed once again. In the words of an anonymous fourteenth-century English mystic we need to disperse the ‘cloud of unknowing’ that prevents this brilliant light from shining through us. The immense popularity of Dan Brown’s *The Da Vinci Code* is also a symptom of this heroic quest, for the search for the Holy Grail is a symbol of our search for God.

In practical terms, the Jonah syndrome often arises because our analytical minds have led us to become separate from our immortal Ground of Being. We have created substitute immortality symbols to assuage our fear of death, not only the death of our own bodies, but the inevitable death of both Western civilization and the human race itself. Our sense of security and identity in life is precariously based on these immortality symbols, which arise directly from our conditioning.

Historically, the primary immortality symbols have been the belief in reincarnation, in the East, and the belief in everlasting life after death, in the West. However, today, money is the primary antidote to the fear of death. Paradoxically, our obsession for money is causing severe psychological and ecological damage, driving us to the brink of extinction. And therein lies the fundamental double bind facing humanity today. We cannot make fundamental changes to the global economy because we are too afraid to do so; our laws, designed to protect our fears, forbid it. On the other hand, we cannot not make such changes, because if we don’t, the children born since the beginning of the millennium are most unlikely to grow old enough to have children of their own.

We can see quite clearly that money is an immortality symbol when we look at the tower blocks that financial institutions build in the centre of major cities. As James Robertson points out in *Future Work*, these buildings play a similar role in society today to the cathedrals that dominated the centres of medieval cities. Both serve to reinforce our belief in immortality symbols: in the Middle Ages, the notion of a personal God, and today, money. As James goes on to say, “The theologians of the late middle ages have their counterpart in the economists of the late industrial age. Financial mumbo-jumbo holds us in thrall today, as religious mumbo-jumbo held our ancestors then.”

This situation was tragically brought home to us all on 11th September 2001, when two hijacked planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York. This was clearly an attack not just on people and property, but on the immortality symbols that these towers

represented. Because immortality symbols take on absolutist values, we thus saw the effects of a holy war, in this instance between religious and economic fundamentalism.

So by seeking to maintain our religious and economic immortality symbols, we are actually threatening the very survival of our species. Humanity is thus living on a knife-edge right now. We could blow ourselves up at any moment, or we could break through into an eschatological epoch of the most exquisite beauty. What will actually happen, none of us can possibly know. All we can do is live our lives day by day in as loving, conscious, and intelligent a way as possible, trusting that in so doing, we can accept whatever Life brings to us to help us on our way to Love and Peace.

Resource plan

Every day there are trillions of dollars sloshing around the financial markets serving no other purpose than to reinforce and protect people's immortality symbols. Some 97% of all financial transactions by volume involve trade in money-related products, not the goods and services we need for our daily lives. It is sheer madness, of course. But could just a tiny fraction of this money be diverted to help us awaken to total revolution?

If so, I think my top priority should be to establish the authenticity of the unified relationships theory. For even though I am first and foremost a mystic living in Love and Consciousness, the scientists claim that only scientific knowledge is valid, an assertion that is widely accepted by the general public. How often do we hear sentences beginning, "Science has proved ..."?

For myself, I know that the URT is authentic because all the pieces of the jigsaw fit together in the most elegantly simple manner, giving me great joy and bliss. But from the response that I have received over the years from others, this is not something that they can digest very easily. Even at the forefront of the awakening-of-consciousness movement, leaders are holding on to belief systems that prevent us from adapting to the most momentous turning point in the fourteen billion years of evolutionary history that we are currently passing through. If evolution is to become fully conscious of itself, it is vital that one or more influential figures accept the authenticity of the unified relationships theory, which unifies all opposites in Wholeness.

With such active support, it should then be possible to build productive working relationships with such organizations as the Integral Institute, the Institute of Noetic Sciences, the California Institute of Integral Studies, the Alliance for a New Humanity, the Foundation for Conscious Evolution, the Association for Global New Thought, the World Business Academy, and EnlightenmentNext in the USA, and the Scientific and Medical Network, Schumacher College, the Be the Change organization, the New Economics Foundation, and the Wrekin Trust in the UK.

And with such connections, it might then be possible to obtain funding from such organizations as the John Templeton Foundation, which invests in "life's biggest questions". As its mission statement says, "These questions range from explorations into the laws of nature and the universe to questions on the nature of love, gratitude, forgiveness, and creativity." The unified relationships theory addresses all these issues in a thoroughly scholarly manner. So maybe there is a chance here to really make progress.

These are just a few reflections on some of the steps we need to take in order to truly awaken to total revolution. If these simple steps could be taken, I have no doubt that the flood gates would open. With such synergistic energy, we could build a team that could really make a difference in the world. For instance, right now, I would welcome assistance from web designers and database managers, advanced graphics programmers, research assistants, subject and language editors, book distributors, television producers and directors, creative artists and story-tellers, and so on and so forth. It is not practical to communicate the unified relationships theory entirely on my own. I also need to find a suitable place in the world in which to live and work, while still having the opportunity of relaxing in the wilderness, as I can currently do here in Sweden.

