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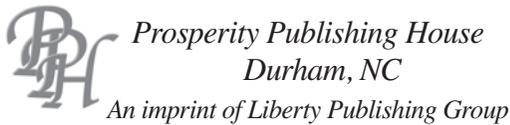
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*A westerner asked a Shinto monk what his ideologies and theology were.
The monk hesitated only for a second, then smiled and said:
“We don't have ideology, we don't have theology ~ we dance!”
(A Shinto priest, as quoted by Joseph Campbell)*

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Introduction to the Dance

Is it not good to know that what follows from what, even if it is not necessary FAPP (for all practical purposes)? Suppose, for example, that quantum mechanics were found to resist precise formulation. Suppose further that when formulation beyond FAPP is attempted, we find an unmovable finger obstinately pointing outside the subject, to the mind of the observer, to the Hindu scriptures, to God, or even only Gravitation? Would that not be very, very interesting?

(John Bell, physicist)

I simply believe that some part of the human self or soul is not subject to the laws of space and time. (Carl Gustav Jung, psychologist)

The common division of the world into subject and object, inner world and outer world, body and soul is no longer adequate.

(Werner Heisenberg, physicist)

By relaxing the boundaries that have traditionally kept science and religion separate, we believe we'll ultimately find the power of a greater wisdom through the dance between science and spirituality. With the awesome new discoveries hinting that consciousness may very well be the ground of all being since it affects everything from the cells of our bodies to the atoms of our world. There is a growing belief that the unified field quantum physicists are looking for is consciousness itself. What is exciting to us is that it has become the place where science, faith, and spirituality seem to be finding common ground.

(Greg Braden, science and spirituality writer and speaker)



The Cartesian separation between mind and matter occurred principally to allow science to pursue science without theological pruning. Unfortunately, the nihilism of traditional science and the arrogant divisiveness of dogmatic religion are diverging pathways that have kept underlying truths hidden and pushed us toward division and separation. Dogmatic rigidity and scientific reductionism are handcuffs that perpetuate error and interfere with open-minded inquiry.

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While scientific orthodoxy boasts no seminaries, churches, or preachers, it is nevertheless a faith-based intellectual community. Its sacred 'religious cows' are reductionism, skepticism, and research funding servitude.

The interest today in wedding science and spirituality is not for the faint of heart. Mining the hidden metaphysical secrets from the sciences and presenting them to humankind is nothing less than a Sinai experience. Bringing spiritual insights into a material consciousness is a hero's journey. Keeping science and spirituality separate is a coward's way out, a cop out for those who want to keep humankind in the dark ages.

Physicists Rosenblum and Kuttner add their more than two cent's worth, "The encounter of physics with consciousness has troubled physicists since the inception of the theory decades ago. Many, no doubt most, physicists dismiss the creation of reality by observation as having little significance beyond the limited domain of the physics of microscopic entities. Others argue that Nature is telling us something, and we should listen. Our own (Rosenblum's and Kuttner's) feelings accord with Schrodinger's: 'The urge to find a way out of the impasse ought not to be dampened by the fear of incurring the wise rationalist's mockery.'"¹

We would extend their insights and those of Schrodinger's by adding that Science is telling the religious community something, and they should listen; and that the urge to find a way out of the impasse ought not to be dampened by the fear of incurring the religious dogmatist's mockery.

The good news is there is a strong feeling among a growing number of scientists and those in forward-thinking spiritual and religious communities that the subjects of cosmology, God, consciousness, and oneness on the one hand, and fundamental quantum forces on the other, are coming together to provide a unified description of the cosmos that includes the role of consciousness as the ground of all being.

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Here are a few of the observations which surface when we look at the dance between science and spirituality:

- Consciousness is the ground of all being.
- There is no observer separate from reality because the observer and the observed are one.
- A body (human, planet, solar system) is fundamentally made of information, vibration, and energy and is perceived as solid matter.

