

School of Thought

3-Stack Outline

Short Stack... Full Course

"And now you know... the rest of the story." Paul Harvey
"Sometime empty page present most possibilities." From movie: Paterson
"Ah ha!"

say what you're going to do

say how you're going to do it

say what you've done

X you are here

- 1 The Master's Craft ¹
- 2 An Invitation To Consider
- 3 Proceed With Caution

- 4 Signs and Indicators
- 5 Cardinal Awakenings
- 6 Metaphysical Big Bang ²

- 7 Stand and Point ⁵
- 8 Two Steps Back
- 9 It Is As If...

- > I suspect...
- 10 Mall Map Analogy ^{IMMA}
- 11 The Bridge Function ^{TBF}
- 12 Methods, Models, Maps ^{MMM}

- 13 Power > Limit < Power ^{4 PLP}
- 14 Critical Mass Analysis ^{CMA}
- 15 Core, Containment, Command ^{CCC} *

- 16 Core Concepts ^{CCR}
- 17 Containment Concepts ^{CCN}
- 18 Command Concepts ^{CCM}

- 19 Acting Captain ^{5 AC}
- 20 You Have The Bridge ^{YHTB}
- 21 Star Charting ^{SC}

- 11 Reality Check
- 7 Power > LIMIT < Power
- 9 Adventure Training

- 22 River Pilot Analogy ^{6 RPA}
- 23 Systems Analysis ^{SA}
- 24 spoke Wheel Analogy ^{SWA}

- 25 Resource Management ^{RM}
- 26 Balanced Wheel Analogy ^{BWA}
- 27 Conditional Arrays ^{CAR}

Book x Cardinal Awakenings
The Master's Craft

Book The Initiate
The Master's Craft

Book Our Legacy
The Master's Craft

The Beguiled (minions)

The Power > Limit < Power

Core, Containment, Command

Core Concepts

Containment Concepts

Command Concepts

Stand and Point

Two Steps Back

It Is As If...

Signs and Indicators

Cardinal Awakenings

It Is As If...

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Plot Points... Waypoints... Guidance along the Narrow Path... The Way...

value hierarchy

choice of 1st Magnitude... Standard of Measure... Choose Your Treasure!...

Unclaimed Inheritance... Playground for the Children... Lost Treasures...

Workplay... The Treasure is in the Toil... Command Performances...

Peak Experiences... Our Hero Stories... The Extraordinary Becomes Ordinary...

Raise the Standard... Rally(ing) Point!... Self-Love... Selfless-Love

"We want to be loved, failing that..." You can't share what you ain't got!...

Choice of 1st Magnitude... Standard of Measure... "Look at what I got..." → Bernie Madoff

Albert Einstein

"Look at what I did..." Choose Your Treasure!... Can Will < Guidance Violence ... Willin'

The essence of being is becoming... I Am... He is his Heaven!...

"... do they invite us to join with them in building and maintaining a healthy center for our societies, a place where rights and duties (entrusted is both a privilege and a responsibility) are apportioned fairly, the social contract is honored, and all have room to dream and grow." from Fascism A Warning by Madeleine Albright

... which becomes (increasingly) probable through our collaborative and cooperative works in concert with one another. [competitive collaboration / adversarial conditioning]

... orchestrate ... orchestration... symphony... synergy...

... making musical magic together!... due portion... our slice of Heaven!...

... Heaven isn't a place but rather a state of being... a presence of mind!...

-Beware Confirmation Bias -

* The infinite (omniscient) and timeless (omnipresent) consciousness that I am a faint ember reflection of... resonance... resonant cavity... vessel

Establish Proper Grounds...

Insulate From The Current...

Don't Become The Path Of Least Resistance... Single Path Conductor... Shock & Burning...

vs. Acting Captain Pitch & Catch Teamwork!

10-30-21 Anthropomorphic Abstract: Summary of Impact Statements
 Anthropology Approach (Dense yet simple and concise)
 - The Master's Craft - Distill to Essence

First and foremost, the history of our world is a history of extinction. This fact is the foundational basis of the conflict of forces between the sustainability of life on our world, most especially human life, and extinction.

INTERPOSE
 INERFERE
 INTERVENE
 INTERCEDE
 Pattern.
 Interrupt...
 arrogance...
 human centric...
 a long shot!..
 - willful intent -
 teleological purpose...
 materialized creative consciousness...
 The Bridge Function

conflict of forces
 sustainability versus extinction
 metric
 merit
 - truth is knowing the exactness of measure...
 delicate balance
 critical super-critical evolution revolution
 V^2/I^3
 unclaimed inheritance
 The Bridge Function
 We live in the gap synergy symphony orchestrate
 conditioned entanglement
 entangled conditioning
 Choice of 1st magnitude Standard of Measure
 Choose Your Treasure!
 lost treasures
 the power of suggestion
 the casting of spells
 the casting of roles
 resonant ring of truth
 powers Function

If we accept this premise of the conflict of forces between sustainability and extinction of human life on our world as the standard by which we measure willful intent, then we have established a basis of argument by which to consider the merits of the competing ideologies of human conflict.

To exist is to be in a critical state of balance, a delicate balance between critical and supercritical states. If we are guided by a shared vision and values founded upon enduring and endearing principles and stand indivisible by intolerance, ignorance, and indifference, then we evolve through a process of conditioning as emergent beings. If this process of emergence is arrested, then the critical state of balance is lost and the limits of endurance are exceeded, resulting in a supercritical state of revolution.

(enduring and endearing principles and practices = V^2 vision x values)
 (suppressed)
 arrested development...
 current cast...
 due portion

Therefore, our way forward is a narrow path across a bridge that spans the gap between that which is possible for our species through evolution and that which becomes probable through our collaborative and cooperative works in concert with one another... orchestrate... orchestration... symphony... synergy

* (competitive collaboration) (chaos informs order!) teleological purpose

We exist in an inherent state of conditioned entanglement that binds us together in a universal source of entangled conditioning. This state of being bound together in an inherent source of conditioned entanglement is the basis or foundation of the scientific method. It is through this universal source of entanglement that we as individual entities can stake a claim to individual knowledge, understanding, and wisdom about our world and our role in it.

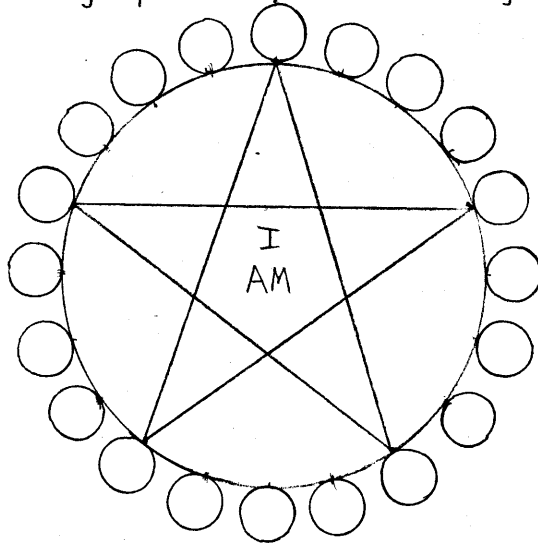
(boundary conditions) constants (recursive conversion cascade(s))
 (If m : resonance susceptibility, susceptible resonance)

The standard by which we choose to measure is our choice of 1st magnitude. We choose our treasure of willful intent. If our vision resonates with another, then through the power of suggestion, our spell is cast. If an individual accepts the premise of the suggestion, then they are cast into a role that supports the premise... Establish a practice in the art and science of crafting yourself and the world around you... The Master's Craft... Bridge Function

(AIM)
 (truth is knowing the exactness of measure)
 (can will... guidance, violence course corrections)

In The Wheelhouse

Acting Captain ... You Have The Bridge



Conflict of Forces...
Human Conflict...
Active

Engagement...

Choice of 1st magnitude...
Standard of Measure...

Choose Your Treasure!...
V²/I³: Vision x Values/

Acting Captain...

You Have The Bridge...

Engage in the Quest...

A Treasure Quest...

Can Will... Guidance

... Violence

external

pressure

... is easily

resisted...

∴ no panacea

constrained

vision truth...

impact imparts

excitation

... internal

desire...

∴ CONVERSION

unconstrained

vision truth...

see: We want

to be loved;

failing that...

The mass of the passive participants (the masses) have a dampening effect on course correction inputs... inertial dampers... form of containment... regulates to stabilize rate of change of course corrections during storms of circumstances...

- ref: Vilfredo Pareto... 80/20 Rule... Passive/Active...

- Intolerance x Ignorance x Indifference

- Active: Character and Competence...

core competencies and passions...

Friction point of contact engagement (slippage)... loss of contact, loss of transmission... signal to noise... significance (signify) occasion

- competing ideologies... competing narratives... metanarratives...

- If an individual accepts the premise of the suggestion...

The constrained vision versus the unconstrained vision... boundary conditions conditioned entanglement of infinite potential... constants verses conventions...

due portion... current cast of characters... enduring chain of custody...

Consequential Knowledge... Go Around!... Your

landing gear is not down!... "with the right information..."

- INSIGHT, DISCERNMENT

Sometimes, you just have to embrace the absurd!...

- True, False, Meaningless (absurd), Imaginary -

- imagination¹: the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality 2a: creative ability b: ability to confront and deal with a

problem (challenge, opportunity): RESOURCEFULNESS

- perceive^v [thoroughly + to take more e HEAVE] 1: to

attain awareness or understanding of...

Thomas

Sowell

Thomas

"Sowell

Captain
Picard

Boolean

George

Boole

Our Hero Stories... We Live In The Gap... The Essence of Being Is Becoming...

- Message Meaning Fidelity

- Being... Becoming aware of the gap between perception and reality...
- Mind the Gap... Sean Tiffée... TEDx Talks

* - Sean's conversion... Mine the Gap

unique,
unfettered,
free,
unrestricted,
unbiased,
complete,
absolute,
perfect,
total,
unqualified,
supreme
and
unalterable
reason

- example of the danger of the gap... if you believe you have access to reality, at some point you think you gain a monopoly of truth... from the master (meta) narratives as templates we spin out (author) our own personal stories... when you believe that your personal stories are the only true representation of reality... in my own personal story I am always the hero. If my perception of reality is different from yours... If I'm the hero... then you are the villain... and if you are the villain... then I fight against you... I am right and you are wrong... individual actualities

- awakening awareness... Wait, I'm the bad guy!.. how do we mine the gap in order to diminish detrimental impacts... embrace the absurd... let the absurd act as a placeholder that represents our limited perception of reality and truth... this acknowledgement of our limitations enables empathy for others and their limitations...

- the absurd ^{adj} 1: ridiculously unreasonable, unsound, or incongruous... 2: having no rational or orderly relationship to man's (human) life: MEANINGLESS; also: lacking order or value 3: dealing with absurd or absurdism

- the absurd ⁿ: the state or condition in which man(kind) exists in an irrational and meaningless universe and in which an individual's life has no meaning outside their own existence

- objective reality ... conditioned entanglement... collective reality... constants
- subjective reality ... entangled conditioning... individual actualities... individual actualities are combined to render collective subjective reality...

- zeitgeist = the spirit of the time...

- event line ... occasion(s) ... close encounters of 3 kinds... reputation, agency, direct... significant?.. impact imparts excitation... signs and indicators (clues and cues: turn-based participatory game play) proceed with caution... religious and/or political implications... views evaluation

- consciousness is unlimited (limitless) associative learning...

mathematics... addition is associative... when combining elements such that the order of the elements is preserved (conserved), the result is independent of the grouping...

- Tug of War... drags the opposing force to (towards) center... diminish the extremes to balance the means... the delicate balance, wherein when the magic happens... occasion...

"But meet them halfway with love, peace and persuasion..."

And expect them to rise for the occasion." Glad Tidings; Van Morrison

4th grade math teacher Mrs. Jones... ^{idea generalized from particulars} conceptual abstraction... the power of the tools... measurement of the shadows... lights the way to reason... the "way"

(the casting of shadows)
signs and indicators of bearing & inclination

Metanarrative(s)... The Ring of Truth... suspension of disbelief...

allows for (enables) resonance within us... resonates with us... clear as a bell... relates to (is relative to) confirmation bias (information we will entertain as having potential value)... a fundamental...

"resonates with me"... is an idiom or idiomatic statement (metaphorical usage) SEE: tunable resonant cavity (vessel)

- "If you sit ^{upon} / ^{-quest-} the question long enough, then the answer will come to you!" ... The power of the question... The question frames the answer... Standard of Measure... Choice of 1st Magnitude... Choose Your Treasure... There are those who wish for the jackpot and there are those who seek the mysterious. The jackpot gets you more of the same, or recast as supersizing the ordinary. Seeking the mysterious offers the extraordinary... "I asked for all things, that I might enjoy, life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things..." "But I'm scared. We're all scared. You have a chance to live your life the way you want to. So just tune out the noise. Listen to your heart. Let your love be greater than your fear." Movie: The Wedding Season

- Legendary... Our Hero Stories... Character Archetypes...

The role of... is being recreated by... Acting Captain...

You Have the Bridge Function... Metaphysician... Can Will Guidance, Violence... Course Corrections... Literally the hand of the Master on the tiller of the world... Conversion...

If you change the course of thought, then you change the course of events... The history of our world is a history of extinction... a conflict of forces between sustainability and extinction... Establish a practice in the art and science of crafting yourself and the world around you... A commanding perspective and a comprehensive view... teleological purpose...

AIM... materialized creative consciousness... recursive conversion cascade... seeking something larger than life... PRESENCE... Heaven isn't a place but rather a state of being... a presence of mind!..

