

Introduction

The Realization that Together We Dream the World

When future historians write the chronicle of our age, they will tell the story of a people rising to the realization that together they dream the world. This realization—or enlightenment—will start slowly and gain momentum as the supporting evidence builds and other explanations for the world’s existence fade away. As the realization grows, it will mark the beginning of a new world, one that reflects humankind’s highest dream: a people united in body and in spirit. This new world will be joined together by a higher truth; by a transcendent purpose; by a unified way of thinking that connects our souls with the spiraling galaxies in the cosmos.

This is the story of a people growing up believing they live in a material world where Mother Nature holds such grandeur and power that most believe only some almighty external force—the Big Bang or God—could possibly be responsible for it.

And through the ages the story unfolds, as people raise their eyes to the heavens, wondering by what miracle a world of such deep solidity and order stands before them. At the same time, a group of logical, hard-minded thinkers, taking nothing on faith, adopt the view that they must reason and experiment their way to the truth; theories must be proven correct by the methods of science or else they have no validity.

But the appeal to God and the search for scientific truth leads to no unified theory; religion and science exist in different realms and the two seldom communicate using the same language.

Without a unifying law for humankind, we wind up competing against those who act, look, or pray differently than we do. And, as the most severe sign of ignorance, some kill innocent people in the name of God, and trumpet the achievement to their blind followers.

This practice cannot go on, as someday we will come to understand that a greater purpose joins us. And the only way to achieve true unity is for a critical mass of people to acknowledge the presence of a more powerful principle that transcends the historical belief systems that have led us here. This principle must re-orient science, philosophy, and religion toward a new higher plane; but this principle cannot be an abstraction or a vaguely expressed feeling. The unity principle must be accepted as both a scientific and philosophical truth; it must create a new scientific paradigm while satisfying both the soul-deep yearnings and soaring aspirations of religion.

It must yield a worldview more coherent and logical than that offered by modern, material science, or Darwinism; it must blend philosophical insights with the empirical facts of science; it must drive toward the final scientific revolution because it will explain more with fewer assumptions. It will be the “truth that remains” after eliminating all opposing theories.

And so we gradually ascend to the truth: we are the creators in a universe issued from the soul, bursting from the core of the one Mind,

not from a Big Bang or the hand of a heavenly Father. Instead, the obvious is true: *We are the one mind* and we are dreaming this world. *We are God*, and we, with infinite dreaming power, have dreamt a world of such overwhelming power and solidity that we have fooled ourselves into thinking we are not dreaming. We are indeed a young God. Like a God-child, we imagine that the outside world we see, the stars in the sky, the trees in the forest, fields of grass, winding roads, and other people, exist independently from our beings, as if we are movie-goers watching the world go by on a big screen. Detached from the world we create, we pull back from taking full responsibility for our dream-home.

This book challenges the material science worldview, which controls how we look at the world today. It is based upon the Great Assumption that an entire universe of matter exists outside of the mind and beyond the mind's control. As we will see in the chapters that follow, when we dispense with this unnecessary assumption, we find the key to unlock the explanation for why we are here.

It is time finally to answer this question, so we can get on with the important task of making this home of ours a truly better and more peaceful place for all the world's people. It is time to set our sights on the only goal that will unify us, a goal that shines silently overhead in a place at the end of science that we will someday come to call heaven.