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- There is an underlying Consciousness that underwrites (connects, harmonizes, unites) all things – visible and invisible.
- Our limited understanding of time and space is based upon our current awareness of our relationship with the Multiverse.
- Cells, molecules, and atoms are epicenters of consciousness.
- Everyone and everything is connected by a web of consciousness.
- Science and religion have been viewed as two separate magisterial for too long, it is time to merge the two disciplines into complementary paradigms with spirituality as the referee.
- The observable universe is the Eternal Presence we call God in physicality.
- There is only One Power and One Presence.



Scientific Disciplines Referenced

Astrophysics
Bioengineering
Biology
Biopsychiatry
Ecology
Electrochemistry
Engineering
Epigenetics
Evolutionary Virology
Geochemistry
Geology
Geophysics
Mineralogy
Molecular Biology
Molecular Nanotechnology
Nanoelectronics
Nanoengineering
Nanorobotics
Neurobiology
Neurochemistry
Neurophysiology
Neuropsychology
Neurotheology
Ophthalmology
Paleontology
Parapsychology
Psychology
Quantum Physics
Sociology
Socio-psychology
Soft Robotics
Viral Ecology

*Acts of Kindness and Generosity
From a Sociological Perspective*

Is there really such a thing as the science of kindness? You betcha. There is compelling evidence that acts of kindness can make a real difference in the psychological well-being of the people who practice and receive it.

In a study published in an online edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers have provided evidence that cooperative behavior is contagious. When people receive kindness they tend to “pay kindness forward” by showing kindness to others. This cascade of kindness and generosity spreads creating a multiplier effect. Each act of kindness is like a “matching grant” of (reciprocal) kindness that is truly contagious.²

While acts of kindness have lasting effects, in a related study by Richard Easterlin³, life events (divorce, marriage, serious health challenges, disabilities) have lasting effects on the degree to which we experience happiness. These life-changing events are not temporary deflections from normality but lifelong “shadows.”

Researchers like the father-son team of Ed Diener and Robert Biswas-Diener⁴ and Stanford psychologist, Sonja Lyubomirsky⁵ have studied people all over the world to discover how things like money, positive attitude, culture, healthy life style, altruism, and day-to-day habits affect our well-being. The socio-psychological field and the emerging field of positive psychology are filled with new findings that suggest our actions can have a tremendous impact on our happiness and satisfaction with life.

One powerful human demonstration of this tendency occurred in the trenches during the early years of World War I, where troops fighting against each other developed a system of reciprocal altruism. Soldiers shot to miss; troops repaired the trenches in full view of enemy soldiers, who made no attempt to shoot them. Christmas was celebrated together. Finally, the generals, fearful that the war would be stopped by such altruistic behavior, ordered random raids, shooting those who resisted, to destroy the mutual trust and cooperation that had evolved. Thus, continuation of the war was assured.

Acts of Kindness and Generosity
From a Spiritual Perspective

Paying kindness forward is an inherent human trait because it is an innate spiritual quality within us. We are spiritual beings who have chosen a human experience. So at our core we are kind and generous. The acoustics of kindness is in our DNA. We can choose to pay kindness forward or repress the urge to be kind. Nevertheless, kindness is an essential part of our makeup.

The multiplier effect of kindness which sociologists assure us creates a sort of ‘matching grant’ of reciprocated kindness and generosity is acknowledged by Mother Teresa who reminded us that “kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless.”

Kind words start with kind thoughts, of course, and kind thoughts spring from a spiritually-attuned consciousness, one centered in goodness, generosity, and love. The phrase may have been coined by Anne Herbert, who claims to have written “Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty” on a place mat at a Sausalito restaurant in 1982 or 1983.⁶

We’re convinced that kindness is contagious. And we certainly honor the divinity in others when kindness is offered. We believe kindness is more than an act of generosity. It is an act of strength. “Tenderness and kindness,” says Lebanese poet Khalil Gibran, “are not signs of weakness and despair but manifestations of strength and resolution.”

