

**HOLISTIC EDUCATION
AND
SIR JOHN ECCLES**

Science cannot explain “Who am I?, and Why am I here?”

Sir John Eccles

The following is quoted from an article, written by Nobel Prize Winner Sir John Eccles, which appeared in the magazine U. S. News and World Report in 1984:

THE LAW OF GRAVITATION WAS NOT THE FINAL TRUTH

We need to discredit the belief held by many scientists that science will ultimately deliver the final truth about everything. *Science doesn't deliver the truth; what it provides are hypotheses in an attempt to get nearer to truth.* But scientists must never claim to know more than that. The scientific concepts that we have are always going to be changed as science progresses.

The Newtonian law of gravitation was not the final truth. All our ideas are being remodeled all the time in the light of further investigations. In our lifetime alone, there have been tremendous changes.

A SUPERSTITION THAT CONFUSES THE PUBLIC

Unfortunately, many scientists and interpreters of science don't understand the limits of the discipline. They claim

much more for it than they should. *They argue that someday science will explain values, beauty, love, friendship, aesthetics and literary quality. They say: "All of these will eventually be explicable in terms of brain performance. We only have to know more about the brain." That view is nothing more than a superstition that confuses both the public and many scientists.*

My task as a scientist is to try to eliminate superstitions and to have us experience science as the greatest human adventure. But to understand is not to completely explain. Understanding leaves unresolved the great features and values of our existence.

WE LIVE AMID "EXPERIENCES, NOT BRAIN EVENTS"

I have spent all my life working on the brain and know what a wonderful structure it is, how it gives us an immense range of experiences. It is also a tremendous storehouse of memories, which is what it's principally for. But *examining the brain in all possible ways doesn't mean that I can know why, when I open my eyes, I see a world of light and color.*

We live in the world of experiences, not in a world of the brain events. I've never seen my brain. *All I know is that from morning to night I am living amid sound and light, touch and language, thought and action. This is my world, and much of it is not explicable scientifically.*

Science also cannot explain the existence of each of us as a

unique self, nor can it answer such fundamental questions as: Who am I? Why am I here? How did I come to be at a certain place and time? What happens after death? These are all mysteries that are beyond science.

MAKING ROOM FOR “THE MYSTERY OF EXISTENCE”

Science has gone too far in breaking down man’s belief in his spiritual greatness and has given him the belief that he is merely an insignificant animal who has arisen by chance and necessity on an insignificant planet lost in the great cosmic immensity.

But that does not mean that religion and science are necessarily at odds. Max Planck, the great physicist, was a practicing Catholic. Albert Einstein believed in a God of the cosmos. Werner Heisenberg, the world famous physicist, also held religious views, though he was not a man who practiced religion. I myself, am a practicing Christian.

To hold views such as mine about the mystery of existence, you don’t have to be a religious person. *The great philosopher of science Sir Karl Popper, with whom I have written a book on this subject, holds similar beliefs—and he describes himself as an agnostic. Both of us recognize the great wonder of existence. We believe in both a material world and a mental-spiritual world.*

Sir John Eccles, Nobel laureate in Medicine and Physiology and a pioneer in brain research.

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COMMENTARY

The only source of information which addresses all of the problems, which science cannot even begin to deal with, is the world's extensive Spiritual Literature. While developing our Personal Cosmology, we have verified to our satisfaction that the purest, as well as the most penetrating aspects of this literature is written in the two ancient Spiritual Languages, Sanskrit and Hebrew. Of the two, Sanskrit is the oldest and most sophisticated. For the past two centuries, a small amount of the spiritual science contained in the Vedas has been trickling into the west; nevertheless, it has been dismissed by most scientists because it is impossible for them to believe that the real source of such knowledge are great ancient civilizations that existed before 12,000 BC.

With respect to Hebrew, and the Old Testament, or the Torah, great spiritual knowledge is encoded in the words and can only be retrieved by someone who has expanded their Spiritual Consciousness to a very high level of COSMIC AWARENESS, and who is able to comprehend the essence of the more ancient 'roots' from which the Hebrew words were constructed. Fortunately, during the development of our Personal Cosmology, we have been able to obtain a very enlightening translation of Genesis, from the original Hebrew, and we were delighted to discover that it is not only compatible with scientific discoveries, but it has helped us to establish the foundation for Our Theory of Everything, which includes Consciousness, that will eventually enable everybody to answer all of the questions which have been posed by Sir John Eccles for themselves!

