

THE STRUCTURE OF LIFE

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There are two major, conflicting, faith-based belief systems that relate to origins in our world. One holds that life was created by accident, evolves by mistake, has no spirituality, and goes out of existence on the event of death. The other holds that life was created by an individual God that must be obeyed or face punishment after death, and that life does not evolve.

The “God” or Creationist theory is completely intellectual, while the “accidental” or Darwinian belief is completely physical. Neither theory has a scintilla of scientific evidence to back it up. The only viable alternative is the position of “I don’t know”.

In this essay I am introducing a secular, science based belief system. It explains that human beings are both physical and intellectual, which gives equality where now there is division. It also explains why man has developed the concept of “Gods” and suggests many fields of study for science. This system has a fair amount of circumstantial scientific evidence behind it along with a fair amount of logical deduction.

This essay was not written for the erudite amongst us. It was specifically written to be understood by a ten-year old. Everyone finds that a pleasurable way to read.

INTRODUCTION

Everybody knows that life is not supposed to be like this. Nobody knows why life is like it is. And nobody seems to know what we can do to make life be like it is supposed to be.

I may have figured it out. I don't know if I have but the only way to find out is to tell you what I have figured out and let you decide.

If you decide I have you will act on that and life will be as it is supposed to be. If you decide I haven't I haven't.

A word to my readers. If you hold to the faith-based belief system that holds life was created by accident, that life evolves by accident, and that there is no spirituality, or the faith-based belief system that holds that God created everything in six days, around seven thousand years ago, you won't like this book. You should probably put it down now and find something more suitable.

That said, to the rest of my readers, I say let's see what I have figured out.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE

I think we need to understand the structure of the universe in order to understand the structure of life. Life does come from the universe and is a part of it.

What science tells us

What has science told us about the universe? When our atomic physicists split an atom of matter they discovered a great deal of energy and no residue. Their conclusion was that matter is a form of energy, making the universe energy. So science tells us that the universe is energy, matter is energy and therefore, there is nothing else.

Science has also told us about a universal sense.

For more than four hundred years our society has sent out scientists to study different groups of people who have never known any other people to find out how they differ. We have studied hundreds of groups of indigenous peoples in hundreds of locales throughout the globe and discovered amazing differences. But one thing was universal.

One sense

Only one thing held consistent throughout the globe and throughout the hundreds (perhaps even thousands) of groups we studied. Every group demonstrated a sense that there is something that is within us that is also more than us.

They had innumerable ways to express that sense, and sometimes thousands of gods to explain that sense, but that sense was always there. In our society that sense is paramount. Ninety-five percent of humanity today demonstrates a sense that we are a part of something more. This is a universal feeling. Some are more

sensitive to it than others, and some few are completely insensitive to it, but everyone has it.

From where?

The question that arises. Where does that sense come from? Philosophically, those thousands of religions give us thousands of answers, most of them absolute.

Science differs from philosophy. Science wants hard facts, or, lacking that possibility, enough circumstantial evidence to form a theory.

Where in the universe does this universal feeling come from? What science has told us allows us to answer that question

The answer

We know our atomic scientists have concluded that the universe (and matter,) is energy. We can call this sense that there is something that is us and yet more than us a connection between our energy and the energy of the universe simply because the evidence is so universal as to be undeniable. The evidence may be, as is the evidence for evolution, circumstantial rather than empirical, but if we put those two “facts” together, the answer becomes obvious. We are interconnected energy, the universe is interconnected energy, and so the universe is us and we are the universe.

Intelligence

Human beings are intelligent. We can think. We can also see that virtually all life demonstrates some ability to think, although most of life seems to be unaware of that ability. Given the dandelion’s defense against lawn mowers and the video science has presented showing molecules of tin acting like they are thinking, it is easy to say that thinking is universal.

If intelligence is universal, one may assume that the universe is intelligent. That would mean that we are intelligent energy interconnected with an intelligent universe.

Something else

But there is something else. Although the universe is energy, there is some sort of something else out there also. I call it “non-energy” and think of it as not outside of the universe, since that is impossible, but “without” the universe. Non-energy may be the quarks and various “trons” and “tons” that pass right through matter as though it wasn’t there.