We’d also like to add that kindness acknowledges kindness as a spiritual gift because we are all one. We come from the same Source. We are related. We are kin. We are humankindness.

Anthropomorphism

From a Psychological Perspective

People name their cars, give their pets human names, refer to arthritis as Arthur, name hurricanes and storms after a wide variety of people's names, and pray to humanlike gods. Humans, it seems, have a strong tendency to give nonhuman things human characteristics.⁷ This tendency is called anthropomorphism.

Originally coined by Greek philosopher Xenophanes the term 'anthropomorphism' seems to be humankind's way of ascribing human worth, human characteristics, morality, and personality to nonhuman objects. The term comes from the combination of the Greek ἄνθρωπος (ánthrōpos), "human" and μορφή (morphē), "shape" or "form."

When it comes to anthropomorphizing God the practice seems to help many people simplify and cope with complicated human issues that they believe are micro-managed by an invisible deity.

In his book *Faces in the Clouds: A New Theory of Religion*, Stewart Guthrie⁸ theorizes that all religions are petri dishes for anthropomorphism. He believes they originate due to the brain's tendency to detect the presence or essences of other humans in natural phenomena. For example, monotheism was born in the desert, where resources were limited. Polytheism originated in the rain forest where resources were unlimited. We tend, it seems, to anthromorphise based on our surroundings.

Jane Goodall's groundbreaking studies of chimpanzees, Dian Fossey's research of gorillas, and Birute Galdikas' studies orangutans, were all initially criticized of "that worst of ethological sins – anthropomorphism." Their research is now more widely accepted. As Frans de Waal writes: "To endow animals with human emotions has long been a scientific taboo. But if we do not, we risk missing something fundamental, about both animals and us."⁹

*Anthropomorphism
From a Spiritual Perspective*

Creating God in our image has always been humankind's way of missing the point entirely. Before you read the next sentence you will need to keep an open mind and be ready to reconsider everything traditional that you learned about God. Are you ready? Fasten your seat belt.

There is no anthropomorphic God "out there" in the sense of a being separate from us and separate from the universe. We are God expressing through the Christ at the point of us. You are God expressing as you through Its formulative aspect, the Christ. God, the One, the Infinite Invisibleness, Divine Mind, the One Reality is all there is. Unity's¹⁰ poet laureate, writer, and minister James Dillet Freeman assures us that:

If the believer believes (God) to be Ialdabaoth, God answers as Ialdabaoth. If the believer believes (God) is Jesus, God answers as Jesus. God has answered millions of people who have called on (God) as Siva and Indra and Krishna and Ahura Mazda and Baal and Ru Amon and Thoth and Avalokita and Omilo Fo and Kali and Kwanyin. And (God) has answered just as freely to names like Mind, Wisdom Heart, Absolute Suchness, the Voice, and One, and the Abyss; for these, too, are names (God) has been named.¹¹

We invite you to visit our website, TheMetaphysicalWebsite.com, for an expanded perspective on God as outlined in a metaphysical treatment of all four Gospels, as well as, other metaphysical writings. However, before you unfasten your seat belt you may want to take a look at the following statement from Helena P. Blavatsky (which we fully subscribe to):

I do not believe in an anthropomorphic God...I believe in a Universal Divine Principle, the root of ALL from which all proceeds...My Deity is the mysterious power of evolution and involution, the omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscience and omniactive (our addition) creative potentiality.¹²

Armor of the "Scaly-foot Gastropod"
From an Engineering Perspective

The incredible natural armor of a deep-sea hydrothermal vent gastropod mollusk has caught the attention of the Academy of Sciences.¹³ Called the "scaly-foot gastropod" this armored mollusk is found deep within the Kairei Indian hydrothermal vent field, in the Indian Ocean. At these depths, the environment is harsh, with over 200 atmospheres of pressure allowing water temperatures pouring from the vents to reach supercritical temperatures over 300°C.

