

Dynamic Perspectives On Reality

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Because the universe is huge and expanding, it is an open system with a good deal of flexibility. It is in this context that we humans have successfully evolved as a species with the survivalist, competitive, material perspective as dominant.

This Material Worldview rests on the fundamental principle of separation of all things [entities and actions] at all scales. Importantly, the separation principle in the material/objective perspective is incorporated as a foundation assumption in language [separate sounds, words, sentences, etc.] and in language based thought [separate things, ideas, and concepts asserted as being causally related through reason, analysis, logic]. In general, we are impressed by how far this separatist, material perspective has taken us. Indeed, the intellect in its analytical aspects has served and continues to serve us well especially in science, planning and technology. And a public with more sophisticated critical thinking skills would contribute greatly to humanity's overall well-being.

As important as the material perspective is, throughout our evolution, we have lived with an alternative perspective on reality – the unification/spiritual perspective, which is especially prominent in social and expressive/ritual culture. From this perspective, we exist in a base reality where 1) everything is united as one both materially and energetically, 2) identity is shared infinitely, 3) connectedness is absolute, and 4) the separateness of the material perspective is an illusion created by our extraordinarily limited perception.

In this unification reality, morality, respect, responsibility, and cooperation are implicit because what we do to any “Other” we do to our-Self. In fact, “Other” itself does not exist because it requires separation which is not an option. And winning by “defeating” the “Other” is “Self” Defeating. In the greater, underlying reality of unification, there is only the more expansive universal “Self” as All.

Material and unification perspectives constitute a dynamic regarding reality in human culture with competition/survival/security being served by the material orientation while the unification perspective supports cooperative social values and a responsible ecological orientation. Certainly, given its continuing, prominent influence in human culture, we have to know how to live under the competitive material perspective. At the same time we can honor the fact that science – in spite of its continued pursuit of the material point of view in the “standard model” in physics, now supports the unification perspective as fundamental.

Big Bang theory asserts that immaterial energy as primary in the origin of our universe, with all material phenomena arising secondarily from energy and remaining dependent upon it. Energy, which is everywhere all the time forming a web of total connectedness, also constitutes at least 70% of reality, whereas the physical matter that underlies the material perspective and that so absorbs human attention amounts to less than 5%. As huge as we have discovered that 5% to be, its “nature” constitutes a weak basis to account for all of reality.

From the unification/spiritual perspective, we are living a modern material separation fantasy, and while we may seem to be succeeding technologically, overall we are failing miserably due to our competitive abuse of one another and of our sustaining ecology. We are literally beating up both Our-Selves [conflict, war, discrimination, prejudice, xenophobia, elitism, disinformation, autocracy] and Our Environment [massive species extinction and globally degraded soil, water, air, and climate]. And with thousands of inadequately controlled nuclear weapons held at-the-ready among nations all pursuing one form of dominance or another, we are putting our very species' continued existence under threat!

To conclude, both pragmatically and theoretically, it is reasonable to assert that the time has come for humanity as a whole to transition more and more in the direction of the cooperative, unification perspective and to reduce the input of the competitive material separation orientation. Whatever the contention may be for one or the other of these two perspectives being more “legitimate,” appropriate overall perspective balance for the conditions of the time must be the goal. In this regard, balance is a central component of the worldview concept that I describe and explore on my Dynamic Humanism website: <http://www.dynamic-humanism.com>

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