EVOLUTION

We'll stick to a discussion of the evolution of biological life. Planets, stars, galaxies and even the universe all evolve, but in terms of the structure of life they are of no concern.

Where life comes from

We don't know where life comes from. We will never know where life comes from. There is a religion that holds that it was created in one day, as it exists today, some seven thousand years ago, and another religion that holds that life was created accidentally some billions of years ago by a lightning bolt striking a mud puddle; this religion also holds that life evolves by mistake.

Life could have been created at the beginning of the physical universe, some 14 billion years ago, as a spore of some sort, like our ferns. When this spore finds itself in an environment where life could survive, it would activate and evolve until it was in harmony with its environment.

What science tells us

Science tells us that there was single-celled life on this planet some four billion years ago. There is no evidence of evolutionary change until at least a half a billion years ago, where we find evidence of an explosion of multi-cellular life in a plethora of change for some fifty million years.

The Cambrian Explosion

We call that period the cambrian explosion. At the end of that period the land creatures consisted of plants and insects. The remaining creatures were in the sea. Then things settled down, with plants and insects on land, and animal life in the water.

The Permian die-off

The evidence shows a period of some forty million years with virtually no change before another great explosion of evolution. We call this period the Permian die-off because almost all of life at the start no longer existed at its end.

We don't know what caused the Permian die-off. There is some indication that something happened that created a large "dead-zone" in the bottom of the ocean which could have forced life to leave that area and stress all of the areas above it.

That would cause the creatures living at the beachheads, right by the shore, to move onshore and become land creatures. The evidence shows that mammals and many other warm-blooded creatures appeared at that time.

The K/T boundary crisis

The period of calm after the "Permian die-off" was a long one. We went almost two hundred million years before the moment we call the K/T Boundary Disaster. Again, we do not know what caused that change in earth's environment. A widely held theory is that a giant asteroid struck the planet sixty-five million years ago causing a sudden environmental change which itself caused a period of evolutionary change that resulted pretty much in the world as we know it today.

Today

The only world-wide environmental change since the K/T Boundary Disaster is the one humanity began some two hundred years ago with the industrial revolution. Any evolution since the end of the K/T Crisis has been localized, not world-wide.

Evolution's "driver"

Every time there has been a change in the environment there has been a concomitant change in the structure of life. The Cam-

brian explosion was the result of a general improvement in the environment, while the Permian “die-off” and the K/T boundary crisis were the result of radical change.

What does this tell us about evolution? It is obviously driven by environmental change and stops when the driven species is in harmony with its new environment. Evolution appears to be simply a very macro and unconscious form of learning.

THE EVOLUTION OF MAN

But what about man? There were horses and elephants at the end of the K/T boundary crisis, but mankind wasn't there.

I see mankind's evolution as sort of special. As I understand it, during the cambrian explosion it seems like we evolved from a single-celled creature into a salamander, like the Maryland Hell-binder.

We lived all around the continent of Pangaea in the bays and river inlets where freshwater met salt and which contained the greatest variety and choice of food. I've heard nothing said about predators. I'm sure we had some.

The permian die-off

Then came the Permian "die-off" and tectonic disruption which caused Pangaea to split apart and gradually become the continents as we know them today. We, the Hell-binder like salamander, were living at the river mouths throughout the Pangaea continent. It looks like we were forced up onto the land and evolved into the mammals.

We, in particular, by all reports, evolved into a quadrupedal creature less than six inches high. I don't think we had a tail. I've observed animals with tails and the added dexterity of that appendage is so great that I think once having it, we would never give it up. We may well have developed opposable thumbs at that time.

Almost nothing has been said about our life during the "dinosaur age". It can be assumed that predators kept our size down, and we can guess that food was plentiful and various, but little seems to be known.

The K/T boundary crisis

The K/T boundary crisis was apparently pretty devastating for the dinosaurs, but it seems to have been a blessing for us. The tale

I've gotten from science is that we grew in size to about two or three feet tall, that we lived in the trees at the northern edge of Africa, and that the only predator was the snake. We could easily see this as Paradise.

The trees of the first two hundred miles of the jungle are of the greatest variety and the most prolific. We would have had nourishing and tasty foods in great variety at hand at all times. Whenever we felt hunger we had only to reach out and pick food. There were warm rains every day. This allowed us to be clean and bug-free with minimal effort.