The iron-plated, calcified armor of the hydrothermal vent gastropod has a strong tri-layered shell that seems impervious to external attack. Its natural predators, the cone snail and the sea-faring crab, are equipped to launch fierce attacks in order to penetrate its armor. The cone snail uses a harpoon-like tooth to penetrate the "scaly-foot gastropod's" armor before injecting it with a paralyzing venom. The sea-faring crab uses its super-powered grip to crush the armored shell after days of steady pressure.

According to Christine Ortiz, the team's project leader, the "scaly-foot gastropod's" armor is extremely-well designed for penetration resistance, energy dissipation, mitigation of fracture and crack arrest, reduction of back deflections, and resistance to bending and tensing loads." Researchers continue to study the mollusk's exoskeleton to discover its applications for improving load-bearing and protective materials strengths in everything from sports equipment and motor vehicles to boat and aircraft hulls.

Armor of the "Scaly-foot Gastropod"
From a Spiritual Perspective

We are spiritual beings in human form. We accept, like the "scaly-foot gastropod," what outer appearances 'toss' at us (i.e., external attacks by predators). The deeper spiritual truth of us is that we are whole and perfect at the level of Spirit. So, why should we accept the 'harpoon-like teeth' of *dis-ease*, illness, external pressures, economic hardship, war, prejudice, or any other limiting human condition (gossip, the common cold, hurtful criticism, etc.).

We encourage you to learn to tolerate, but not accept, those things that are not your authentic self in your striving to become consciously aware that you are an indivisibilized expression of the Christ in human form as you.

Trusting in the omnipotent (all-powerful) nature of God (the Eternal Isness, Sacred Unity, Infinite Invisibleness) we can call forth an aura of protection around us that is every bit as "penetration resistant, energy dissipating, mitigating of fracture and crack resistant, and capable of withstanding incredible tensile loads (human and environmental challenges) as the calcified 'armor' of the "scaly-foot gastropod."

The Big Bang

From a Quantum Physics Perspective

Mainstream quantum physicists today believe the universe began 13 to 20 billion years ago with a massive explosion,¹⁴ or multiple explosions.¹⁵ Astronomer Fred Hoyle coined the term “Big Bang” in 1951. Computer models suggest that a mass the size of a green pea was so compressed that its temperature was guesstimated to be in the neighborhood of 18 billion million million million degrees Fahrenheit. Temperatures that super heated are many times hotter than the sun.

The Big Bang did not occur somewhere or sometime in space. It created space. That there was no space *before* the Big Bang is just one of the counterintuitive ideas of modern cosmology.¹⁶

Clusters, long filaments, a huge sheet-like super-clusters built of galaxies have formed along wrinkles in space-time that were apparently generated before the Big Bang and etched into our universe forever. There may have been different Big Bangs creating different kinds of universes beyond our own. In fact, instead of starting our origin stories “In the beginning...” we may need to humble the phrase to “In a beginning...” which is an equally accurate translation of the Hebrew word *bereshit* – or even “In our beginning.”¹⁷

Moreover, string theory has led to new ideas about the possibility of multiple dimensions and multiple universes. Dr. Brian Greene¹⁸ in his book, *The Hidden Reality*, describes the possibility that parallel universes exist, and together these are known as the multiverse. In the book he states that if the universe is infinite and there are only a finite number of arrangements of matter, then the matter arrangements would duplicate, leading to multiple finite arrangements of matter in the infinite universe.

The Big Bang

From a Spiritual Perspective

The “Big Bang” in highly spiritual terms is the creation of a thought or idea in mind. Once an idea has exploded into conscious awareness it creates energy as an expression of that explosive cognitive moment. The energy it creates leads to other explosive moments (the formation of thoughts).