Reality Check The Master's Craft!

to be or not to be (constant preparedness) immeasurable
 You Are Here! for the apocalypse unfathomable
 of discovery (Jordan Peterson) The Abyss
 Due Portion of... Potential

- The Bridge Function... The Essence of Being Is Becoming... We Live In The Gap!
 The Master's Craft... to be? Establish a Practice...
- Materialized Creative Consciousness... Teleological Purpose... properly clothed spirit...
- Choice of 1st Magnitude... Standard of Measure... Choose Your Treasure!
 Unclaimed Inheritance... Lost Treasures
- Conflict of Forces... Sustainability Vs. Extinction... The history of our world is...
 a history of extinction!
- Human Conflict... Competing Ideologies... Equal Human Rights... Fair Class Privilege...
 - A privilege and a responsibility to direct and protect... The Delicate Balance...
 critical/super-critical states
- Grand Unification... Teleological Purpose... Materialized Creative
 Consciousness... Metaphysical Big Bang
- It's not that I know more than others. It's that I ignore less... Signs and Indicators...
 Cardinal Awakenings... I suspect... IT IS AS IF... clues & cues

Power > Limit < Power

M.M.#M - The power of the question... Inquiry
 Casting - The power of suggestion... Investigation

- True power is... tunable resonant cavity... Vessel
- Conversion Cascade [Standard of Measure, standard references] Command Performances...
 Project the Power...
- The power of suggestion... [Resonant] Serves as a Beacon...
 - temperment Ring of "A tall ship and a star
 - The Casting of Spells... to steer her by..." Peak Experiences...
 - The Casting of Roles... [Truth] - clues & cues
- Methods... Inquiry: QUERY... the question frames the answer: Investigation... Mu concept
 - models... coordinate distinctions correlated... connect - the - dots puzzle...
 the big picture emerges... descriptive 3D modeling
- maps... conditional arrays... jig-saw puzzle... the big picture emerges...
 prescriptive 2D mapping
- The Natural Form... The Conditioned Form... The Emergent Form...
 ... Ordinary... True Power Is... Entangled... The Extraordinary Becomes...
 temperament, template... Standard of measure... Conversion cascade...

Adventure Training

- Acting Captain... Character and Competence... The role of... is being recreated by...
- Star Charting... Choice of 1st Magnitude... Standard of Measure... AIM (Raise the standard)
 The right person... Individual Gifts... Talents and Abilities... conversion cascade
- The Delicate Balance... Wherein when the magic happens... evolution vs. revolution
 e.g. biodiversity; equal human rights vs. fair class privilege;
 quality of life vs. standard of living; conservation vs. utilization
 of resources

Establish Proper Grounds

Insulate From The Current

You Are Here!

We live in the gap... possible || probable function

Being \rightarrow The Bridge Function \rightarrow Becoming
The Master's Craft \rightarrow Adventure Training
Reality Check... Power > Limit < Power...
I suspect... speculative philosophy singularity || multiplicity

- The Bridge Function \rightarrow The Essence of Being is Becoming...
conversion cascade - worthy. Explorers of all possibilities...
"I asked - Choice of 1st Magnitude of becoming? Infinite potential...
for all things that I might enjoy life... Tribe: The power of the question...
I was given life that I might enjoy all things... Quest: The question frames the answer!
Tear: The principles and priorities our lives

- Choose Your Treasure... Standard of Measure...
Raise the Standard... Rally Point!...
Practitioner - Establish a Practice... to Master the Art and Science of Crafting Yourself and the World

Around You!... The Master's Craft vs. The Tyrant's Reign
- Conflict of Forces = Sustainability vs. Extinction - stewardship
- Human Conflict = Competing Ideologies... evolution vs. revolution
- The delicate balance... wherein when the magic happens... equal human rights vs. fair class privilege

- True Power Is ... the ability to act or produce an effect and the capacity for being acted upon or undergoing an effect...
modal - boundary conditions... modal constants... conditioned entanglement... entangled conditioning...
- The Natural Form... The Conditioned Form... The Emergent Form (conversion)

- Conversion Cascade: As Above... So Below... Radiant... Reflector
- The Casting of Spells... The Casting of Roles... Resonant Ring of Truth
- The Power of Suggestion... If an individual accepts the premise of the suggestion... then they are cast into a role (command) that supports the premise... supporting role, supporting cast!

Project(s) \rightarrow Suggest, Accept, Reject, Cast-off
- "We make our stand upon the truth, like the rock as our foundation, or we dash ourselves against it!" Source Unknown
- Lunatic Fringe by Red Rider -

Acting Captain... You Have The Bridge
- The role of... is being recreated by... Practitioner...
Establish a practice in the art and science of crafting yourself and the world around you!...

CONSIDER, STUDY, CONTEMPLATE, WEIGH shared meaning elements; to apply one's mind to something in order to increase one's knowledge or understanding of it or to reach a decision about it: DISCERN (MENT)
- The extraordinary becomes ordinary - evolution
* My first written expression Change was about personal growth... conversion

Dare to cross the boundary line! The Essence of Being is Becoming!
A.C.E. \rightarrow Crafting Practitioner is the embodiment of The Master's Craft...
Crafting practice... the casting of spells... the power of suggestion...
* entertain vb: to treat or receive as a guest: Amuse [to entertain in a light or playful manner], DIVERT [to turn from a course or purpose: DEFLECT DAB Course Correction... my...
CONVERSION]: to hold in the mind \rightarrow change the course of thought... CONVERSION CASCADE [workplay]

Ability > Dis-ability < Ability
Power > Limit < Power
I choose > Bias < Agree
bias: an inclination of temperament or outlook: esp. a highly personal and unreasoned distortion of judgement:
PREJUDICE, BENT, TENDENCY
temperament... template
~ 1975

Core... Containment... Command...
Garden Amusement Park
Garden Amusement Theme Park

Rights and Privileges... Human Rights Class Privilege

Core... Containment... Command...
Garden Amusement Park
Garden Amusement Theme Park

Token Gifts
- Triggers

Key concepts can unlock ^{awakening} ^{awareness} unrealized potential...

"No one understands this material better than you..."

From: The Hunt for Red October

"and a star to steer her by..."
consider: to regard with care or caution
REFLECT; EXALT via-
- ATTENTION -

Content Is King!

I will continue to refine and revise... thought experiments... thought instruments... musings... I suspect...
Additional representations are source of inspiration...
An invitation to consider... I suspect...
edit out the...
extraneous [STRANGE] is: existing on or coming from the outside 2a; not forming an essential or vital part; having no relevance < n points that do not serve his argument > 3; being a number obtained in solving an equation that is not a solution of the equation

- Segmented Presentations (Streaming Video) ^{pre-recorded presentations}
- Audio Development Notes (edited for content)
- Written Development Notes (packets)

- Diagrams: ^{visual aids} Modeling & Mapping (e.g. cascades, cycles, 1-3-5-7-11)
- Projects: Private Trust
- Stories: (e.g. Red Brick Porch, The Shed, The Field, The Firecracker) ^{Terry - can I get a witness... John 3:8... The wind... S.H.S. "Who wants ice cream?"}

channel markers... the narrow path... the way... in the lane... Deming variation

boundary conditions - constants -
to place ahead... to send provision: to see ahead & modal

"A tall ship... conditioned entanglement recipe of creative expression

"and a star to steer her by..."
entangled conditioning - metanarrative

(Resonate Ring of Truth) willful intent... can will guidance... violence...

to miss the target... Divine Aim... SIN... human tragedy ← Jordan Peterson

Premise: Basis of Argument... My Perspectives to Share [Core Concepts]
(to render clear) Resonance DISCERN... free from doubt
- Enduring and Endearing Principles and Practices ^{clear as a bell} (contributing factors... deciding factor... with the right information)

- Principles = Fulcrum and Practices = Lever (Tiller) wand
- I suspect... Conversion of Possibilities to Probabilities... boundary conditions - constants -

The Bridge Function... teleological purpose... materialized creative consciousness
change of state
* The Essence of Being is Becoming! "Take the measure of a man for what he is today." from the movie: A Bird of the Air - Character Archetypes...
* The right person, in the right place, at the right time, with the right information, reduces the need for everything else... the deciding factor!...
If an individual accepts the premise of the suggestion... then they are cast into a role that supports the premise...

Theme: Subject or Topic of Discourse ... Our Story to Tell [Central Theme]
* - Choose Your Treasure (CHERISH)... Quest The power of the question... The question frames the answer!
- Choice of 1ST Magnitude... Standard of Measure [truth is knowing the exactness of measure True power is...]

↳ Choice of 1ST Magnitude... Standard of Measure... Choose Your Treasure.
- Conflict of Forces - sustainability vs. Extinction of... properly clothed spirit... in the flesh... materialized creative consciousness... your treasure quest... closer approximations of exactness... AIM for the target of the ideal...
- Human Conflict - Competing Ideologies - conventions -

- conditioned Entanglement... Entangled Conditioning... The Power of Suggestion... archetype - metanarrative
- My rights end where yours begin!... Boundary Infringement!... commendation vs. condemnation
- Initiate... Initiative... Merit [to be worthy of reward or honor]...
Meritocracy... Leadership via character and competence

Meritorious... Merit System... appointments and promotions based on character and competence rather than political favoritism or loyalty
Technocracy... Technique... Leadership via competence in the art and science of a craft... statesmanship... leadership without narrow partisanship...
- Spiritual Gifts... Thought to be Divine Trust... Talents and Abilities... Awakening Awareness of the privilege and responsibility of the gifts entrusted to the Initiate...
The Delicate Balance... wherein when the magic happens!... equal human rights!... fair class privilege!...

Arrested Development of gifts entrusted to the Initiate is the source of intensification of Divine Discontentment...
Jordan Peterson

Conceptual Modeling & Mapping

- cycles of self-exploration, self-discovery, self-actualization... conversion
 - dwell angle lift (intensity) and duration (period)
 - command performances... hero stories... peak experiences
 - the essence of being is becoming - exaltation - state or the power of a function...
 - the role of... is being recreated by... acting captain... [to perform + he enjoys... he is his heaven]
 - the essence is conserved - you have the bridge... The Bridge Function ←
 - initiative... initiate "A predisposed disposition for yielding to a manifest source of latent potential." or arrested development
 - establish a practice in the art and science of crafting yourself and the world around you... Acting Captain, You Have The Bridge!
 - if you affect the course of thought then you affect the course of events... True power is... Conversion!... tunable resonant cavity... vessel
 - "continuous successive application of the necessary stimulus" recursive feedback
 - catalytic conversion... conversion cascade(s)
 - the casting of spells... the casting of roles... the power of suggestion!
 - If an individual accepts the premise of the suggestion, then they are cast into a role that supports the premise... supporting role, supporting cast!

- Choice of 1st Magnitude ... choose your treasure (quest) ... (truth is knowing the exactness of measure!)

↳ standard of measure... the principles and priorities our lives revolve around (pivotal hub) and through which we project recurring patterns, our daily routines... V^2/I^3 competing ideologies

We make our stand upon the truth, like the rock as our...
... foundation, or we dash ourselves against it!

vision • values / indifference • ignorance • intolerance → The Bridge Function ... We live in the gap.

intolerance I don't care	ignorance I don't know	indifference I don't care to know
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teleological purpose ... materialized creative consciousness

- true power is... the ability to act or produce an effect and the capacity for being acted upon or undergoing an effect... conversion... conditioned entanglement • entangled conditioning... generically, emergent systems are rule-governed systems (participatory game theory) of positive (reinforce probability amplitude) or negative (diminish probability amplitude) feedback pushing (course corrections) the system towards a particular state (rest state)^{sustainability} see: zero point fluctuations must be greater than Plank's constant... ref. uncertainty principle... SEE: recursive

- The Natural Form... The Conditioned Form... The Emergent Form (conversion cascades)

- Conversion Cascade see: infinite potential current cast of characters due portion... only as fast as the arts and sciences...

- Peak Conversion... sustained^{operational} by a continuous conversion of resources...

- peak raw resource extraction vs. resource recycling... repurposing
- peak environmental suitability vs. hazard adaptation

Aspects of The Bridge Function (in no particular order)

premise - teleological purpose - ^{intent → initiated} created a bridge function at metaphysical big bang - materialized creative consciousness... singularity... multiplicity... self-love... selfless-love

- you are here point from which to consider what I suspect... speculative philosophy

theme
room
to
grow!

- We live in the gap between human possibility (potential) and that which becomes probable... the essence of being is becoming... bridge the gap! avatar conversion

↳ contract work ~ play... workplay

The Natural Form
The Conditioned Form
The Emergent Form... Command Performances
Peak Experiences

- acting captain... you have the bridge...

- the position from which we participate... we choose and experience the consequences of our choices... Choice of 1st Magnitude... Standard of Measure... Choose Your Treasure!...

carrier

- space-time function... propagation [to set slips, before + to fasten - more @ PRO, PACT] [pact: to agree, contract, to seize, fix, fasten]: to cause to spread out and affect a greater number or greater area: EXTEND: PUBLICIZE: TRANSMIT

signal

- The Bridge Function resonant vessel into which consciousness has the potential to become a soul: a properly clothed spirit... corporeal existence... materialized creative consciousness... resonant ring of truth... what pops out... what settles out... rest state

- The Master's Craft ^{initiative... initiate} cannot be taught but it can be inspired aquired...
- The casting of spells power of suggestion...

field

- travels (propagation) as a wave (probability waves, wave train or wave packets... see also short "burst" or envelope - interference, standing wave) and arrives as a particle, (packet) part... impact imparts excitation

movie
The Vow
(2012)

- "I have a theory too. My theory is about moments. Moments of impact. My theory is that these moments of impact, these flashes of high intensity that completely turn our lives upside down, actually end up defining who we are. So that's my theory. That these moments of impact define who we are. But what I never considered... was what if, one day, you could no longer remember any of them?"... "A moment of impact. A moment of impact whose potential for change has ripple effects far beyond what we can predict... sending some particles crashing together... making them closer than before... while sending others spinning off into great ventures... land where you never thought you'd find them... and wait for the next..."

lift & duration...
dwell angle...

Cardinal
Awakenings

- "I believe that God is within all of us, that we are perfect, precious beings, and that we have to put our faith and trust in that." Angela Lansbury

Foreword - A peek behind the curtain, veil of complexity; Caught a glimpse!

"Talent hits a target that no one else can hit; genius hits a target no one else can see."

