

Poof – Dealing with the Human Illusion of Limited Time and Scale

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Every “thing” vibrates together with every “thing” else in one eternal, flowing state of IS. Each “thing” has a perspective in a specific scale and time that makes it appear to have its own separate being, action, significance, and meaning. Change the perspective or alter the scale or time by only a few “degrees,” and that separate being, action, significance, and meaning disappears.

As humans we live inside our very limited perspective mostly in a present time frame and at an immediate scale. And inside this bubble, we understand ourselves as having separate being, action, significance and meaning. But science has revealed how vast the micro and macro scales and time frames are of the reality within which we exist. As such we are constantly being invited to disappear – to become irrelevant. And since this is disconcerting, we retreat into our comfortable “present” at our comfortable “scale” of perception and proceed with our efforts to “accomplish” something “meaningful” in our tiny slice of reality where we can dwell with our fellow “beings” in our mutual illusion of separateness and importance.

At some level, we all are aware of this dilemma! It is just that the vast majority of us cannot tolerate living for very long with our illusion exposed. And we cannot all become ascetics and meditate/pray our way through lives of enlightened isolation.

So, What Should We Humans DO?

- 1) Keep awareness of our inherent dilemma with us to avoid hubris and restrain our capacity for self-centered arrogance and abuse.
- 2) Respect the ecology that supports us and to which we belong, limit our population to what is sustainable, and take what we really need responsibly.
- 3) Carefully examine the potential negative impacts of technological innovation before implementation [e.g. social media, genetic engineering, etc.], and stop expecting technology – after the fact – to provide solutions to our excesses [e.g. climate change, pollution, pandemics, etc.].
- 4) Support and pursue high quality, cooperative social relations at all levels from family to the global human community because every time we cooperate or share/give of ourselves, we open the door to participating in the vibration of the greater whole – our alternative identity beyond our limited time and scale.
- 5) Accept the privilege of life as an opportunity to expand the scope of the tune to which we and our fellow humans “vibrate.”