These super-heated moments (the formation of thoughts) expand into ideas that expand (see Cosmic Inflation) into beliefs (galaxies), which expand into choices that lead to physical actions. Each thought (Big Bang) is the outgrowth of our psycho-emotional make-up with its clusters and super-clusters of past experiences, patterns of behavior and habits, hang-ups, memories, and personal beliefs and prejudices.

All of these human personality “wrinkles” exist before each thought is formed and influence the quality and strength of each and every idea and inclination we have. The Multiverse¹⁹ (our consciousness) is composed of our core beliefs (planets, stars, and galaxies), values (light), thoughts (particles), inclinations (quantum fluctuations), and emotional hang-ups (entropy) that lead to a personal philosophy that defines the limits of our growth (expansion).

Binary Star Systems
From an Astrophysics Perspective

A binary star system is a star system consisting of two suns orbiting around a common center of mass. The brighter sun is called the primary sun and the second sun is its companion sun or secondary star. About half of all known star systems are part of either binary star systems or star systems with more than two stars, called multiple star systems.

A solar system with two or more suns would not be favorable to human life. Planets in elliptical orbits moving around dual suns would place planets close to a sun, as well as far away from a sun. While offering wonderful tanning and snow skiing opportunities, these multiple star systems would most likely not sustain human life. Uniform heating and cooling would not be present because the orbits around twin or multiple stars would be elongated and elliptical, perhaps even figure eight-ish.

The term, binary, was first used in this context by Sir William Herschel in 1802²⁰ when he wrote:

If, on the contrary, two stars should really be situated very near each other, and at the same time so far insulated as not to be materially affected by the attractions of neighboring stars, they will then compose a separate system, and remain united by the bond of their own mutual gravitation towards each other. This should be called a real double star; and any two stars that are thus mutually connected, form the binary sidereal system which we are now to consider.²¹

Binary Star Systems
From a Spiritual Perspective

We humans are binary beings. We are simultaneously spiritual beings and human beings. The ‘Primary Sun’ of the spiritual us is our Christ Self and the ‘secondary sun’ of our human self is the ego. Just as a solar system with two or more suns would not be friendly to human life, a human life that tries to express its Godness and hold onto materialism at the same time would not be having a good hair day.

Our Primary Sun is the Christ Presence expressing Itself at the point of us. And that brings us to an inconvenient truth. It is a truth that has been hidden for centuries. It is a truth that places the Primary Sun in us and as us, not outside of us. It is a truth that puts the secondary sun, the human ego, in its place.

One of the most inconvenient truths is: *we are, by our very nature, divine beings.* (You may want to take a moment to digest that statement. It’s one you won’t hear in many religious communities.) We are divine beings (we say joyfully, but humbly) who have chosen a human experience, a ‘skin school’ experience.

We (humankind) are here in human form (in physicality) because we turned toward the secondary sun, the human ego, and away from the Primary Sun, the Christ. We chose duality and separation over unity and oneness. We chose a binary nature over a united consciousness of oneness.

No man (or woman) can serve two masters (two binary star systems). We come from traditional religious backgrounds, but we must tell you we have outgrown much of the limitations, separatism, and dogma of pediatric theology. We believe religions (secondary suns) must mature into their higher spiritual essences (primary suns). We *positutely absolively* believe that Christianity must embrace its mystical and metaphysical roots or die of irrelevance!

*The Chicxulub Impact
From a Geological Perspective*

Around 65 million years ago an event is believed to have occurred that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs. It was called the Chicxulub Impact which was the result of an asteroid's or comet's bolide or superbolide impact (a missile-like fireball of a magnitude 14 to 17 or brighter) with the earth just off what is now the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico,²² more precisely 322 km west of Cancun.

The crater is more than 180 km in diameter making the Chicxulub Crater one of the largest confirmed impact structures on Earth. In March of 2010 analysis from the fields of climate modeling, geochemistry, geophysics, paleontology, and sedimentology from researchers all over the world concluded that the impact at Chicxulub caused the mass extinctions of dinosaurs between the Cretaceous and Tertiary periods.