Even though Genesis 1:26-28 is a terrible translation from the original Hebrew, it still leaves no doubt that Man was created in the image of God! This means that everything in the Cosmos has its microscopic representation in Man. Indeed, all of the creative powers of God are potentially within Man and that the purpose of Man is to release those powers and become a co-creator with God! There is one and only one way to create and that is to follow the processes of creativity which were used by God to create the Cosmos! The first process of creativity is IDEALIZATION; however, it is impossible to Idealize something which has not been thoroughly understood. Therefore, before any individual can become a co-creator with God, he must first devote himself to the Love of Pure Learning and deep contemplation upon that learning, in concert with his spirit, in order to obtain understanding. Understanding is the most precious and glorious of all mental and spiritual accomplishments and only understanding can give each individual the power to release all of their divine creative potentials.

Just as the data base of a computer can be easily transferred to another computer, knowledge can be transferred from one person to another. But computers have no 'understanding' of the data base they are transferring; therefore, for them, it is as non-existent as they are without consciousness. In spite of the fact that human beings are conscious, the knowledge that they receive from another person is totally lacking in their understanding! Therefore, even though the person transferring the knowledge may have a very great understanding of it, he cannot transfer this along with his knowledge!

Stated emphatically, UNDERSTANDING CAN NEVER BE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER. The very best that can be done by a great teacher for his student is to follow the advice given in Kahlil Gibran's wonderful poem: ON TEACHING:

Then said a teacher, Speak to us of Teaching. And he said:

No man can reveal to you aught but that which already lies half asleep in the dawning of your knowledge.

The teacher who walks in the shadow of the temple, among his followers, gives not of his wisdom but rather of his faith and his lovingness.

If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind.

The astronomer may speak to you of his understanding of space, but he cannot give you his understanding.

The musician may sing to you of the rhythm which is in all space, but he cannot give you the ear which arrests the rhythm nor the voice that echoes it.

And he who is versed in the science of numbers can tell of the regions of weight and measure, but he cannot conduct you thither. For the vision of one man lends not its wings to another man.

And even as each one of you stands along in God's knowledge, so must each one of you be alone in his knowledge of God and in his understanding of the earth.

This poem says nearly everything which is important pertaining to the fact that Man is a Microcosm. Since understanding cannot be transferred, and Man can never be a co-creator with God without it, it is imperative that each and every individual develop their Personal Cosmology, from their unique points of view, by evolving and involving through the agony and the ecstasy of many lifetimes of experience, deeply devoting themselves to the love of pure learning, and finally experiencing the indescribably bliss of being at ONE with all things!

Therefore, it is absolutely impossible for the world's greatest scientists and philosophers to develop a UNIFIED THEORY OF EVERYTHING which is easily comprehensible, understandable, and most of all, deeply satisfactory physically, mentally, and spiritually to everybody living on earth now, or in the future!

Even if it were possible to create such a theory, there will always be endless arguments as to how 'true' or 'false' it may be from many individual points of view. Since the level of spiritual awareness of most scientists and philosophers is totally materialistic, they believe that they have the right to suppress points of view which they believe are not scientifically provable. By so doing, they have been violently subduing individual creativity and discouraging honest attempts by individuals to develop their Personal Cosmology.

The time has now come for everybody on earth to realize that thought creates duality, duality regenerates thought, and it is the action of this vicious circle that gives rise to CONSCIOUSNESS! You cannot have true without false, right without wrong, knowledge without ignorance, and a Great Unified Theory of Everything which is not counterbalanced by a Great Theory of Nothing! You can disagree with another only by utilizing his point of view as a reference for your own! Therefore, all argument, disagreement, and negative debate pertaining to scientific and philosophical beliefs, hypotheses, and theories are absolutely futile and serve no purpose except that of suppressing not only the right, but also the spiritual obligation of each and every individual to develop their Personal Cosmology in their own unique way! Einstein indicated that he thoroughly understood this when he said:

Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the Gods.

A great holistic teacher, however, has no other alternative than to use his Personal Cosmology as a guide for his students while they begin the initial development of their Personal Cosmology under his guidance. Nevertheless, he insists that his students re-derive for themselves everything which they find in his Personal Cosmology, that they believe is true from their points of view, and which satisfies them deeply. In addition to this, however, he encourages his students to never stop challenging all of the ideas, beliefs, and theories they obtained from him, and others, while they are eternally building their Personal Cosmologies and expanding their

consciousnesses.

Therefore, theoretical physicists striving to develop a Unified Theory of Everything, that is true for everybody, would better serve themselves and humanity by continuing to develop their Personal Cosmology to the highest degree that is possible without consideration as to whether it agrees or disagrees with the Cosmologies of their colleagues. Those who take ‘leaps’ of imagination, and suggest new approaches toward improving their Personal Cosmology, and expanding their consciousness, should be strongly encouraged and no longer thought of as ‘taking risk’!