About me

I was born in England in 1942 into a society at war with itself, which caused me much distress. So since I began to think for myself as an eight-year-old, I have been living a double life: a public life, following the conventions of the culture I was born into, and a private life, seeking to find the root cause of conflict and suffering, both within others and me, so that I could live in love and peace with my fellow human beings.

Conventionally, I was educated as a mathematician, subsequently spending my business career in the information technology industry, mostly with IBM in sales and marketing in London in the 1960s and 70s and in software development in Stockholm in the 1990s. Less conventionally, my private inquiries have led me to integrate all knowledge into a coherent whole, necessary for Life to heal my fragmented and split mind, leading me to deep Love, Peace, and Stillness.

My childhood and adolescence, which I call the autumn season of my life, was a particularly depressing time. What I was being taught in science and religion did not make sense as a coherent whole, did not have a ring of Truth about it, but I did not have sufficient experience of life to determine what was true and false. As a consequence, I learned very little at school and university, which was Life's way of ensuring that I had very little to unlearn when I came to unify mathematics and mysticism and science and spirituality in the third quarter of my life. Nevertheless, I did manage to graduate in mathematics in 1964, but not with the distinction that my teachers expected.

During the next sixteen years—the winter period of my life—I put aside my lifelong search for Wholeness and the Truth to pursue a business career and bring up a family in the conventional manner, working as both a systems engineer and as a manager in an IBM sales office for most of this time. What led me to return to my search for the Truth was the realization in 1980 that the global economy is incompatible with the invention of the stored-program computer—as an extension of the mind—and that it would self-destruct within thirty years, by the time that my two children would presumably be bringing up children of their own. At the time of this apocalyptic vision, I was working in IBM marketing in London with the responsibility to develop an innovative UK marketing programme for decision support systems and personal computing, nearly two years before IBM announced its personal computer.

Winter became spring as the result of an idea I had at 11:30 a.m. on 27th April 1980, when strolling across Wimbledon Common in London to the pub for lunch. While puzzling about what is causing the pace of evolutionary change to accelerate exponentially, I realized that the knowledge and intellectual skills of scientists and technologists, like myself, must be types of energy. Three weeks after my eureka! experience, which I now see as the beginning of my spiritual awakening, I resigned from IBM and set out to create a coherent world-view that would integrate the psycho-spiritual energies that I had 'discovered' with the physical energies that I learnt about at school.

Since then, I have been on the most fantastic adventure that anyone could possibly imagine, finding satisfactory answers to every question that I have ever asked myself about God, the Universe, and what it means to be a human being. I have been successful beyond my wildest dreams. Sadly, however, because I have been redrawing the maps that we use to navigate through life, I have been pursuing this great adventure mostly in solitude. This is rather like sailing around the Earth several times single-handed. Needless to say, I have encountered many storms, which nearly capsized me on a number of occasions. But thankfully the integral map that was emerging in my consciousness helped me to negotiate these hurricanes and tsunamis, leading me into much calmer waters.

Today, as I begin the summer season of my life, I am seeking to enter port and come ashore, thereby unifying my public and private lives. But since I took to the high seas, I have left today's conflict-ridden society far behind, and I do not wish to return to such a world. Rather, I am

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exploring the possibility of using the holographic map of the Universe that I am endeavouring to present to the world to help create a society living in love, peace, and harmony.

That is all I need to say about my life history at this time. I have written a number of autobiographical articles that go into much more detail, available on application. In 2002 and 2003, I also drafted an autobiography called *Returning Home to Wholeness: A Brief History of Me*. If this story could help others awaken to total revolution, I would much welcome a mystic with a psychotherapeutic background to help me knock this book into shape, so that it can be published.

Further reading

Much material on the unified relationships theory and the evolutionary vision that is included in this synthesis of everything is available on my web site at <http://www.paragonian.org/>. It is possible to express the URT in any number of words, from seven, through seven thousand, to seven million. The shortest expression is the Principle of Unity: *Wholeness is the union of all opposites*. The next shortest are pieces of five sentences and five pages, available from [articles.shtml?sentences](#), and [pdf_files/relational_logic_in_a_nutshell.pdf](#), respectively.

The longest description of integral relational logic is contained as Act II of my magnum opus, available at [wholeness.shtml](#). The series of research projects that I need to complete this book are at [research.shtml](#). My initial attempt to create a comprehensive glossary is at [glossary.shtml](#). In between these short and long versions of URT is a 9,000-word introduction at [pdf_files/unified_relationships_theory.pdf](#). And a guide and synopsis for this book is available from [pdf_files/urt_guide_and_synopsis.pdf](#).

The entire introductory book on the Paragonian Society can now be downloaded from [manifesto.shtml](#). An extended paper that explains, using simple mathematics, why evolution is now at the most momentous turning point in its fourteen-billion-year history is at [pdf_files/awakening_to_timeless_evolution.pdf](#). This is the theoretical background to the TV series I am proposing, whose synopsis is at [tv/our_evolutionary_story.pdf](#). You can find other articles at [articles.shtml](#).

However, I feel that it is time for a major overhaul of this web site. So I would be most grateful for any assistance that anyone can give me in this project.

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