*The Chicxulub Impact
From a Spiritual Perspective*

A spiritual interpretation of this event takes it from external flesh and blood dinosaurs and 65 million year old terra cotta to internal conditions within our own current state of consciousness. In spiritual metaphysical events, we can find esoteric and allegorical meanings for anything that happens in the material world.

Let's interpret the Chicxulub Impact as if it occurred inside our heads.²³ For example, suppose the dinosaurs represent old, false assumptions that have developed into monumental belief systems, which have slowed our spiritual progress. They are beliefs that have been around for many generations (changes in perspective) in our thought universe (consciousness). Also, suppose the asteroid stands for an extremely powerful spiritual insight idea, which strikes our conscious awareness, transforming our existing beliefs so that all of our previous "prehistoric" assumptions wither in the face of Truth.

Interestingly, Chicxulub is a Mayan word that roughly translates as "tail of the devil." Metaphysically then, we could say *devil* refers to thoughts that deny our innate divinity. So, the impact of a powerful spiritual truth on a consciousness that denies our innate divinity can totally transform long-standing false assumptions and error beliefs into their higher spiritual essences.

*Classical Conditioning
From a Psychological Perspective*

Classical conditioning (also called Pavlovian, Pavlovian reinforcement, or respondent conditioning) is associative learning that was first demonstrated by Ivan Pavlov in 1927.²⁴ The process for inducing classical conditioning involves presenting a neutral stimulus along with a high value stimulus. (The neutral stimulus could be any event that doesn't result in an overt behavioral response from the test subject. Pavlov referred to this as a conditioned stimulus (CS). Presentation of the high value stimulus, on the other hand, elicits an innate, often reflexive, response. Pavlov called these the *unconditional stimulus* (US) and *unconditioned response* (UR), respectively. If the CS and the US are paired repeatedly, the two stimuli become associated and the subject begins to produce a behavioral response to the CS. Pavlov referred to this as the *conditioned response* (CR).

The original and most famous study of classical conditioning involved the salivary conditioning of Pavlov's dogs. During his groundbreaking studies on the physiology of digestion in dogs, Pavlov noticed that, rather than simply salivating in the presence of meat powder (*unconditioned response*), the dogs salivated in the presence of the lab technician who normally fed them. (Pavlov referred to these as *psychic secretions*). Thus, he predicted that, if a particular stimulus were presented when the dog received the meat powder, this stimulus would become *associated* with food and consequently cause salivation. In his now famous initial experiment, Pavlov used a bell to coax dogs to their food and, after a few trials, the dogs began salivating in response to the bell.

Many of our actions today are shaped by this pairing of stimuli. Have you ever noticed that certain stimuli, such as the smell of cologne or perfume, a certain song, or a hot topic, results in fairly intense emotions? The smell or the song is not the cause of the emotion. It is what the smell or song has been paired with (an ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend, a rendezvous with someone special, a relationship break-up, or the day you met your significant other). We humans make these associations all the time and don't even think about the power that these connections or pairings have on us. We humans are prone to be classically conditioned.

*Classical Conditioning
from a Spiritual Perspective*

It is said that a great world teacher laughed when he found himself in another human incarnation. Like many spiritual teachings, this one reminds us that no matter how enlightened we may think we are, we are still prone to classical conditioning.

Consciousness, as soon as it expresses itself in human form, finds itself in a dilemma: at the superconscious level it knows it is one with the One Reality and at a human level it discovers how laughable its choice has been to subject itself to another classically conditioned ‘skin school’ experience.

Recently we walked down a cereal aisle with our grandson. The aisle was a literal gauntlet of sugar. Each cereal box was lavishly colored and decorated to suit the fancies of kids who really don’t need sugar highs.