The only predator, the snake, was a truly great threat only to the young. An adult would have probably had a pretty good chance of getting away. (This may explain why snakes seem to especially threaten females to this day.)

The good life

I can imagine the freedom of it. Tired, I could lay down where I stood. Hungry, I could reach out and eat. Wanting movement, I could play.

There was no tomorrow and no yesterday. There would be unhappiness, but it would be fleeting. Without intellectual awareness there would be no awareness of memory, and each day would be like a new life with cautions developed unknowingly.

It could only be called Paradise. The Garden of Eden. It's part of almost every religion – part of the group memory of humanity.

Our environmental crisis

But, Paradise lost. Something happened. We don't know what, but science has presented us with some clues.

Geologists have determined that the Rocky Mountains shot up "over-night" some 20 to 25 millions years ago, and, at around that same time the four major deserts appeared. One of those deserts was the Sahara, on the northern edge of Africa.

It's not hard to imagine that the appearance of the mountain

range altered the world wind currents with the result being no rain in those four areas. Trees die after two years without water.

The result

If that is what happened, our mom would have gone from a safe and abundant life in the trees to a hard-scrabble life on a dangerous desert in the time it took her to go from baby to adult. That would certainly implant that loss in all of our minds. We will never know, of course, but the universality of the lost paradise myth suggests some form of instant loss, and I can accept a “wind change” theory until something better makes an appearance.

We can imagine the horror and the magnitude of our problem as a species. We had to find a way to a harmonious relationship with a scabrous environment teeming with predators that would allow us to live a life of pleasant satisfaction. A tall order indeed.

The female’s job

Evolution is controlled by the female body. When the female body reaches the age at which it can best handle pregnancy and birth the body sends out pheromones in search of the male that will best provide the changes it feels are necessary. When the species is dissatisfied with life in a new environment this physical property becomes essential to evolution.

The struggle to humanhood

It looks like mom’s body struggled for some twenty million years toward environmental harmony without achieving success. No matter how much we changed physically, we still lived in a scabrous environment teeming with predators.

Intellectual awareness

As a last resort, around fifty thousand years ago she seems to have begun developing intellectual awareness. (All creatures

think; the awareness of that thought is where humans differ.)

As with all societal or specie-al changes, it developed slowly over more than forty thousand years until it reached the tipping point some seven thousand years ago, and intellectual awareness went from probably one-third of humanity suddenly to everyone. We can see that, in that our calendars started then, as did writing.

The failure of effort

That move to intellectuality failed us as a tool for evolution. We made two mistakes immediately on becoming aware that stopped evolution in its tracks. They were probably almost simultaneous.

Greed

We mistook the feeling of dissatisfaction we felt as a species to be personal. This led to our desire for personal satisfaction, which is greed. It's ironic that literature throughout the ages has decried the drive for personal satisfaction as impossible. We seem to know that satisfaction at acquisition always fades, yet we persist.

Female enslavement

As I said earlier, evolution depends on the female body picking the right male body. By the time intellectuality reached the masses, our males were controlling our females.

Instead of the female choosing, the male chose. We forced our females to procreate without choice in ways inimical to evolution.

Children

Another problem that developed has centered on the raising of our children. Intellectual awareness has resulted in enveloping our children in trauma that affects their entire lives.

Our society seems to have no idea of the needs of our children or of the effect our various decisions have on them. We control them to the point they become prisoners for life.

Three mistakes

Three “mistakes.” Three problems. They can actually be reduced to one mistake. The other two can be shown to be the result of the first.

Our misunderstanding of the need for harmony with our environment as the need of individuals to satisfy themselves was our mistake.

Once possessions became our goal, women and children became possessions. Their desires and considerations became secondary.

Our destiny

We can look at the history of the world for a just a brief moment and see that what is going on today in our world is exactly the same as what went on seven thousand years ago. Only the names, locations, and technologies have changed. Our destiny obviously is to repeat what’s been happening since the pyramids were built until the super-most repetition obliterates us.

But if I’m right and we correct the misunderstanding, we can have a new destiny. And we can start now by understanding the structure of man.

THE STRUCTURE OF MAN

Science seems to know very little about the structure of man. Most of my information has come from direct observations and folk wisdom. As seen with the understanding of the universe, when folk wisdom is universal and timeless, it is usually accurate.