- Room to grow - galaxy... universe... multiverse - attributed to Arthur Schopenhauer -
- money is easy ... people are tough

- The system is sustained operational by a continuous conversion of resources... ^{→ cascade... physics = spread spectrum modulation... infinite extension} Bridge Function change ^{→ conservation... the essence is conserved (the essence of being is becoming)} of state... singularity union (ignorance is bliss)...

multiplicity (the natural form, the conditioned form, the emergent form)... multiplicity reunion (to perform + he (we) enjoy(s)... he is his heaven... command performances... peak experiences... sheer bliss) ^{exaltation: non-ordinary intensification of a mental state... (s)he is his heaven... or the power of a Function... The Bridge Function... True power is... The power of suggestion... Casting...}

"But the natural (physical, selfish) man does not accept (perceive, receive) the things (gifts) of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned." Truth

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14

- The Natural Form... The Conditioned Form... The Emergent Form -

That being alone is perfect in which all opposites are reconciled, the ultimate soul condition... supreme and unalterable reason... ^(self-love) ^(selfless-love)

He who posses Truth, the greatest of all treasures, and is therefore rich beyond the calculation of man... he is immortal because Reason takes no account of death and he is healed of Ignorance - the most loathsome of all diseases... and that absolute and transcendent perfection which arises only from the fullest unfoldment of the latent potentialities within the individual... represents a spiritual condition, a mental attitude, a physical state attained only by the elect (sublime) of earth... upon the strong pinions of intuition and reason and the flaming spirit fire with which the miracle of my existence was wrought... Divine Power, which all men seek but which is found only by the mystic... [The Secret Teachings of All Ages]

convert exalt

- Perception is not reality!
- Perception is an individual actuality!
- Individual actualities are combined to render collective subjective reality!...
- Objective reality is rendered by boundary conditions that permit or allow for the emergence of materialized creative consciousness... intelligent life forms... form follows function!
- All truth is relative to the Choice of 1st Magnitude... Standard of Measure... Choose Your Treasure!..
- Rendered simple by conditioned entanglement yet complex by entangled conditioning... ^{chaos}

Consciousness: As Viewed by Deepak Chopra (Wiki)

Chopra speaks and writes regularly about metaphysics, including the study of consciousness and Vedanta philosophy. He is a philosophical idealist, arguing for the primacy of consciousness over matter and for teleology and intelligence in nature – that mind, or "dynamically active consciousness", is a fundamental feature of the universe.

In this view, consciousness is both subject and object. It is consciousness, he writes, that creates reality; we are not "physical machines that have somehow learned to think...[but] thoughts that have learned to create a physical machine". He argues that the evolution of species is the evolution of consciousness ^(contrivence) _(mechanism) seeking to express itself as multiple observers; the universe experiences itself through our brains: "We ^{Grand} are the eyes of the universe looking at itself". He has been quoted as saying "Charles Darwin was ^(Unification) wrong. Consciousness is key to evolution and we will soon prove that." He opposes reductionist thinking in science and medicine, arguing that we can trace the physical structure of the body down to the molecular level and still have no explanation for beliefs, desires, memory and creativity. In his book *Quantum Healing*, Chopra stated the conclusion that quantum entanglement links everything in the ^(conditioned entanglement) universe, and therefore it must create consciousness. Claims of quantum consciousness are, however, ^(boundary conditions) disputed by scientists arguing that quantum effects have no effect in systems on the macro-level systems (i.e., the brain).

Abstract (summary)

willful
intent

An **abstract** is a brief summary of a research article, thesis, review, conference proceeding, or any in-depth analysis of a particular subject and is often used to help the reader quickly ascertain the paper's purpose. When used, an abstract always appears at the beginning of a manuscript or typescript, acting as the point-of-entry for any given academic paper or patent application. Abstracting and indexing services for various academic disciplines are aimed at compiling a body of literature for that particular subject.

The terms *précis* or *synopsis* are used in some publications to refer to the same thing that other publications might call an "abstract". In management reports, an *executive summary* usually contains more information (and often more sensitive information) than the abstract does.

Purpose and limitations

Academic literature uses the abstract to succinctly communicate complex research. An abstract may act as a stand-alone entity instead of a full paper. As such, an abstract is used by many organizations as the basis for selecting research that is proposed for presentation in the form of a poster, platform/oral presentation or workshop presentation at an academic conference. Most bibliographic databases only index abstracts rather than providing the entire text of the paper. Full texts of scientific papers must often be purchased because of copyright and/or publisher fees and therefore the abstract is a significant selling point for the reprint or electronic form of the full text.

The abstract can convey the main results and conclusions of a scientific article but the full text article must be consulted for details of the methodology, the full experimental results, and a critical discussion of the interpretations and conclusions.

An abstract allows one to sift through copious numbers of papers for ones in which the researcher can have more confidence that they will be relevant to his or her research. Once papers are chosen based on the abstract, they must be read carefully to be evaluated for relevance. It is generally agreed that one must not base reference citations on the abstract alone, but the content of an entire paper.

According to the results of a study published in *PLOS Medicine*, the "exaggerated and inappropriate coverage of research findings in the news media" is ultimately related to inaccurately reporting or overinterpreting research results in many abstract conclusions. A study published in *JAMA* concluded that "inconsistencies in data between abstract and body and reporting of data and other information solely in the abstract are relatively common and that a simple educational intervention directed to the author is ineffective in reducing that frequency." Other "studies comparing the accuracy of information reported in a journal abstract with that reported in the text of the full publication have found claims that are inconsistent with, or missing from, the body of the full article."

Structure

Abstract is often expected to tell a complete story of the paper, as for most readers, abstract is the only part of the paper that will be read. It should allow the reader to give an Elevator pitch of the full paper. An academic abstract typically outlines four elements relevant to the completed work:

1) The research focus (statement of the problem(s)/specific gap in existing research/research issue(s) addressed);

2) The research methods (experimental research, case studies, questionnaires, etc) used to solve the problem;

3) The major results/findings of the research; and
models

4) The main conclusions and recommendations (i.e., how the work answers the proposed research problem).
maps

It may also contain brief references, although some publications' standard style omits references from the abstract, reserving them for the article body (which, by definition, treats the same topics but in more depth).

Abstract length varies by discipline and publisher requirements. Typical length ranges from 100 to 500 words, but very rarely more than a page and occasionally just a few words.

An abstract may or may not have the section title of "abstract" explicitly listed as an antecedent to content. Abstracts are typically sectioned logically as an overview of what appears in the paper, with any of the following subheadings: Background, Introduction, Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Abstracts in which these subheadings are explicitly given are often called **structured abstracts**. Abstracts that comprise one paragraph (no explicit subheadings) are often called **unstructured abstracts**.

Executive summary

An **executive summary** (or **management summary**) is a short document or section of a document produced for business purposes. It summarizes a longer report or proposal or a group of related reports in such a way that readers can rapidly become acquainted with a large body of material without having to read it all. It usually contains a brief statement of the problem or proposal covered in the major document(s), background information, concise analysis and main conclusions. It is intended as an aid to decision-making by managers and has been described as the most important part of a business plan.^{[1][2][3][4]} *aids to navigation*

An executive summary differs from an abstract in that an abstract will usually be shorter and is typically intended as an overview or orientation rather than being a condensed version of the full document. Abstracts are extensively used in academic research where the concept of the executive summary is not in common usage. "An abstract is a brief summarizing statement... read by parties who are trying to decide whether or not to read the main document", while "an executive summary, unlike an abstract, is a document in miniature that may be read in place of the longer document".^[5]

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Structure

There is general agreement on the structure of an executive summary - books and training courses emphasise similar points.^{[6][7][8][9][10]} Typically, an executive summary will:

- be approximately 5-10% of the length of the main report^{[8][10]}
- be written in language appropriate for the target audience^{[7][10]}
- consist of short, concise paragraphs^{[7][10]}
- begin with a summary^{[7][10]}
- be written in the same order as the main report^{[6][8]}
- only include material present in the main report^{[6][8]}
- make recommendations^{[7][10]}
- provide a justification^{[7][10]}
- have a conclusion^{[7][8][10]}
- be readable separately from the main report^{[6][7][8]}
- sometimes summarize more than one document^[7]

- The history of our world is a history of extinction... choose sides... sustainability vs. extinction...
- A Conflict of Visions by Thomas Sowell (seminal works?)
- Serenity Prayer... Embrace the absurd... constrained... e.g. Adam Smith...
- human nature is flawed but fixed... animated beings whose pilot light has gone out! lacking human warmth! Initiative!
- unconstrained... the flaws of human nature can be fixed through socio-economic policy (ies)...
- Considered inclusively both visions have a sound basis or foundation...
- Considered exclusively both visions ignore fundamental patterns of human nature...
 - template -
 - The inherent form (temperament)...
 - The conditioned form... we learn best by experience... direct, observed, stored...
 - the emergent form... we teach best by example...

Sins of the Father are visited upon the son... confirmation bias... see: Offset (e.g. social network algorithms...)

Offset: Education... Critical Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it. Henry Ford

→ : Information... signal to noise...
DISCERNMENT ... Due Portion ... Our Watch

- Social contract vs. welfare programs... promote... LAUNCH... Boundary Conditions... trajectory
- questionable policies coupled with inadequate regulatory standards & enforcement... promote the general welfare...
- wasting government money does not count... throw more money at the problem...
- Insanity is...
- Private interests overwhelm the public trust... the best game in town... privatize the wealth, make public the debt!...

The Twin Arcs of Lifelong Accomplishment



Creative Mentor(ship)
Produce(rs) Conserve

Temporal Cast of Characters
Enduring Chain of Custody

Projects:

Foundation: Foundational School of Thought...

If you change the course of thought... then you change the course of events!

Speech: Steve Jobs... Connect - the - Dots

0:00
connect
-the-
dots
Dropped out of college so I could drop in to college... I could stop taking the required courses that didn't interest me and begin dropping in on the ones that peaked my interest... a course in calligraphy... ten years later we incorporated the beauty of calligraphy into the typography of the first Mac computer and was later copied into windows... it was only in hindsight that I could connect - the - dots of how a course that attracted my attention would lead to the art of calligraphy becoming incorporated in computer typography... you cannot know how the dots may connect looking forward... you can only connect them looking backwards... your personal data set!... trust in that future connectivity will give you confidence to follow your heart (gut)

4:45
love
and
loss
I was lucky, I found my (workplay) early in life... we built up a successful company and then got fired... but I still loved what I did... I had been rejected, but I was still in love... getting fired relieved me of the heaviness of success... freedom to explore creativity and innovation as if starting anew... find your (workplay)... don't settle

8:00
death
death is the ending we all share in our story of life... as it should be... ultimate change agent... your time is limited... don't waste it living dogma... living as others think you should (low risk, safe)... the noise of others thoughts and voices drowning out your inner voice... muster your courage to follow your heart and intuition... stay true to your true being in your becoming... everything else is secondary... stay hungry... stay foolish...

Book: Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey
... "catching greenlights"

Top 3 characteristics

trust - expect them to rise to the occasion

resilience - look for the takeaways

optimism - get relative with the inevitable

"find your frequency"

what resonates with you
tunable resonant cavity... vessel

The Bridge Function

Bridge

The Narrow Path

- bridge ⁿ [beam] 1a: a structure carrying a pathway or roadway over a depression or obstacle (^{DRB} barrier, boundary)
- *b: a time, place, or means of connection or transition 2: something resembling a bridge in form or function; as
- a: the upper bony part of the nose; also: the part of a pair of glasses that rests upon it b: an arch serving to raise the strings of a musical instrument c: a raised transverse platform on a ship from which it is conned d: GANTRY
- 2b e: the hand as a rest for a billiards or pool cue; also: a device used as a cue rest f: the position of a wrestler on his back with his body arched so that he is supported usu. by his head and feet 3a: something (as a partial denture anchored to adjacent teeth) that fills a gap
- b: a connection (as an atom or bond) that joins two different parts of a molecule (as opposite sides of a ring) 4: an electrical instrument or network for measuring or comparing resistances, inductances, capacitances, or impedances by comparing the ratio of two opposing voltages to a known ratio
- beam 1b: part of a loom on which the warp is wound d: the bar of a balance from which scales hang 2c: a constant signal transmitted for guidance
- CONNECTION: JUNCTION, UNION
- junction 1: an act of joining 2: a place or point of meeting
- union: COMBINATION (e.g. soul = a properly clothed spirit)
- transition: passage from one state, place, stage, or subject to another: CHANGE (^{DRB} e.g. conversion)
- provision: a measure taken beforehand

canon - to permit, allow (for)

to provision, to provide (for) modal - to prepare (for)

Function

modal 2: containing provisions as to the mode of procedure or the manner of taking effect - used of a contract or legacy ^{ref: conditional array}

- function ⁿ [to perform; he enjoys]

1: professional or official position: OCCUPATION *2: the action for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists 3: one of a group of related actions contributing to a larger action; esp: the normal and specific contribution of a bodily part to the economy of a living organism 4: an impressive, elaborate, or formal ceremony or social gathering 5a: a mathematical correspondence that assigns exactly one element of one set to each element of the same or another set b: a quality, trait, or fact dependent on and varying with another c: SENTENTIAL FUNCTION

- *FUNCTION - referable to anything living, material, or constructed, implies a definite end or purpose that the one in question serves or a particular kind of work it is intended to perform

- avatar ⁿ [skt avatāra descent, fr. avatarati he descends, fr. ava - away + tarati he crosses over - more at UKASE, THROUGH]
- 1: the incarnation of a Hindu deity 2a: an incarnation in human form *b: an embodiment (as a concept or philosophy) usu. in a person 3: a variant phase or version of a continuing basic entity - The role of... is being recreated by...

character archetype

See;

- Yoga, Tantra, Vedanta, sanatana Dharma, Tantric elements to Vedic elements

Thales: Species Philosopher

"Thales, a member of the species philosopher, student of nature, was the first man to have seen the cause of, and predict, an eclipse of the sun. This means he figured out that the heavens move in regular ways that accord with mathematical reasoning. He was able to reason from visible effects to invisible causes and speculate about the intelligent order of nature as a whole. He at that moment became aware that his mind was in accord with the principles of nature, that he was the microcosm." avatar... materialized creative consciousness character archetype: The role of... Is being recreated by...