The life work of Einstein gives us a wonderful example of the point we are trying to make here: He happily, and relentlessly, held to the development of his Personal Cosmology all of his life and was working on it up to the moment he died! He never allowed himself to be swayed by the opinions of his colleagues who were devoted to Quantum Theory and the uncertainty principle; he was prompted to say: ***God does not play dice!*** In our Personal Cosmology, this is most certainly true and nothing happens which does not have, at least, a Spiritual Cause. It is mankind’s almost complete ignorance of the Spiritual World of Causes, which makes occurrences in the physical world seem to be probabilistic!

Therefore, the gross materialist belief that someday science will explain such things as values, beauty, love, friendship, aesthetics and literary quality is futile, non-sensible, and will never come to pass! This belief is symptomatic of profound spiritual ignorance; and the suggestion that understanding

‘brain performance’ will bring this about, and that machines will someday replace the human mind, is as naive as believing a flashlight can replace the Sun! As Sir Eccles said: ***This view is nothing more than a superstition that confuses both the public and many scientists.***

Finally, we want to briefly describe here the most enormous “Eureka” experience that anyone, still evolving at the low level of materialistic consciousness, can ever possibly have! It is intimately connected to the wonderful fact that each and every Microcosm must eventually develop their Personal Cosmology before they can fulfill the purpose for which they were created and finally qualify to experience Cosmic Consciousness and the indescribably Bliss of being at ONE with all things.

Since your Personal Cosmology is your very own, developed from your unique point of view, no other Microcosm is qualified to judge you by making all kinds of skeptical statements as to how ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ you are. ***Only GOD, the BOUNDLESS AND NAMELESS COSMIC ESSENCE (BCE), who is around all things bounding and controlling them, and within all things centering them, can determine the degree to which you have Expanded Your Spiritual AWARENESS and met the qualifications required to begin communicating with THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ENERGY!***

There has been at least one scholar, the great mythologist Joseph Campbell, who developed a very highly evolved Personal Cosmology, and who publically admitted his belief

that Consciousness is somehow an aspect of Energy. In reality, energy is the only thing that really exist and it is everywhere and every-when! Therefore, if energy is not conscious, nothing is! In our Personal Cosmology, we have discovered that different levels of energy density correspond to different planes of consciousness. We have identified nine levels, or planes of consciousness, ranging from materialism to the BOUNDLESS AWARENESS of BCE.

Our great discovery has to do with the fact that human beings are obligated by GOD to Expand their Consciousness as Christ tried so hard to teach his disciples to do with the use of 13 illustrations and 7 parables! However, his disciples did not understand him then, and most Christians do not understand him now! If they had understood Christ, then all churches today would be wonderful schools of Holistic Education and women would be among the most highly educated people in the world because they are primarily responsible for inviting highly evolved Spirits to incarnate on earth.

We discovered that the degree to which we have developed our Personal Cosmology is directly measured by the level of SPIRITUAL AWARENESS to which we have expanded our planes of consciousness! After reaching the second level above materialism, *we began to have the indescribable, and wonderfully glorious experience of communicating with our Spirits, or High Selves, who are intimate aspects of THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ENERGY* in the same way that a fish is an intimate aspect of the ocean! Nothing can compare with this and it provided us with absolute proof that our Personal Cosmology was acceptable to BCE!

Therefore, it is most certainly true that God is the only judge; however, He never punishes you, He simply gives you the choice of expanding or not expanding your consciousness. BCE is always whispering to you from within with His still small voice saying: ***Behold, I, THE BOUNDLESS COSMIC ESSENCE, can only BE through YOU! I AM that I AM.*** Since all of the powers of GOD are potentially within all of us, and we have the ability to carry out the four processes of creativity and do anything that we desire, crying out to Him to save us from our Sins and deliver us from all of the problems that we have caused ourselves, is not only futile, it is extremely ungrateful.

All of the questions that were asked by Sir Eccles, indeed, all of the questions that can ever be asked by anybody, must be answered by each and every individual Microcosm, in this COSMOS, for themselves! Great master teachers have been guiding you and will be guiding you, but in the end, it is you, and you alone, who can experience the joy of developing your Personal Cosmology!

Consequently, we call upon everyone who desires to experience the indescribably JOY of communicating with all of LIFE (The Consciousness of Energy) and ultimately know the AWESOME BLISS of being at ONE WITH ALL THINGS, to begin the glorious processes of Expanding your Consciousnesses by evolving through the agony and ecstasy of life's experiences and dedicating yourselves to the Love of Pure Learning!