Human beings go through some basic structural changes during the first five years of life. These changes are all under the control of the body.

Orgasm

They begin with orgasm, a subject approached in some Eastern religions but anathema to serious study in the west. Nonetheless it seems to be very important. With no studies to learn from, I can draw only the vaguest understanding of its function but there is little doubt that the intensity of orgasm has a great deal of effect on the resultant human being.

Before intellectuality

Before we became intellectually aware, this wasn't a problem. When the female body reached the time when it wanted to be pregnant, it released pheromones and hormones which attracted the proper male, and both had a full orgasm.

Now

That was then. Now we are aware of what we're doing. We know what is happening as it happens, including orgasm.

That awareness seems to "draw down" the strength of the orgasm, resulting in whatever the concomitant perils are. It can be overcome.

First trimester

During the first trimester, the embryo is simply a physical presence, a growth in its mother's stomach that feels whatever the rest of the mother's body feels, no more, no less. This helps to explain the folk wisdom that holds that females in the first trimester experience extreme emotional swings and demand counter-flavored foods, like ice cream with dill pickles. They are trying to fill that growth with an armory of feelings and sensations.

Societies effect

This is a period where society has a strong effect. Normally, females will feel secure and loved during this time. Normally is not the norm. Many, in fact most females spend their whole pregnancy feeling scared, worried, insecure, angry, all very negative emotions with nary a moment of secure love. This affects the embryo. The base-line emotions of the mother during the first trimester will be the base-line emotions of the adult-to-be in the womb.

This means that if your mother was worried throughout the first trimester, when you relax, deep down you will feel worried. If the mother is afraid and angry during that trimester, the adult from that womb will relax into fear and anger.

Life

The first trimester ends abruptly. In an instant, at about 3-1/2 months into pregnancy, life enters the womb and the embryo becomes a fetus.

Life enters the womb with full intelligence and immediately goes to work. It has to learn everything. It has access to the memory of its mother, which should go back through all mothers to the beginning. The fetus begins a period of learning that should go on uninterrupted until the fifth year.

This is marked by the mother desiring "peace and quiet." Her body doesn't want to interrupt the child's train of thought.

Orgasm again

This is a place where I think a less than full orgasm plays a part. That may slow one down, making one unable to remember our life as far back as the single-celled creatures of some four billion years ago.

Third trimester

The second trimester ends abruptly with the first movement, at seven months. Physically, it is the testing of joints and muscles. Intellectually, it is when the fetus drops its study of history and begins a study of its physical structure.

This is shown by the mother's sudden interest in all things physical, booming with energy. Her body is anxious to seriously flex muscles and joints to further the child's knowledge of its physical structure. Again, this is a demand her body puts forward without intellectual input.

Early birth

Science tells us fairly emphatically that humans are "born early", they think by a month and a half, due to the increased size of our heads. That fits with three trimesters of 3-1/2 months each. How the female's body knows the time to eject the child may be beyond our ability to discover but the body is in control.

There's probably a great deal to be learned about the birth process; I'm sure there must be many decisions the body makes at that time but I don't have a sense that we know much at this time.

Trimester end

The next moment of notice after ejection comes at 2-1/2 months. This is probably the actual end to the last trimester, extended a month because it was outside of the womb, but the information is scant and "second-hand", making it impossible to determine. It is

the first “moment” after birth, and my impression is that it’s the first time the baby hears itself cry.

No immune system

Immediately after birth society begins to damage the structure of humans. We are born without an immune system. We will not have one until a moment during our fifth year.

Our mother’s body knows this. It has prepared the exactly right formulation of sustenance to act as an immune system as well as supporting our growth.

Poison

When a child is fed a chemical concoction instead of breast milk the child thinks it is being poisoned. To protect itself the child tenses its smooth-bodied muscles in hopes of keeping the poison out of its vital organs.

It’s effects

This tension stays, making the vital organs more prone to dysfunction later in life. This can easily be shown with a few simple studies. Another example, and one that is ridiculously obvious given that no one seems to notice, is neonatal circumcision.

Circumcision

When we circumcise a male shortly after birth we traumatize him. He knows he is supposed to procreate, and he knows what he is to use. He thinks he might have lost it, and he tenses it for protection.