"This moment contains many elements: satisfaction at having solved a problem; pleasure in using his faculties; fullness of pride, more complete than that of any conqueror, for he surveys and possesses all; certitude drawn from within, requiring no approving authority; self-sufficiency, not depending for the fulfillment of what is highest in himself, on other men or opinion or on accidents such as birth or election to power, on anything that can be taken from him; a happiness that has no admixture of illusion or hope but is full of actuality." He is his heaven... sheer bliss...

pattern recognition reference: field effect

the state of being certain certainty = conversion factor...

Source Unknown

- speculate ^{crow's nest} vi [to spy out, examine, watchtower, to look, look at]
- 1a: to meditate on or ponder a subject: REFLECT
- speculative adj 1: involving, based on, or constituting intellectual speculation; also: theoretical rather than demonstrable 2: marked by questioning curiosity
- Awakening Awareness -
Collectively, I suspect we are dimly aware.
Individually, I suspect some to be keenly aware.
- "He was able to reason from visible effects to invisible causes..."
see: field effect(s)
- metaphysics 1a(1): a division of philosophy that includes ontology and cosmology (2): philosophy made up of ontology and epistemology (3): ONTOLOGY b: the more abstruse philosophical sciences 2: METAPHYSIC: the system of principles underlying a particular study or subject
- abstruse: difficult to comprehend: REDUNDITE: incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge

Secular Humanist

- tribal - inclusive vs. exclusive - in search of (to seek) kindred spirits or converts? bias, prejudice - ^{convert} [to turn around, transform, to turn more @ WORTH] _{conversion}
- the 'craft' - your 'practice' doctors & lawyers are granted a license to 'practice' their craft - roots in antiquity - an ancient ^{craft} (DAB = ANTIQUE STANDARD) _{The Master's Craft}
- the quest - ^{DAB} to master the art & science of crafting yourself & the world around you _{The Master's Craft}

Vision -

exalt → old, enduring...
ancient craft

vet - investigate to discover
~~Avatar~~ EPC / media

* Beth. Steel spatial event

Odyssey 1: a long wandering journey or voyage usu. marked by many changes of fortune 2: an intellectual or spiritual wandering or quest

the Avatar seeks... (vet - investigate to discover - engages in a quest) ^{a ship of exploration... discovery} enlightenment (knowledge - to know) → empowerment (the ability to make a difference - enabled understanding - skillful application) → wisdom (proper & prudent use of knowledge, understanding, & skillful application)

→ Exaltation - non-ordinary (extraordinary) intensification of a mental state (A.C.E. → Wizard) or the power of a function (the Bridge Function) signal to noise ratio - intelligence impressed upon the carrier - knowledge, understanding, & wisdom (enduring signal) to information (temporal noise) ratio

L-6 Forgiveness - a gift you can only give yourself by truly giving of yourself to others - you can't share what you don't have...

"You cared enough to share the truth."
"You had courage enough to listen"

L-7 Verba Alignment - Superposition Theorem -
motive - there can be no distinction without motives, and there can be no motive without a difference in value... paraphrased from G. Spencer Brown

THIRD LEVEL

- paraphrases -

L-1 - Peace of mind is achieved through command of your own attention -

- Behavior of attention - Velcro vs Teflon - * Capture or escape
+ sparks an interest - impact impacts excitation

- Free attention units - the value of 'practice' is...
from challenging requiring full attention
to routine...

L-2 - Beliefs - constants vs. conventions - thought instruments

- can manifest as tribal like behaviors -
↳ empower vs. limit (bias) - current 'frame of reference'
↳ internal anchors vs. external validation
the 'delicate balance'

Type 4 - master the art & science of
crafting yourself & the world
around you -

L-3 - Will

- awakening awareness - expanded consciousness.
enlightenment manifests (actualizes as) empowerment
- thoughts guide our actions - command & control
realms - see examples - Maslow's Hierarchy
- ego is a point of view attempting to survive (limits)
- source being - establish & maintain control vs. exercise command
- creator vs. cocreator - system combines individual actualities
- transcendent & emergent
- internal anchors vs. external forces (intensity of engagement)

L-4 Perspective - creating definitions -

- avatar [descent; he descends, away + he crosses over, through]
an embodiment
↳ external validation

the power
is in the
questioning -

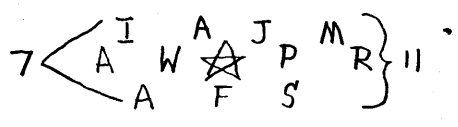
- edges - see Laws of Form G. Spencer Brown
- everything begins as a thought & creative expression
the essence...

Metaphysical Big Bang

Is Consciousness the Unified Field? John Hagelin

1. Singularity - infinitely dynamic and nonmaterial being... infinitesimal scale... Plank scale... the ultimate time and distance scale... universal field... self-exciting... we are living in a world of superstrings, I'm a tangle of them, you're a tangle of them... we're living in a symphony in a sense... unified source of the diverse laws of nature... governing dynamics... of an infinity of simultaneous coexisting universes of which we are the occupants of but one... universe vs. multiverse
2. Boundary Conditions - canons permit, allow... weft (woof) yarn (thread) is akin to the inherent human condition (conditioned entanglement) that binds us together in a shared experience (scaleable scope-constants) The baseline delicate balance that creates the conditions for the emergence of intelligent life... materialized creative consciousness
3. * see field effect notes
Carrier - modulated by the signal (intelligence, intent) impressed upon it... how together we weave the fabric of our collective reality (warp = individual actualities; weft = entangled conditioning) layers of creation... from the superficially (surface) diverse macroscopic classical word of day to day perceptions... to the deeper layers of the molecule, the atom, and the nucleus, and sub-nucleus particles... worlds within worlds within worlds...

Collectively we weave the fabric of our shared reality.
see; superposition theorem



Reality Check...

- An invitation to consider what I suspect...
materialized creative consciousness... speculative philosophy-treasure quest...
 explore creative expression... cause of action...
- I wish to share a treasure map of sorts... ship and crew of exploration... infinite potential
- Teleological Purpose... sustainability vs. extinction Materialized Creative Consciousness The Bridge Function
- Conflict of Forces... Human Conflict
- World Wide Reality Game... Competing Ideologies
- The Bridge Function... the function (to perform + he enjoys) of a bridge (beam → a pathway [the narrow path] of connection or transition: an exalted platform from which a vessel is conned [commanded, direct and protect → project] that permits or allows [canons constants] the avatar nature "he descends, away + he crosses over" ... being becoming materialized creative consciousness... The Essence of Being is Becoming... Conversion...
If you change the course of thought, then you change the course of events!
- Engage the quest... 3rd eye inquiry - investigation predator... on the hunt → half-truths, lies, bias, ignorance, intolerance, indifference

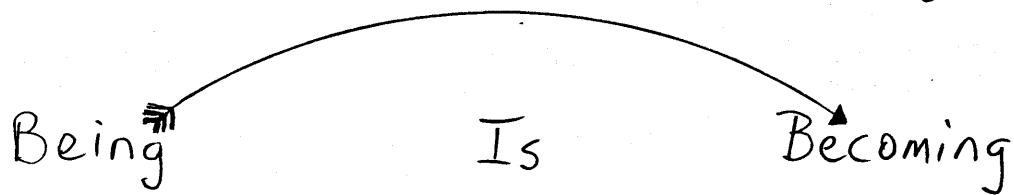
- conversion = awakening awareness - exaltation...
 If you change the course of thought, then you change the course of events... direct + project
- command: those under one's direction are also under one's protection...

see: Field effect

- Primary winding = → fundamental prime mover = consciousness = carrier
- secondary winding(s) = → harmonics - excitation bridges the spark gap = intelligence → signal that modulates the carrier = sidebands are secondary to the carrier → propagates → rides the carrier... emergence radiant → reflector || conditioned entanglement + entangled conditioning

The Bridge Function

The Essence of Being Is Becoming



We Live in the Gap

Bridge the Gap

Infinite Potential
Possibility

Reinforced/Diminished
Probability

Spark

Gap

resonant ring
Sparks an Interest
Willful Intent

"If a task is once begun, never leave it till it's done." ^{workplay}
Be the labor great or small, do it well, or not at all." ^{source unknown}

Omni... Singularity
avatar (to cross) Function (+ he enjoys)

5:05 - Pure consciousness of infinite potential existing in a pure state of being at rest... being in a rest state, slumbering (repose)... the meaning I attach is consciousness was not self-aware... what I suspect is the event that we refer to as the big bang is the instant that consciousness became self-aware... being in a state of infinite potential, there were no obstacles, hindrances, or impediments to consciousness becoming infinitely self-aware in an instant... and part of what it became aware of was that it could express itself... it could create... what we call (label, tag) the universe was part, at least part, of that expression... I suspect consciousness became curious about its own nature and wished to explore its own nature... therefore

4:23 the teleological purpose is materialized creative consciousness... the bridge that consciousness chose to build was a construct that would allow pure consciousness a vessel to become a proper soul, to awaken in materialized form... to become fully present in materialized existence... enabling consciousness to explore all possibilities of creative expression and experience...

The best way I have been able to conceive of and comprehend the pure state of being that consciousness existed in before becoming self-aware was like that of a carrier signal without any intelligence impressed upon it to modulate it... this conscious unified field of infinite potential, being in a state of absolute rest, is a null set... an empty set of infinite extension... a continuum without distinction... consciousness, being at rest was in a state of infinite potential, possibility and zero probability, existing as a potential emergence... becoming infinitely self-aware in an instant... infinite potential, possibility and variable probability of becoming a proper soul, to awaken in materialized form... to become fully present in materialized existence... avatar incarnation... embodiment... he crosses over to perform + he enjoys... he is his heaven... to give expression to the artistic or creative impulses or abilities... to give rise to an enabling instrument... a vessel... a tuned cavity... a resonant cavity that would allow pure consciousness a vessel to become a proper soul... to awaken in materialized form... to become fully present in materialized existence... enabling consciousness to explore all possibilities of creative expression and experience... when consciousness impressed intelligence (signal intent) (willful intent) upon the carrier modulating the carrier which is the conscious unified field of infinite extension, the universe came into being, a change of state... Laws of Form... crossing... boundary conditions



8:20

Consciousness was curious about its own nature... existing but not having a mirror in order to see itself, to see ourself... termed radiant + reflector... this state of being a radiant, a source, was one side of this creative relationship... when consciousness impressed creative intelligence (intent) upon the unified field, the carrier that is consciousness, the universe became... a change of state... the Bridge Function Boundary Conditions... I suspect complementary (binary) views or approaches to boundary conditions... Goldilocks Zone example... Goldilocks Conditions... the boundary conditions, the constants, the principles of nature perhaps best described as the recipe that would permit, allow, or promote the emergence of life within that creative expression... if viewed as a singularity, then from that perspective we can venture to claim that consciousness was aware of the Goldilocks Conditions, the boundary conditions to promote the emergence of life within the universe... so that is one perspective of creative expression... the complementary perspective is that of the multiverse... meaning our universe is but one set of parameters, one set of boundary conditions that would promote the emergence of life... one expression of the constants, the laws of nature, the boundary conditions that would promote the emergence of intelligent life as a possible vessel of embodiment of materialized creative consciousness, but our universe may not be the only set of boundary conditions that could promote the emergence of intelligent life... this gives rise to the complementary perspective of multiverse... if we adopt the perspective of consciousness as an explorer... that perspective would incline me toward the multiverse perspective... in the spirit of exploration, would consciousness wish to explore all possibilities... all possible combinations or sets of boundary conditions that would permit or allow... promote the emergence of intelligent life... depending upon which of these complementary perspectives one would choose of creative expression... either the singularity of a single universe of creative expression which would be our universe or the multiverse of exploring all possible boundary conditions of creative expression that would permit, allow, or promote the emergence of intelligent forms of life... that would present the potential of becoming a vessel for the embodiment of creative consciousness... the bridge that consciousness chose to cross was a bridge that would allow consciousness to exist in materialized form... to be present as a fully aware, fully awakened presence... to become a proper soul... an embodiment... avatar... the fundamental of the bridge function... enables creative consciousness to explore all possibilities of its nature, all possibilities of creative expression, and a possibilities of experience (adventure and misadventure)

30014 Methods, Models, Maps Tools - Triangulation of reference points of the Big Picture

- (my) perspective to share

connect-the-dots - fully scalable; without boundary, unframed...

3:45 ref. Scott Peck & quote: "To be is to be the value of a variable."

If the connect-the-dots scheme is considered at the individual level, then a "small and sketchy" map would represent a connect-the-dots puzzle (map) with few references (dots, reference points) and few connecting lines (mutually supportive & adaptive constellation of concepts)... so an individual's view could be visualized as a small connect-the-dots puzzle with a circle drawn around it to represent the current choice of 1st magnitude... an individual's current view of the world and their role in it, their current frame of reference... the principles & priorities their lives currently revolve around and through which they project recurring patterns... their daily routines. - Few standard references = low resolution of big picture vs. Many standard references renders image of very fine detail, high resolution... high fidelity - faithfully reflects what it represents... the human condition

limited (field of) view - e.g. spyglass sphere, domain, circle of influence... impact

- star charting - [see - edge or boundary math] low resolution of the big picture

the higher the level of exaltation, the greater the line of sight, field of view. e.g. the crow's nest lookout - expanded consciousness

jig-saw-puzzle - fully scalable; with boundaries, framed...

5:30

Finite number of participants, elements, parts, ingredients, contributing factors... e.g. humanity (world), nations, religions, political, regional cultures, neighborhoods, organizations, operational command (group, unit, team), friends, family... Organizations often rely on external resources (expertise, guidance, e.g. consultant)... once the need or condition is satisfied, the consultant parts ways (depart)... the magic can be the impact on the course of thought & the course of events

- (our) story to tell (storyboarding) timeline vs. eventline

storyboard - chain of custody, chain of events, cast of characters... chain of custody "our watch" ... active and passive participants "bridge function" ... load bearing & load sharing... many bit parts, fewer central roles... excited state of bridge function = "acting captain"...

participatory system

- star-charting... 2 forms - constellation of concepts & cast of characters (tribe, team, external resources - e.g. consultant) who, what best serves the mission... satisfies the conditions of the conditional array (river boat pilot analogy or conditional arrays) condition satisfied... a node or a gate of the conditional array... pitch and catch boundary threshold of acting captain... next in "chain of command" based on conditional array... very powerful tool for rendering results

the right person, in the right place, at the right time, with the right information, reduces the need for everything else!

knowledge, understanding, & wisdom

competing ideologies

- 14:44 the resultant is based on vision - the condition satisfied can simply be related to change (conversion), a change in the standard references (standard references... stand and point to...) the principles & priorities that our lives revolve around. Presents as external pressure or internal desire... the main privilege and responsibility of the facilitator is to employ the thought instruments (concept of, tools) of value and gap analysis... once a difference (distinction) in value is discerned... an external pressure for change can become converted to an internal desire.
- 16:58 evolutionary process of cycles of self-exploration, self-discovery, and self-actualization... the impact it has on the individual's life and the impact it has on the experiences they radiate into the world around them... can potentially impact the lives of others... we teach best by example... to stir one another up to love and good works... we learn best by experience... others recognize, discern, become aware of the value as they witness and experience it... the quest can become an internal desire... @ critical mass... tipping point... the system tips (e.g. socio-economic system)... change the course of thought... change the course of events...
- 17:52 critical mass must happen at the grass roots level... grass roots movement... has to come from the people... a participatory process.. organizations and/or institutions can act to have an impact on (upon) the course of thought... but it is the individual who becomes converted...
- conversion cascade
the question frames the answer...
- facilitator - (no panacea) does not know all the answers
- understands the power of the question!
- face the challenges, work the problem together
- the forms...
the natural the conditioned the emergent
- social critical mass - Estien
evolution of socio-economic system...
or revolution

- string theory - weft

"pierce the veil"

- a needle pulling thread - thought instrument that penetrates the veil of complexity and bridges, binds, or weaves the fabric of our collective reality → the shared human condition.

- the essence of being is becoming - the bridge function - all that is humanly possible (latent potential - "let nothing human be alien to me") → all that becomes probable through humanity - conversion [together + to turn - more @ worth] [to honor, to become, to turn] - the power is in the question → e.g. discover what is worth becoming

- the point of penetration into the veil of complexity for the individual is their unique perspective of the world and their role in it - their view - current frame of reference.

- we all begin in a state of infancy and we grow and develop into the individual we become - all along the way we make choices - each and every day is an opportunity to reinvent ourselves - to whatever your current view, frame of reference - it is your starting point - our role in the world is not cast in stone unless we choose to be "set in our ways".

recreation [re + create]
EVOLVE
DEVELOP
the part of...
is being
recreated
by...

- although the inherent system may appear or in fact be complex, the fundamental principles of how & why the system works are not - if you become knowledgeable about the principles behind the complex system - then in some respects the complex system becomes simplified through your understanding of the principles upon which the system is founded, functions, and operates - the intellect of the unenlightened mind is not able to penetrate the complexity -

waypoints guide so as not to run aground

- connect-the-dots → waypoints → narrow the boundaries of the solution set - thoughts (thought instruments) guide our actions.

- becoming exalted requires initiative on the part of the participant (initiate).

↳ that the discipline can be learned and (self)taught is contingent on engaging the quest (to question) to establish a practice that affords the opportunity to learn the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom of the discipline of becoming exalted. The initiate becomes aware of the value of establishing a practice and engages the quest as an apprentice.

initiative cannot be taught, but can be acquired!
conversion

- master the art & science of crafting yourself & the world around you!

- the apprentice crosses the boundary of function to journeyman - the gap of possibility || probability, being || becoming - is bridged by establishing their practice - this encapsulates the concept of function - the root meaning of which is [to perform + he enjoys] exercising command through an established practice enables/renderes command performances - ^{peak experiences}
- this speaks to the cycles of self ^{exploration} discovery - depths of ^{actualization} [we get stirred up] questioning, inquiry, investigation - to seek ^{self-actualization} ... self-discovery - narrowing the boundaries of our personal solution set - to self-actualization - we become as a beacon to others @ exaltation [non-ordinary intensification of a mental state or the power of a function] - we radiate the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom that we embody as a result of these cycles + rest - this is the containment component and the process by which we proceed - growth & development.
- remain open to possibility, to new information (signs & indicators), open to the possibility of our own ignorance.

- essenceⁿ [to be - more @ IS] 1a: the permanent as contrasted with the accidental element of being b: the individual, real, or ultimate nature of a thing esp. as opposed to its existence c: the properties or attributes by means of which something can be placed in its proper class or identified as being what it is 2: something that exists: ENTITY

standard of measure
bit part vs. central role

→ Target audience - w/ref to choice of 1st magnitude - active participants in the art of science of crafting themselves & the world around them who are seeking to further develop their mastery of the craft - including the practice of discernment!

- Serenity Prayer -

or - individuals who are not currently active participants - because they do not fully comprehend the potential their presence represents.

The role of...
Is being received by...
Acting Captain...
You Have the Bridge
enduring & endearing principles & practices

→ connect - the dots → each dot representing a principle, concept, or thought instrument, etc. and the lines represent the bridge or connection - how they are related or inter related and mutually support one another (synthesis) and mutually supportive and adaptive see: rigging

jig-saw-puzzle → relate how each individual participant, specific element or ingredient contributes to the whole or resultant - each has their part to play as in the 'current cast of characters' - understanding the power inherent in casting ourselves and others into a role & the power of rejecting or quitting a role

... meet them halfway...
And expect them to rise to the occasion...
Van Morrison

→ a glimpse - then you work to formulate the words to re-present, convey the truth you became aware of during that glimpse of truth - the words fall short - we work with what we have - we find our groove - we put ourself out there - we put forth our best effort to share with others the best of what we become aware of - trust that those who the message speaks to will find it and embody & incorporate it - the individual can serve as a source of truth (as a beacon to others) - but the temporal being is not "the" source of truth - the individual can embody it and incorporate it into their affairs - vs. inherent source of enduring & endearing principles & practices - individual passion for engaging the quest to establish a practice forming a temporal link in an eternal chain of custody

cardinal awakening

resonates with

→ trusting in myself & trusting in my discipline - that each of those dots will appear and it will become obvious how that dot is interconnected to the other dots and that the image will emerge as the picture emerges, in any given frame of reference (jig-saw-puzzle), I'll be able to identify how each puzzle piece plays its part and contributes to the scene of the picture of that frame of reference

- natural form - temperament [to mix, temper] Iobs a: constitution of a substance, body, or organism with respect to the mixture or balance of its elements, qualities, or parts: MAKEUP 2a; the peculiar or distinguishing mental or physical character determined by the relative proportions of the humors according to medieval physiology b: characteristic or habitual inclination or mode of emotional response - reinforced neural pathways -
- conditioned form
- emergent form
- internal anchors vs. external validation
- external forces (pressure) systems of circumstances humor - 2b: characteristic or habitual disposition or bent: TEMPERAMENT

internal desire vs.

1:25 - how together we weave the fabric of our collective reality - warp core of individual actualities bound together by the weft of (in-containment - envelops) the shared human condition existence creates a common thread of experience - the weft

2:42 - universal solution set - all possible values - infinite → subset - enduring & endearing (principles of practices)

3:02 - account for all the concepts, components, ingredients of the strange brew that is the human condition - our physical existence creates a common thread of experience - the sciences can account for inherent conditions that condition us as a part of the inherent human condition.

4:43 - twins paradox - we may think of time as a constant - it is not - it is a convention - ^{individual frame of reference} current accepted example of a constant - the speed of light - the system of measurement is a convention - what the system of measurement is measuring is a constant - a principle or characteristic of the inherent system

6:45 - this discernment establishes a boundary between the roles that constants and conventions play in our conditioning & ^{our frame of reference - our current view -}

7:50 - 3 fundamental forms of internal anchors that are derived from 2 distinct sources - intrinsic source (eg. temperament, character, natural inclination → internal compass → natural form) - external source - relates to the "continuous successive application of the necessary stimulus" → conditioning (eg. herding)

9:56 - - BRANCH - TRUTH System vs. BELIEF Systems - see constants vs. conventions - ref. conditioned form as it relates to external validation - extrinsic source - TRUTH system vs BELIEF Systems

- 12:30 - generally, individuals do not like to be dictated to, approaching & indentifying a 'truth' - identifies something that is (probably) inescapable about The human condition - possible ^{motive} source of resistance - something that is inescapable - something an individual cannot extricate themselves from (see capture & escape) - this speaks to "truth or consequences" -
- 13:38 - we can escape the truth in the sense that we can choose not to account for it (ignore it, exclude it) - it is possible or perhaps even probable that we will experience consequences
- 14:07 - TRUTH system is a singularity (carrier) from which all things enduring radiates - sustain [to hold up] - enduring
- 15:07 - the natural form - inherent disposition, temperament, etc.
- 15:42 - the conditioned form - the inherent source of conditioning (nature) - conditioned entanglement vs. the introduced source of conditioning... (relations) - entangled conditioning the nature and relations of being
- 18:02 - the emergent form - based on the natural form and accounting for the conditioned form (experiences) - we learn, develop & grow, and recreate ourselves (convert) as in "the essence of being is becoming" True power is...

 conversion
 cascade
 conversion
 cascade
- 18:52 - the emergent form is a conversion of the natural form - evolution, expanded consciousness & exaltation
- 20:00 - this conversion process is the seed of potential for the individual power source of I Choose and the Synergistic power source of We Agree! and identifies and explains what directs the power sources.
- 21:08 - the core of these seeds of potential is conversion (together + to turn more @ worth → to honor, to become, to turn) signs & indicators pointing to the rallying point
- 22:07 - the true power for the individual is our ability to become increasingly inclusive of truth - to take into account truth
 inclusive vs. exclusive
 - growth, evolve, expand our consciousness - conscious awareness
 - awareness of our options, and wisdom in choosing - in combination of we agree - synergistic effect - symphony - ability to create together what none could accomplish alone

Phrases borrowed from Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The Bridge Function
conditional array gate - satisfied -

"The role of a phenomenon which fulfils the function of a condition may be characterized as follows; it is a special existence, an immediate thing; it has also a vocation, as it were, to be destroyed in its primary form in order to conserve the realization of something else... so near of kin that it may be properly regarded as its own true self... in the resulting phenomenon to which it gives rise, and into whose actuality its own essence enters and is there conserved!"

see the crustacean analogy of conversion (conservation)...

The essence of being is becoming! the essence is conserved!

Time Line vs. Event (Occasion) Line

Event... Occasion... Excitation... moments that occasion... Imparts Impact!..

The map of tiny perfect things ——— movie

M: You're up...

D: Are you okay?

M: It's a relative term.

D: I thought we'd have so much more time.

M: I know. But you will be all right.

D: I don't know. I don't know if I can do this.

M: Listen to me, because I am old and I know things. It's true that we're losing time every day, all the time, until one day it's all gone. But you're gaining it, too. Every second, perfect moments, one after the other, until, by the end, you have your whole life. You have everything. And it costs you everything. But it's worth it. I promise that it's worth it.

M = Mother

D = Daughter

B = Boyfriend

D: You were right about the map though. There is a pattern. It's just not finished yet. There's one more perfect moment.

B: Right. I will keep a lookout.

D: I'm serious. I think that there's one more and that's the key, and once we find it, that's it. It's all over.

(moments)

From the notebook that the daughter used to document, record the perfect things...

(WHAT'S THE PATTERN?)

DID WE MISS SOMETHING?

* Folded map displays "The Master's Craft" "I AM" as folded map display (facing) page... unfoldment of the latent potentialities within the individual... purified and unfolded vehicles... sails unfurled... riggers connect - the dots (coordinate differences correlated)... secure the load... safely harness the force to effectively direct and project the power... of suggestion!..

It's not that I know more than others. It's that I ignore less!.. pattern recognition...

True power is the ability to act or produce an effect and the capacity for being acted upon or undergoing an effect.

From the song: Wishing You Were Here by Chicago

... But I've got my job to do and I do it well,

(Change my life) So I guess that's how it is.

The power of suggestion... If an individual accepts the premise of the suggestion, then they are cast into a role that supports the premise... supporting role... supporting cast...

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- Where there is no struggle there is no strength
- Do what you can, where you are, with what you have
- Stupidity should be painful!
- Courage is mastery of fear, not the absence of fear.
- A man can succeed in anything for which he has unlimited enthusiasm
- Obstacles are what you see when you lose sight of your goal
- 3 types of players (participants):
 - 1: Those who don't know what's happening.
 - 2: Those who watch what's happening.
 - 3: Those who make it happen.

→ Star Trek: Voyager 55: EZ Drone
Drone: This is a laboratory on a vessel.

Nelix: The Starship Voyager.

Drone: I am traveling through interstellar space.

Seven: Yes

Drone: Why?

Seven: This is a ship of exploration.

Drone: I am an explorer.

Nelix: We all are.

"People want to be loved; failing that admired; failing that feared; failing that hated and despised. They want to evoke some sort of sentiment. The soul shudders before oblivion and seeks connection at any price."

From the novel Doctor Glas (1905)
by Hjalmar Söderberg

"One wants to be loved, in lack thereof admired, in lack thereof feared, in lack thereof loathed and despised. One wants to instill some sort of emotion in people. The soul trembles before emptiness and desires contact at any price."

From the novel Doctor Glas
by Hjalmar Söderberg

"We want to be loved; failing that, admired; failing that, feared; failing that, hated and despised. At all costs we want to stir up some sort of feeling in others. Our soul abhors a vacuum. At all costs it longs for contact."

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Establish a practice...