This tension holds, and can be seen in the adult. The uncircumcised penis drops more or less straight down, and the shaft is as thick as most of the head. The circumcised penis sticks out more sharply, has a curve to it, the shaft is narrower than the head, the

skin of the shaft has a sheen, and the foreskin is drawn up behind the head.

Effects of tension

Among the problems such as prostate cancer that this tension can exacerbate, I suspect it is the reason the females in our society complain about how quickly the male completes the sex act.

So little is known and so much is traumatic it's a wonder that we make it through it all. The whole of the first five years is physical. Any trauma during that time will result in more or less permanent muscle tension somewhere on or in the body.

Discovery time

Left to its own, the child begins learning what it means to be a human being. During the third year the child "discovers" that it can manipulate its muscles and joints. We call this "the terrible twos" because they crash around a lot during their early learning. During the fourth year the child just becomes more and more competent.

Awareness of others

The next moment of concern is during the fifth year. It seems that they suddenly become aware of the world around them. I think they reach the point of full awareness of themselves and realize their intellectuality and, at the same time, the intellectuality of the world around them. It may well be tied to their immune system "kicking in" and freeing them from the breast.

Playing doctor

This is when they "play doctor". Playing doctor is very important. They have just discovered that their cohorts think as they do, and they need to learn the physical differences.

Playing doctor has absolutely nothing whatever to do with sex,

but our society thinks it does, with sometimes devastating results. If a child is not allowed to make those discoveries at that time the desire retreats to the unconscious. At the beginning of sexual maturity it surfaces, and can lead to a lot of trouble.

Trouble with sex

As an example, most of those who oppose homosexuality and consider it a “curable” sickness were raised in conditions that did not allow those early discoveries. When their sexuality kicked in the repressed desire to see those of the same sex nude kicked in with it.

Since (of course) they were not homosexual it wasn't difficult to again suppress it, but not completely. Mention of homosexuality or seeing homosexuals always brings it up. Their only answer is to eliminate the homosexuality, which is like eliminating left handedness.

Education

This is also the moment when our secondary, conscious and intellectual memory begins, along with a desire to learn. We can see this in the start of formal education in most societies, and in most adults easily remembering most of what happens from that point.

Seeing the future

Some seven years later, during the twelfth year, the last significant change occurs. The child comprehends the future and is, effectively an adult.

This was understood a hundred years ago. A hundred years ago a child left school after the sixth grade, went to work and began living on their own, usually as an apprentice, living in the master's workshop.

The concept of adolescence didn't begin until 1900. Since then we have ever more enforced an extended childhood to the detriment of our citizens and our society.

A suggestion

I would recommend allowing our twelve year olds to register to vote and obtain a restricted driver's license as a marker for their entrance to the adult world. It takes four years effort to master driving and we all have to drive so beginning at twelve will have them competent at sixteen. As for voting, at twelve they will take their responsibility very seriously.

SUMMATION

Science has told us that the universe is energy. Science has told us that we are energy. Science has also told us that all humans throughout our globe and throughout time have had a sense that something that is us is also more than us, and that we are connected to it.

We are intelligent. We have observed intelligence in every creature on earth, even unto metal. It is hard to see the universe as dumb, so we have to assume the universe is intelligent.

Then we have a universe that is intelligent inter-connective energy. And we are intelligent inter-connective energy.

And we evolve. Everything evolves. Friendships evolve, arts districts evolve, the universe evolves, and creatures evolve.

Creatures evolve until they are in harmony with their environment. When they are in harmony, are satisfied, they maintain stasis, don't change, until their environment changes, causing dissatisfaction.

We are dissatisfied. We are in process of evolution. We will remain in process of evolution until we are in harmony with our environment and living a life of pleasant satisfaction. All seven billion of us.

To do that we need free our females to begin building our next generations properly. We need to free our females to choose the proper male and support our females through pregnancy and the child's first five years so that the child has all the tools for evolution.

To do that we need to stop traumatizing our young children. Trauma results in more or less permanent muscle tension and a lesser ability to observe and function in reality. Thwarting a child before the fifth year will result in trauma.

During the first five years the child is a physical creature only. The intellect is fully busy learning how life works. Trauma, along with permanently tensing muscles, gives the child wrong information about how life works.