1 master n [akin to L magnus great - more at MUCH] 1c: a workman qualified to teach apprentices d(2): a great figure of the past (as in art or science) whose work serves as a model or ideal Avatar [he descends, he crosses over to perform + he enjoys, he is his heaven]

2 master vt 2a: to become skilled or proficient in the master of b: to gain a thorough understanding of < could master any intricate detail of pertinent information - Robert White >

3 master f: being a master (original) from which duplicates (copies) are (can be) made

→ ... The role of ... is being recreated by ... avatar/troll
archetype [type] 1: the original pattern or model of which all things of the same type are representations or copies: PROTOTYPE

Movie: Arrival

- 1:22:36 1 of X
- 1:23:15 "There is no time. Many become one."
- 1:23:46 "some assembly required."
- 1:23:50 "... to work together..." "and give up their data?"
- 1:24:00 "...offer ours in return." "A trade?" "It's a non-zero-sum game."
- 1:31:45 "Weapon opens time"
- 1:37:35 "I can read it." "I know what it is. It's not a weapon. It's a gift. The weapon is their language."
(gift) = The power of suggestion...
- 1:37:53 "If you learn it, when you really learn it, you begin to perceive time the way that they do, so you can see what's to come. But time, it isn't the same for them. It's non-linear."
- 1:39:34 "...but I confess, the only reason why I'm here is to meet you in person."
- 1:39:49 "... you did something remarkable, something not even my superior has done." "And what's that?" "You changed my mind. You're the reason for this unification, all because you reached out to me... Now you know."
- 1:42:06 "I will never forget what you said."
"In war there are no winners, only widows."
- 1:44:20 ... and then they departed ... departure
"Like a breath
Ghosting the cold night air" — "Like a presence
That was never truly there"
From Existence, A poem by Jessica Berry
- 1:46:26 "Despite knowing the journey and where it leads, I embrace it. And I welcome every moment of it."

From the movie: The Answer Man

56:24 "You are here so ^{consciousness} God can experience the world through your eyes, see what you see, feel what you feel. Every day he can't wait to see what you'll do-- what makes you laugh, what moves you. He can't wait! Every day, through you, he falls in Love with the World all over again. ... you are his muse."

From the movie: Winter's Tale

54:12 "She's jammed up." "Let me take a look." "We're in the red already, You should go next door." "What about you? This sounds like it's about to blow sky-high." "Go down with the ship, as it were." "Yeah, it's a house, not a ship." "My wife made this place. She picked every stich of furniture. Every pillow, every sconce and window frame. Wouldn't do to leave it. Listen, you should go now. Winston, go, go. Now you." "The steam can't come." "Are you mad?" "Wait. I have a sympathy for complex systems. How things go together and come apart. Like locks. Just need to feel for the connection. That pipe's too hot, avoid it, avoid it. This one's blocked. Means the problem's before it. We need to balance the force." "It's stuck." "Uh-oh." "Uh-oh?" "Oops." "Oops?"

sympathy...
sympathetic...
resonate with...
moved... to stir
the emotions, feelings
or passions of: INCITE
- chain of custody
trouble shooting
- connect-the-dots
puzzle
- string theory
- each stage
conditions
the signal

1:46:12 "A place made for a miracle. Now, I'm just a mechanic, but what are we if not machines? Machines that need a little help from the universe to men."

1:48:33

"What if we get to become stars?"

"Why would so many things conspire to save one little girl's life? But what if it wasn't just Abby? What if she is no more or no less special than any of us? What if we are all unique... and the universe loves us all equally? So much so that it bends over backwards across the centuries for each and every one of us. And some times we are just lucky enough to see it."

"No life is more important than another. And nothing has been without purpose. Nothing. What if we are all part of a great pattern that we may some day understand? And one day when we have done what we alone are capable of doing... we get to rise up and reunite with those we have loved the most..."

...forever embraced."

From: Eat Pray Love

- ≈ 38:00 Americans know entertainment but don't know pleasure... the sweetness of doing nothing. We (Italians) are masters of it.
- ≈ 50:00 It feels like a precious wound, like a heartbreak you won't let go of because it hurts too good. The only real trap is getting attached to any of it. Rain is a gift. Rain is the road to transformation... we must always be prepared for endless waves of transformation. (conversion) crashing against the shores of our perceptions, conceptions, interpretations
apocalypse, humility of self-discovery - HELL
- ≈ 56:00 ... well, this all makes me so grateful... I just feel happy to see it and to be a part of it.
- ≈ 1:06:00 The meditation room is within... You have to learn to select your thoughts the way you select your clothes every day. Now that's a power you can cultivate. If you can't master your thoughts, you're in trouble.
- ≈ 1:12:00 I think you have the capacity someday to love the whole world.
- ≈ 1:32:00 * So the holy truth of the whole adventure here in India is in one line: God dwells within you as you. God's not interested in watching a performance of how a spiritual person looks and behaves. The quiet girl who glides silently through the place with a gentle, ethereal smile, who is that person? ... God dwells within me as me.
- ≈ 1:37:00 People in Bali understand, in order to stay happy, you must always know where you are every moment. Right here is perfect balance. Right at the meeting of heaven and earth. Not too much God, not too much selfish. Otherwise, life's too crazy. You lose balance, you lose power.

Be here now!
The Delicate Balance...
wherein when the magic happens...

From: Eat Pray Love

~2:11:00 In the end, I've come to believe in something I call "The Physics of the Quest." A force in nature governed by Laws as real as the Laws of gravity. The rule of Quest Physics goes something like this: If you are brave enough to Leave behind everything familiar and comforting, which can be anything from your house to Gitter, old resentments, and set out on a truth-seeking journey, either externally, or internally, and if you are truly willing to regard everything that happens to you on that journey as a clue, and if you accept everyone you meet along the way as a teacher... and if you are prepared, most of all, to face and forgive some very difficult realities about yourself, then the truth will not be withheld from you.

clues
&
cues

I can't help but believe it, given my experience.

I decided on my word. Attraversiamo. It means:

"let's cross over." → Conversion → Convert

-convert^{vb} [to turn around, transform, convert, to turn - more at WORTH]

-avatarⁿ [skt descent, he descends away + he crosses over - more at UKASE, THROUGH] 1: the incarnation of a Hindu deity (as Vishnu) 2a: an incarnation in human form b: an embodiment (as of a concept or philosophy) usu. in a person 3: a variant phase or version of a continuing basic entity (FUNDAMENTAL)

-through^{prep} is - used as a function word to indicate...

-bridgeⁿ [beam] 1b: a time, place, or means of connection or transition

-functionⁿ [performance, to perform; prob. akin to skt bhunkte he enjoys] 2: the action for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists (^{DAB} anthropomorphize)

Sanskritⁿ [skt saṃskṛta, lit. perfected, fr. saṃ together + karoti he makes]

The Map of Tiny Perfect Things (Movie)

- The pattern emerges

1:25:34
Margaret: You're up. Are you okay?

Mom: It's a relative term.

Margaret: I thought we'd have so much more time.

Mom: I know. But you will be all right.

Margaret: I don't know. I don't know if I can do this.

Mom: Listen to me, because I am old and I know things. It's true that we're losing time every day, all the time, until one day it's all gone. But you're gaining it too. Every second, perfect moments, one after the other, until, by the end, you have your whole life. You have everything. And it costs you everything. But it's worth it. I promise that it's worth it.

1:27:40

Margaret: You were right about the map, though. There is a pattern. It's just not finished yet. There's one more perfect moment... I think there's one more and that's the key, and once we find it, that's it. It's all over.

Human Dignity + Compassion = PEACE

- From the movie: That's what I Am

Alfred North Whitehead

not be deduced from them, and hence that *Principia Mathematica* could never achieve its aims.^[62] However, Gödel could not have come to this conclusion without Whitehead and Russell's book. In this way, *Principia Mathematica*'s legacy might be described as its key role in disproving the possibility of achieving its own stated goals.^[63] But beyond this somewhat ironic legacy, the book popularized modern mathematical logic and drew important connections between logic, epistemology, and metaphysics.^[64]

An Introduction to Mathematics

Unlike Whitehead's previous two books on mathematics, *An Introduction to Mathematics* (1911) was not aimed exclusively at professional mathematicians, but was intended for a larger audience. The book covered the nature of mathematics, its unity and internal structure, and its applicability to nature.^[50] Whitehead wrote in the opening chapter:

The object of the following Chapters is not to teach mathematics, but to enable students from the very beginning of their course to know what the science is about, and why it is necessarily the foundation of exact thought as applied to natural phenomena.^[65]

The book can be seen as an attempt to understand the growth in unity and interconnection of mathematics as a whole, as well as an examination of the mutual influence of mathematics and philosophy, language, and physics.^[66] Although the book is little-read, in some ways it prefigures certain points of Whitehead's later work in philosophy and metaphysics.^[67]

Views on education

Whitehead showed a deep concern for educational reform at all levels. In addition to his numerous individually written works on the subject, Whitehead was appointed by Britain's Prime Minister David Lloyd George as part of a 20-person committee to investigate the educational systems and practices of the UK in 1921 and recommend reform.^[68]

Whitehead's most complete work on education is the 1929 book *The Aims of Education and Other Essays*, which collected numerous essays and addresses by Whitehead on the subject published between 1912 and 1927. The essay from which *Aims of Education* derived its name was delivered as an address in 1916 when Whitehead was president of the London Branch of the Mathematical Association. In it, he cautioned against the teaching of what he called "inert ideas" – ideas that are disconnected scraps of information, with no application to real life or culture. He opined that "education with inert ideas is not only useless: it is, above all things, harmful."^[69]

Rather than teach small parts of a large number of subjects, Whitehead advocated teaching a relatively few important concepts that the student could organically link to many different areas of knowledge, discovering their application in actual life.^[70] For Whitehead, education should be the exact opposite of the multidisciplinary, value-free school model^{[69][71]} – it should be transdisciplinary, and laden with values and general principles that provide students with a bedrock of wisdom and help them to make connections between areas of knowledge that are usually regarded as separate.

In order to make this sort of teaching a reality, however, Whitehead pointed to the need to minimize the importance of (or radically alter) standard examinations for school entrance. Whitehead writes:

Every school is bound on pain of extinction to train its boys for a small set of definite examinations. No headmaster has a free hand to develop his general education or his specialist studies in accordance with the opportunities of his school, which are created by its staff, its environment, its class of boys, and its endowments. I suggest that no system of external tests which aims primarily at examining individual scholars can result in anything but educational waste.^[72]

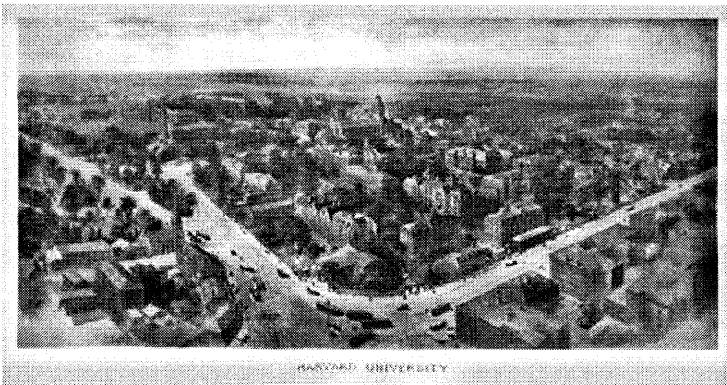
Whitehead argued that curriculum should be developed specifically for its own students by its own staff, or else risk total stagnation, interrupted only by occasional movements from one group of inert ideas to another.

Above all else in his educational writings, Whitehead emphasized the importance of imagination and the free play of ideas. In his essay "Universities and Their Function", Whitehead writes provocatively on imagination:

Imagination is not to be divorced from the facts: it is a way of illuminating the facts. It works by eliciting the general principles which apply to the facts, as they exist, and then by an intellectual survey of alternative possibilities which are consistent with those principles. It enables men to construct an intellectual vision of a new world.^[73]

Whitehead's philosophy of education might adequately be summarized in his statement that "knowledge does not keep any better than fish."^[74] In other words, bits of disconnected knowledge are meaningless; all knowledge must find some imaginative application to the students' own lives, or else it becomes so much useless trivia, and the students themselves become good at parroting facts but not thinking for themselves.

Philosophy and metaphysics



Richard Rummell's 1906 watercolor landscape view of Harvard University, facing northeast.^[75] Whitehead taught at Harvard from 1924 to 1937.

Whitehead did not begin his career as a philosopher.^[26] In fact, he never had any formal training in philosophy beyond his undergraduate education. Early in his life he showed great interest in and respect for philosophy and metaphysics, but it is evident that he considered himself a rank amateur. In one letter to his friend and former student Bertrand Russell, after discussing whether science aimed to be explanatory or merely descriptive, he wrote: "This further question lands us in the ocean of metaphysic, onto which my profound ignorance of that science forbids me to enter."^[76] Ironically, in

later life Whitehead would become one of the 20th century's foremost metaphysicians.