If we free our females, if we build our next generations properly, understand that greed is an unnatural emotion and anathema to progress, and begin to harmonize with our environment, things will continually get better.

ENERGY

More needs to be said about energy. Science has denied the existence of energy on the personal level, declaring any examples as “tricks” and holding its existence to be “super-natural”, i.e., not natural, not “normal.”

We are energy. We are connected to all other energy. We only are very rarely aware of that connection. I’d like to offer two experiences that helped in my understanding of the interconnection of personal energy.

When I was 18 and entering military service, a friend of my mother wanted to show me something he said I should know before I left. He asked for a deck of cards that had recently been used and, receiving a deck that had been used for the last two hours, stood at the card table and, after telling me to watch very carefully, began to shuffle the deck.

I watched him very closely and immediately began to wonder why. His shuffle was very amateurish. He couldn’t seem to control the cards, splaying them out over the table, all still face down, but a mess that took him all of a minute to get into order.

Then he dealt out five poker hands and instructed me to pick up the hands. The first hand I remember clearly was a full house, three tens and two sixes. I thought ‘I’d open with that’ as I looked at the second hand. It was a better hand and I would’ve definitely raised. The third was better than the second.

At that point I was pretty flabbergasted. He couldn’t possibly have seen the face of any card. Then the fourth was better than the third and the dealer held a royal flush. I was at a complete loss. There was no explanation.

He ordered up twenty-five cards by suit and sequences in a series of fives without seeing the face of any card. I couldn’t reject it as impossible because I saw it happen, but there was no way I could call it possible. It took me more than twenty years to figure out how he did that.

The clue was his request for a deck that had recently been used. When we pick up a playing card, while holding it, we think of it’s

suit and sequence. That passes our personal energy to the card. During two hours of use each card's sequence and suit could be passed to it a hundred times.

The man was obviously aware of his body's sensitivity to people's energy. That meant touching the cards was the same for him as looking at the faces would be for us. The rest, the ordering, was simply amazing dexterity.

Another incident happened when I was in my mid-thirties and a member of Madams Organ Artists Co-operative, in Washington. A new member, a female, pleasant and attractive, became attracted to me.

I had a girl-friend and so did not respond sexually, though the thought was very invigorating. Then she suggested that the members pair up in a collaborative show and picked me as her partner.

Everybody knew we would bed down during the collaboration. I'm certain even my girl-friend was aware of it.

I was almost beside myself. We really fit and I expected it to be a night I would remember all my life.

That night as I was going to bed I was vibrant with anticipated joy and thinking of how everyone else was anticipating it when the idea struck me that it might be really "cool" if we didn't.

Instantly, I heard her say angrily "Oh no you won't" in my mind as if she had been beside me and I'd said it out loud. I was unsettled by it but managed to sleep.

I found the next day that she had dropped out of the co-op and disappeared. There could have been some other reason for such an instantaneous exit, but I feel sure she "read my thoughts".

There have been three or four other occasions when I've been aware of thoughts transmitted to me, so "that it happens" is an acceptable position, especially in light of the hundreds of reports of others.

This is a phenomenon that science should be studying, rather than denying. It seems our thoughts are interconnected with the universe and, to some degree, with everything in it. How much with what, and how useful it would be needs to be determined.

Unconsciously, we understand and respect the transfer of energy from one to another. We shake hands to allow each other to sense our energy, we kiss to transfer copious amounts of energy through

the mucous membranes and we place a hand on the bible to allow that energy to impel truth.

Artists are more “in touch”, at least with their own energy, and the more they imbue their work with it, the more their work is revered. The best example of that is Rembrandt’s “Night Watch”. While he was creating it, Rembrandt was almost beside himself with joy. He was taking a step in the design that he felt would revolutionize the art work, changing it forever. When he presented it, it was reviled more than any other work had been, so much so that he was driven from a position of eminence to extreme poverty for the rest of his life.

The result for one viewing the work is the unconscious sensation of joy, followed by the sensations of hate and rage. For the hyper-sensitive this would be maddening, and “Night Watch” is the only painting I’ve ever heard of that has been attacked by people trying to “murder” it. I believe someone has tried to “murder” that painting eleven times.

I could go on. There are thousands of examples, but as long as science persists in calling the interaction of energy “spiritualism” and then denying its existence, we’ll not learn to use it.