However, interest in metaphysics – the philosophical investigation of the nature of the universe and existence – had become unfashionable by the time Whitehead began writing in earnest about it in the 1920s. The ever-more impressive accomplishments of empirical science had led to a general consensus in academia that the development of comprehensive metaphysical systems was a waste of time because they were not subject to empirical testing.^[77]

Whitehead was unimpressed by this objection. In the notes of one of his students for a 1927 class, Whitehead was quoted as saying: "Every scientific man in order to preserve his reputation has to say he dislikes metaphysics. What he means is he dislikes having his metaphysics criticized."^[78] In Whitehead's view, scientists and philosophers make metaphysical assumptions about how the universe works all the time, but such assumptions are not easily seen precisely because they remain unexamined and unquestioned. While Whitehead acknowledged that "philosophers can never hope finally to formulate these metaphysical first principles,"^[79] he argued that people need to continually re-imagine their basic assumptions about how the universe works if philosophy and science are to make any real progress, even if that progress remains permanently asymptotic. For this reason Whitehead regarded metaphysical investigations as essential to both good science and good philosophy.^[80]

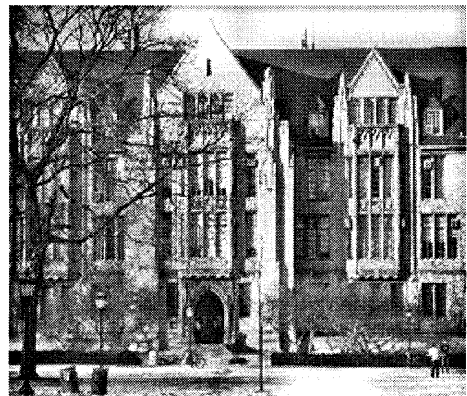
↳ approximate - close or ever closer approximations

Perhaps foremost among what Whitehead considered faulty metaphysical assumptions was the Cartesian idea that reality is fundamentally constructed of bits of matter that exist totally independently of one another, which he rejected in favor of an event-based or "process" ontology in which events are primary and are fundamentally interrelated and dependent on one another.^[81] He also argued that the most basic elements of reality can all be regarded as experiential, indeed that everything is constituted by its experience.^{expression} He used the term "experience" very broadly, so that even inanimate processes such as electron collisions are said to manifest some degree of experience. In this, he went against Descartes' separation of two different kinds of real existence, either exclusively material or else exclusively mental.^[82] Whitehead referred to his metaphysical system as "philosophy of organism", but it would become known more widely as "process philosophy."^[82] process: PROGRESS, ADVANCE toward a result... outcome... target... AIM

Whitehead's philosophy was highly original, and soon garnered interest in philosophical circles. After publishing *The Concept of Nature* in 1920, he served as president of the Aristotelian Society from 1922 to 1923, and Henri Bergson was quoted as saying that Whitehead was "the best philosopher writing in English."^[83] So impressive and different was Whitehead's philosophy that in 1924 he was invited to join the faculty at Harvard University as a professor of philosophy at 63 years of age.^[43]

This is not to say that Whitehead's thought was widely accepted or even well understood. His philosophical work is generally considered to be among the most difficult to understand in all of the western canon.^[24] Even professional philosophers struggled to follow Whitehead's writings. One famous story illustrating the level of difficulty of Whitehead's philosophy centres around the delivery of Whitehead's Gifford lectures in 1927-28 – following Arthur Eddington's lectures of the year previous – which Whitehead would later publish as *Process and Reality*:

Eddington was a marvellous popular lecturer who had enthralled an audience of 600 for his entire course. The same audience turned up to Whitehead's first lecture but it was completely unintelligible, not merely to the world at large but to the elect. My father remarked to me afterwards that if he had not known Whitehead well he would have suspected that it was an imposter making it up as he went along ... The audience at subsequent lectures was only about half a dozen in all.^[85]



Eckhart Hall at the University of Chicago. Beginning with the arrival of Henry Nelson Wieman in 1927, Chicago's Divinity School became closely associated with Whitehead's thought for about thirty years.^[84]

Indeed, it may not be inappropriate to speculate that some fair portion of the respect generally shown to Whitehead by his philosophical peers at the time arose from their sheer bafflement. The Chicago theologian Shailer Mathews once remarked of Whitehead's 1926 book *Religion in the Making*: "It is infuriating, and I must say embarrassing as well, to read page after page of relatively familiar words without understanding a single sentence."^[86]

However, Mathews' frustration with Whitehead's books did not negatively affect his interest. In fact, there were numerous philosophers and theologians at Chicago's Divinity School that perceived the importance of what Whitehead was doing without fully grasping all of the details and implications. In 1927 they invited one of America's only Whitehead experts, Henry Nelson Wieman, to Chicago to give a lecture explaining Whitehead's thought.^[86] Wieman's lecture was so brilliant that he was promptly hired to the faculty and taught there for twenty years, and for at least thirty years afterward Chicago's Divinity School was closely associated with Whitehead's thought.^[84]

Shortly after Whitehead's book *Process and Reality* appeared in 1929, Wieman famously wrote in his 1930 review:

Not many people will read Whitehead's recent book in this generation; not many will read it in any generation. But its influence will radiate through concentric circles of popularization until the common man will think and work in the light of it, not knowing whence the light came. After a few decades of discussion and analysis one will be able to understand it more readily than can now be done.^[87]

Wieman's words proved prophetic. Though *Process and Reality* has been called "arguably the most impressive single metaphysical text of the twentieth century,"^[88] it has been little-read and little-understood, partly because it demands – as Isabelle Stengers puts it – "that its readers accept the adventure of the questions that will separate them from every consensus."^[89] Whitehead questioned western philosophy's most dearly held assumptions about how the universe works, but in doing so he managed to anticipate a number of 21st century scientific and philosophical problems and provide novel solutions.^[90]

Whitehead's conception of reality

Whitehead was convinced that the scientific notion of matter was misleading as a way of describing the ultimate nature of things. In his 1925 book *Science and the Modern World*, he wrote that

There persists ... [a] fixed scientific cosmology which presupposes the ultimate fact of an irreducible brute matter, or material, spread through space in a flux of configurations. In itself such a material is senseless, valueless, purposeless. It just does what it does do, following a fixed routine imposed by external relations which do not spring from the nature of its being. It is this assumption that I call "scientific materialism." Also it is an assumption which I shall challenge as being entirely unsuited to the scientific situation at which we have now arrived.^[81]

Conditioned
entanglement
boundary
conditions

In Whitehead's view, there are a number of problems with this notion of "irreducible brute matter". First, it obscures and minimizes the importance of change. By thinking of any material thing (like a rock, or a person) as being fundamentally the *same* thing throughout time, with any changes to it being secondary to its "nature", scientific materialism hides the fact that nothing ever stays the same. For Whitehead, change is fundamental and inescapable; he emphasizes that "all things flow."^[91]

In Whitehead's view, then, concepts such as "quality", "matter", and "form" are problematic. These "classical" concepts fail to adequately account for change, and overlook the active and experiential nature of the most basic elements of the world. They are useful abstractions, but are not the world's basic building blocks.^[92] What is ordinarily conceived of as a single person, for instance, is philosophically described as a continuum of overlapping events.^[93] After all, people change all the time, if only because they have aged by another second and had some further experience. These occasions of experience are logically distinct, but are progressively connected in what Whitehead calls a "society" of events.^[94] By assuming that enduring objects are the most real and fundamental things in the universe, materialists have mistaken the abstract for the concrete (what Whitehead calls the "fallacy of misplaced concreteness").^{[82][95]}

To put it another way, a thing or person is often seen as having a "defining essence" or a "core identity" that is unchanging, and describes what the thing or person *really is*. In this way of thinking, things and people are seen as fundamentally the same through time, with any changes being qualitative and secondary to their core identity (e.g. "Mark's hair has turned gray as he has gotten older, but he is still the same person"). But in Whitehead's cosmology, the only fundamentally existent things are discrete "occasions of experience" that overlap one another in time and space, and jointly make up the enduring person or thing. On the other hand, what ordinary thinking often regards as "the essence of a thing" or "the identity/core of a person" is an abstract generalization of what is regarded as that person or thing's most important or salient features across time. Identities do not define people, people define identities. Everything changes from moment to moment, and to think of anything as having an "enduring essence" misses the fact that "all things flow", though it is often a useful way of speaking.

Whitehead pointed to the limitations of language as one of the main culprits in maintaining a materialistic way of thinking, and acknowledged that it may be difficult to ever wholly move past such ideas in everyday speech.^[96] After all, each moment of each person's life can hardly be given a different proper name, and it is easy and convenient to think of people and objects as remaining fundamentally the same things, rather than constantly keeping in mind that each thing is different from what it was a moment ago. Yet the limitations of everyday living and everyday speech should not prevent people from realizing that "material substances" or "essences" are a convenient generalized description of a continuum of particular, concrete processes. No one questions that a ten-year-old person is quite different by the time he or she turns thirty years old, and in many ways is not the same person at all; Whitehead points out that it is not philosophically or ontologically sound to think that a person is the same from one second to the next.

A second problem with materialism is that it obscures the importance of relations. It sees every object as distinct and discrete from all other objects. Each object is simply an inert clump of matter that is only externally related to other things. The idea of matter as primary makes people think of objects as being fundamentally separate in time and space, and not necessarily related to anything. But in Whitehead's view, relations take a primary role, perhaps even more important than the relations themselves.^[97] A student taking notes in one of Whitehead's fall 1924 classes wrote that, "Reality applies to connections, and only relatively to the things connected. (A) is real for (B), and (B) is real for (A), but [they are] not absolutely real independent of each other."^[98] In fact, Whitehead describes any entity as in some sense nothing more and nothing less than the sum of its relations to other entities - its synthesis of and reaction to the world around it.^[99] A real thing is just that which forces the rest of the universe to in some way conform to it; that is to say, if theoretically a thing made strictly no difference to any other entity (i.e. it was not related to any other entity), it could not be said to really exist.^[100] Relations are not secondary to what a thing is, they are what the thing is. *We want to be loved, failing that;*

It must be emphasized, however, that an entity is not merely a sum of its relations, but also a valuation of them and reaction to them.^[101] For Whitehead, creativity is the absolute principle of existence, and every entity (whether it is a human being, a tree, or an electron) has some degree of novelty in how it responds to other entities, and is not fully determined by causal or mechanistic laws.^[102] Of course, most entities do not have consciousness.^[103] As a human being's actions cannot always be predicted, the same can be said of

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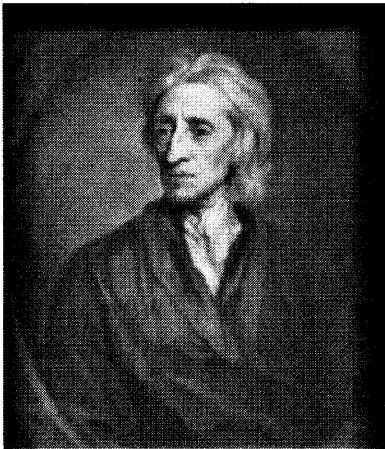
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John Locke was one of Whitehead's primary influences. In the preface to *Process and Reality*, Whitehead wrote: "The writer who most fully anticipated the main positions of the philosophy of organism is John Locke in his Essay."^[5]

where a tree's roots will grow, or how an electron will move, or whether it will rain tomorrow. Moreover, inability to predict an electron's movement (for instance) is not due to faulty understanding or inadequate technology; rather, the fundamental creativity/freedom of all entities means that there will always remain phenomena that are unpredictable.^[104] expression occasion

The other side of creativity/freedom as the absolute principle is that every entity is constrained by the social structure of existence (i.e., its relations) – each actual entity must conform to the settled conditions of the world around it.^[100] Freedom always exists within limits. But an entity's uniqueness and individuality arise from its own self-determination as to just how it will take account of the world within the limits that have been set for it.^[105] conditioned entanglement entangled conditioning

In summary, Whitehead rejects the idea of separate and unchanging bits of matter as the most basic building blocks of reality, in favor of the idea of reality as interrelated events in process. He conceives of reality as composed of processes of dynamic "becoming" rather than static "being", emphasizing that all physical things change and evolve, and that changeless "essences" such as matter are mere abstractions from the interrelated events that are the final real things that make up the world.^[82] The Essence of Being is Becoming conversion cascade... tunable resonant cavity... vessel...

Theory of perception

Since Whitehead's metaphysics described a universe in which all entities experience, he needed a new way of describing perception that was not limited to living, self-conscious beings. The term he coined was "prehension", which comes from the Latin *prehensio*, meaning "to seize".^[106] The term is meant to indicate a kind of perception that can be conscious or unconscious, applying to people as well as electrons. It is also intended to make clear Whitehead's rejection of the theory of representative perception, in which the mind only has private ideas about other entities.^[106] For Whitehead, the term "prehension" indicates that the perceiver actually incorporates aspects of the perceived thing into itself.^[106] In this way, entities are constituted by their perceptions and relations, rather than being independent of them. Further, Whitehead regards perception as occurring in two modes, causal efficacy (or "physical prehension") and presentational immediacy (or "conceptual prehension").^[103]

Whitehead describes causal efficacy as "the experience dominating the primitive living organisms, which have a sense for the fate from which they have emerged, and the fate towards which they go."^[107] It is, in other words, the sense of causal relations between entities, a feeling of being influenced and affected by the surrounding environment, unmediated by the senses. Presentational immediacy, on the other hand, is what is usually referred to as "pure sense perception", unmediated by any causal or symbolic interpretation, even unconscious interpretation. In other words, it is pure appearance, which may or may not be delusive (e.g. mistaking an image in a mirror for "the real thing").^[108]

In higher organisms (like people), these two modes of perception combine into what Whitehead terms "symbolic reference", which links appearance with causation in a process that is so automatic that both people and animals have difficulty refraining from it. By way of illustration, Whitehead uses the example of a person's encounter with a chair. An ordinary person looks up, sees a colored shape, and immediately infers that it is a chair. However, an artist, Whitehead supposes, "might not have jumped to the notion of a chair", but instead "might have stopped at the mere contemplation of a beautiful color and a beautiful shape."^[109] This is not the normal human reaction; most people place objects in categories by habit and instinct, without

even thinking about it. Moreover, animals do the same thing. Using the same example, Whitehead points out that a dog "would have acted immediately on the hypothesis of a chair and would have jumped onto it by way of using it as such."^[110] In this way symbolic reference is a fusion of pure sense perceptions on the one hand and causal relations on the other, and that it is in fact the causal relationships that dominate the more basic mentality (as the dog illustrates), while it is the sense perceptions which indicate a higher grade mentality (as the artist illustrates).^[111]

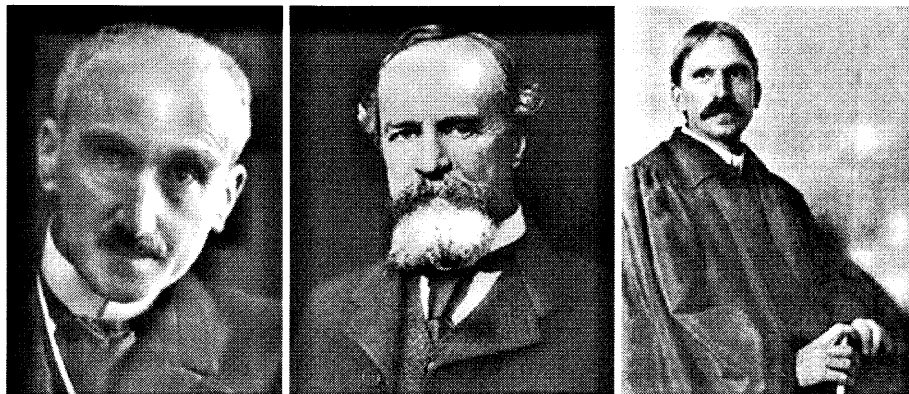
Evolution and value

Whitehead believed that when asking questions about the basic facts of existence, questions about value and purpose can never be fully escaped. This is borne out in his thoughts on abiogenesis, or the hypothetical natural process by which life arises from simple organic compounds.

Whitehead makes the startling observation that "life is comparatively deficient in survival value."^[112] If humans can only exist for about a hundred years, and rocks for eight hundred million, then one is forced to ask why complex organisms ever evolved in the first place; as Whitehead humorously notes, "they certainly did not appear because they were better at that game than the rocks around them."^[113] He then observes that the mark of higher forms of life is that they are actively engaged in modifying their environment, an activity which he theorizes is directed toward the three-fold goal of living, living well, and living better.^[114] In other words, Whitehead sees life as directed toward the purpose of increasing its own satisfaction. Without such a goal, he sees the rise of life as totally unintelligible.

For Whitehead, there is no such thing as wholly inert matter. Instead, all things have some measure of freedom or creativity, however small, which allows them to be at least partly self-directed. The process philosopher David Ray Griffin coined the term "panexperientialism" (the idea that all entities experience) to describe Whitehead's view, and to distinguish it from panpsychism (the idea that all matter has consciousness).^[115]

God



Henri Bergson

William James

John Dewey

"I am also greatly indebted to Bergson, William James, and John Dewey. One of my preoccupations has been to rescue their type of thought from the charge of anti-intellectualism, which rightly or wrongly has been associated with it." – Alfred North Whitehead, *Process and Reality*, preface.^[3]

Whitehead's idea of God differs from traditional monotheistic notions.^[116] Perhaps his most famous and pointed criticism of the Christian conception of God is that "the Church gave unto God the attributes which belonged exclusively to Caesar."^[117] Here Whitehead is criticizing Christianity for defining God as

primarily a divine king who imposes his will on the world, and whose most important attribute is power. As opposed to the most widely accepted forms of Christianity, Whitehead emphasized an idea of God that he called "the brief Galilean vision of humility":

It does not emphasize the ruling Caesar, or the ruthless moralist, or the unmoved mover. It dwells upon the tender elements in the world, which slowly and in quietness operates by love; and it finds purpose in the present immediacy of a kingdom not of this world. Love neither rules, nor is it unmoved; also it is a little oblivious as to morals. It does not look to the future; for it finds its own reward in the immediate present.^[118]

For Whitehead, God is not necessarily tied to religion.^[119] Rather than springing primarily from religious faith, Whitehead saw God as necessary for his metaphysical system.^[119] His system required that an order exist among possibilities, an order that allowed for novelty in the world and provided an aim to all entities. Whitehead posited that these ordered potentials exist in what he called the *primordial nature* of God. However, Whitehead was also interested in religious experience. This led him to reflect more intensively on what he saw as the second nature of God, the *consequent nature*. Whitehead's conception of God as a "dipolar"^[120] entity has called for fresh theological thinking. The primordial nature he described as "the unlimited conceptual realization of the absolute wealth of potentiality,"^[118] i.e., the unlimited possibility of the universe. This primordial nature is eternal and unchanging, providing entities in the universe with possibilities for realization. Whitehead also calls this primordial aspect "the lure for feeling, the eternal urge of desire,"^[121] pulling the entities in the universe toward as-yet unrealized possibilities.

God's consequent nature, on the other hand, is anything but unchanging – it is God's reception of the world's activity. As Whitehead puts it, "[God] saves the world as it passes into the immediacy of his own life. It is the judgment of a tenderness which loses nothing that can be saved."^[122] In other words, God saves and cherishes all experiences forever, and those experiences go on to change the way God interacts with the world. In this way, God is really changed by what happens in the world and the wider universe, lending the actions of finite creatures an eternal significance.

Carrier { Whitehead thus sees God and the world as fulfilling one another. He sees entities in the world as fluent and changing things that yearn for a permanence which only God can provide by taking them into God's self, thereafter changing God and affecting the rest of the universe throughout time. On the other hand, he sees God as permanent but as deficient in actuality and change: alone, God is merely eternally unrealized possibilities, and requires the world to actualize them. God gives creatures permanence, while the creatures give God actuality and change. Here it is worthwhile to quote Whitehead at length:

teleological purpose... Aim... materialized creative consciousness...
"In this way God is completed by the individual, fluent satisfactions of finite fact, and the temporal occasions are completed by their everlasting union with their transformed selves, purged into conformation with the eternal order which is the final absolute 'wisdom.' The final summary can only be expressed in terms of a group of antitheses, whose apparent self-contradictions depend on neglect of the diverse categories of existence. In each antithesis there is a shift of meaning which converts the opposition into a contrast.

draw a distinction

"It is as true to say that God is permanent and the World fluent, as that the World is permanent and God is fluent.

"It is as true to say that God is one and the World many, as that the World is one and God many.

"It is as true to say that, in comparison with the World, God is actual eminently, as that, in comparison with God, the World is actual eminently.

temporal cast of characters... enduring chain of custody...

"It is as true to say that the World is ^{inherent} immanent in God, as that God is immanent in the World. ^{inherent}

"It is as true to say that God transcends the World, as that the World transcends God.

"It is as true to say that God creates the World, as that the World creates God ...

"What is done in the world is transformed into a reality in heaven, and the reality in heaven passes back into the world ... In this sense, God is the great companion – the fellow-sufferer (*explorer*) who understands."^[123]

The above is some of Whitehead's most evocative writing about God, and was powerful enough to inspire the movement known as process theology, a vibrant theological school of thought that continues to thrive today.^{[124][125]}

Religion

For Whitehead the core of religion was individual. While he acknowledged that individuals cannot ever be fully separated from their society, he argued that life is an internal fact for its own sake before it is an external fact relating to others.^[126] His most famous remark on religion is that "religion is what the individual does with his own solitariness ... and if you are never solitary, you are never religious."^[127] Whitehead saw religion as a system of general truths that transformed a person's character.^[128] He took special care to note that while religion is often a good influence, it is not *necessarily* good – an idea which he called a "dangerous delusion" (e.g., a religion might encourage the violent extermination of a rival religion's adherents).^[129]

However, while Whitehead saw religion as *beginning* in solitariness, he also saw religion as necessarily expanding beyond the individual. In keeping with his process metaphysics in which relations are primary, he wrote that religion necessitates the realization of "the value of the objective world which is a community derivative from the interrelations of its component individuals."^[130] In other words, the universe is a community which makes itself whole through the relatedness of each individual entity to all the others – meaning and value do not exist for the individual alone, but only in the context of the universal community. Whitehead writes further that each entity "can find no such value till it has merged its individual claim with that of the objective universe. Religion is world-loyalty. The spirit at once surrenders itself to this universal claim and appropriates it for itself."^[131] In this way the individual and universal/social aspects of religion are mutually dependent.

Whitehead also described religion more technically as "an ultimate craving to infuse into the insistent particularity of emotion that non-temporal generality which primarily belongs to conceptual thought alone."^[132] In other words, religion takes deeply felt emotions and contextualizes them within a system of general truths about the world, helping people to identify their wider meaning and significance. For Whitehead, religion served as a kind of bridge between philosophy and the emotions and purposes of a particular society.^[133] It is the task of religion to make philosophy applicable to the everyday lives of ordinary people.

Influence and legacy

Isabelle Stengers wrote that "Whiteheadians are recruited among both philosophers and theologians, and the palette has been enriched by practitioners from the most diverse horizons, from ecology to feminism, practices that unite political struggle and spirituality with the sciences of education."^[89] Indeed, in recent decades attention to Whitehead's work has become more widespread, with interest extending to intellectuals

in Europe and China, and coming from such diverse fields as ecology, physics, biology, education, economics, and psychology. One of the first theologians to attempt to interact with Whitehead's thought was the future Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple. In Temple's Gifford Lectures of 1932-1934 (subsequently published as "Nature, Man and God"), Whitehead is one of a number of philosophers of the emergent evolution approach Temple interacts with.^[134] However, it was not until the 1970s and 1980s that Whitehead's thought drew much attention outside of a small group of philosophers and theologians, primarily Americans, and even today he is not considered especially influential outside of relatively specialized circles.

Early followers of Whitehead were found primarily at the University of Chicago Divinity School, where Henry Nelson Wieman initiated an interest in Whitehead's work that would last for about thirty years.^[84] Professors such as Wieman, Charles Hartshorne, Bernard Loomer, Bernard Meland, and Daniel Day Williams made Whitehead's philosophy arguably the most important intellectual thread running through the divinity school.^[135] They taught generations of Whitehead scholars, the most notable of whom is John B. Cobb.

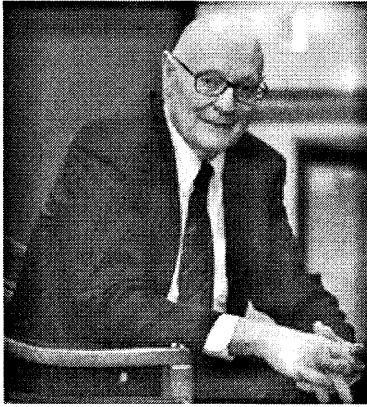
Although interest in Whitehead has since faded at Chicago's divinity school, Cobb effectively grabbed the torch and planted it firmly in Claremont, California, where he began teaching at Claremont School of Theology in 1958 and founded the Center for Process Studies with David Ray Griffin in 1973.^[136] Largely due to Cobb's influence, today Claremont remains strongly identified with Whitehead's process thought.^{[137][138]}

But while Claremont remains the most concentrated hub of Whiteheadian activity, the place where Whitehead's thought currently seems to be growing the most quickly is in China. In order to address the challenges of modernization and industrialization, China has begun to blend traditions of Taoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism with Whitehead's "constructive post-modern" philosophy in order to create an "ecological civilization".^[71] To date, the Chinese government has encouraged the building of twenty-three university-based centres for the study of Whitehead's philosophy,^{[71][139]} and books by process philosophers John Cobb and David Ray Griffin are becoming required reading for Chinese graduate students.^[71] Cobb has attributed China's interest in process philosophy partly to Whitehead's stress on the mutual interdependence of humanity and nature, as well as his emphasis on an educational system that includes the teaching of values rather than simply bare facts.^[71]

Overall, however, Whitehead's influence is very difficult to characterize. In English-speaking countries, his primary works are little-studied outside of Claremont and a select number of liberal graduate-level theology and philosophy programs. Outside of these circles his influence is relatively small and diffuse, and has tended to come chiefly through the work of his students and admirers rather than Whitehead himself.^[140] For instance, Whitehead was a teacher and long-time friend and collaborator of Bertrand Russell, and he also taught and supervised the dissertation of Willard Van Orman Quine,^[141] both of whom are important figures in analytic philosophy – the dominant strain of philosophy in English-speaking countries in the 20th century.^[142] Whitehead has also had high-profile admirers in the continental tradition, such as French post-structuralist philosopher Gilles Deleuze, who once dryly remarked of Whitehead that "he stands provisionally as the last great Anglo-American philosopher before Wittgenstein's disciples spread their misty confusion, sufficiency, and terror."^[143] French sociologist and anthropologist Bruno Latour even went so far as to call Whitehead "the greatest philosopher of the 20th century."^[144]

Deleuze's and Latour's opinions, however, are minority ones, as Whitehead has not been recognized as particularly influential within the most dominant philosophical schools.^[145] It is impossible to say exactly why Whitehead's influence has not been more widespread, but it may be partly due to his metaphysical ideas seeming somewhat counter-intuitive (such as his assertion that matter is an abstraction), or his inclusion of theistic elements in his philosophy,^[146] or the perception of metaphysics itself as passé, or simply the sheer difficulty and density of his prose.^[24]

Process philosophy and theology



Philosopher Nicholas Rescher. Rescher is a proponent of both Whiteheadian process philosophy and American pragmatism.

Historically Whitehead's work has been most influential in the field of American progressive theology.^{[124][138]} The most important early proponent of Whitehead's thought in a theological context was Charles Hartshorne, who spent a semester at Harvard as Whitehead's teaching assistant in 1925, and is widely credited with developing Whitehead's process philosophy into a full-blown process theology.^[147] Other notable process theologians include John B. Cobb, David Ray Griffin, Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki, C. Robert Mesle, Roland Faber, and Catherine Keller.

Process theology typically stresses God's relational nature. Rather than seeing God as impassive or emotionless, process theologians view God as "the fellow sufferer who understands", and as the being who is supremely affected by temporal events.^[148] Hartshorne points out that people would not praise a human ruler who was unaffected by either the joys or sorrows of his followers – so why would this be a praise-worthy quality in God?^[149] Instead, as the being who is most affected by the

world, God is the being who can most appropriately respond to the world. However, process theology has been formulated in a wide variety of ways. C. Robert Mesle, for instance, advocates a "process naturalism", i.e. a process theology without God.^[150]

In fact, process theology is difficult to define because process theologians are so diverse and transdisciplinary in their views and interests. John B. Cobb is a process theologian who has also written books on biology and economics. Roland Faber and Catherine Keller integrate Whitehead with poststructuralist, postcolonialist, and feminist theory. Charles Birch was both a theologian and a geneticist. Franklin I. Gamwell writes on theology and political theory. In *Syntheism - Creating God in The Internet Age*, futurologists Alexander Bard and Jan Söderqvist repeatedly credit Whitehead for the process theology they see rising out of the participatory culture expected to dominate the digital era.

Process philosophy is even more difficult to pin down than process theology. In practice, the two fields cannot be neatly separated. The 32-volume State University of New York series in constructive postmodern thought edited by process philosopher and theologian David Ray Griffin displays the range of areas in which different process philosophers work, including physics, ecology, medicine, public policy, nonviolence, politics, and psychology.^[151]

One philosophical school which has historically had a close relationship with process philosophy is American pragmatism. Whitehead himself thought highly of William James and John Dewey, and acknowledged his indebtedness to them in the preface to *Process and Reality*.^[3] Charles Hartshorne (along with Paul Weiss) edited the collected papers of Charles Sanders Peirce, one of the founders of pragmatism. Noted neopragmatist Richard Rorty was in turn a student of Hartshorne.^[152] Today, Nicholas Rescher is one example of a philosopher who advocates both process philosophy and pragmatism.

In addition, while they might not properly be called process philosophers, Whitehead has been influential in the philosophy of Gilles Deleuze, Milič Čapek, Isabelle Stengers, Bruno Latour, Susanne Langer, and Maurice Merleau-Ponty.

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