We sharpened our ‘NO’ skills to cereals like: Addams Family Cereal® by Ralston®; Apple Zingaroos® by Kellogg’s®; Baron von Redberry® by General Mills®; Batman Returns Cereal®, a Ralston® brand; Kung Fu Panda Crunchers®, a Kellogg’s® brand; and Lucky Charms® by General Mills.®

We finally gave in to Pop Tarts® by Kellogg’s® – our grandson’s favorite. What are Grandparents to do? We had walked down a well-engineered gauntlet of temptation, quick fixes, and ‘buy-me-nows’ designed by advertisers and marketers who knew kids are easy marks when it comes to sugar.

We noticed all of the kid’s cereals are shelved at kid’s eye level or below – perfect for little classically conditioned sugar-crazed hands to grab. The collusion between manufacturer, marketer, and merchant creates a billion dollar market for cereals. Kids are targeted and parents are just collateral damage! The industry’s rhetoric insists they are selling kids what they want.

We thought about that, and then thought about how classically conditioned we adults are too. We thought about the ‘cereal aisles’ we walk down – the aisles we’re tempted to buy into and to salivate over. You know, the gauntlets we create for ourselves or allow others to create for us.

Any attempts to sell us incompleteness are error messages. They are classically conditioned rouses to keep us off balance. They are attempts to block our good. They are designed to steal our joy. We can condition ourselves to deny the power of outer appearance. Once we salivate for truth principles we respond less to error.

Collapsing the Wave

From a Quantum Physics Perspective

One of the weirdest aspects of the quantum world is the fact that light has a somewhat chameleon-like nature. We're serious. It has the capacity to exist either as a wave or a particle. This tendency is referred to as wave/particle duality.

It appears that when a light photon is not being observed, it exists in its wave form, but at the moment it is observed, the wave collapses and becomes a particle. The act of observation collapses potentiality into reality. Prior to being observed, the wave exists in a state of potentiality. That potential becomes *manifest* into a particularity when we look at it.

Amit Goswami, professor of physics at the Institute of Theoretical Sciences at the University of Oregon makes a rather startling statement about the fundamental nature of quantum physics. He says, "A strict adherence to an idealist metaphysics, one based on a transcendent, unitive consciousness collapsing the quantum wave ²⁵, resolves in a nonarbitrary fashion all the paradoxes of quantum physics."²⁶

Will a study of consciousness truly resolve all of the 'paradoxes of quantum physics – and other sciences? We believe it will, and so do physicists Bruce Rosenblum and Fred Kuttner: "There is no way to interpret quantum theory without encountering consciousness."²⁷

*Collapsing the Wave
From a Spiritual Perspective*

The One (God, El Shaddai, Ahura Mazda, Omifofo, Yehovah, Allah, Brahman, EK Onkar, Yahweh, Aigonz, Ishvara, Dadar, Mino-satihgar, Japa, Elohim, Infinite Invisibleness, Kane, Siebog, Odin) becomes the *many* (matter in all of its forms: human beings, intergalactic beings, cosmic beings, invisible beings, planets, suns, galaxies, universes) is an ancient dictum. And, so, we propose, in a quantumly spiritual sense, that the One expresses Itself as both wave and particle. It is our consciousness (collapsed wave) that assumes separation and duality.

We are the activity of God (the One by many names) expressing Itself into visibility at the point of us. Most of the esoteric wisdom traditions allude to this truth.

Collapsed waves are particles expressing isness in limited, parametered forms. As collapsed “spiritual waves” we humans have chosen a “particulate existence” (an incarnation) in order to understand who we really are.

Charles Fillmore,²⁸ Unity’s co-founder said, “All growth and unfoldment from atom to sun is based upon the law of soul urge. The hungering for God (the One by many names – our addition) that is felt by (us) in (our) soul is really God hungering to express through (us).”

We have a little different spin on that. Our hungering for God is our innate urge to reclaim our godness, our unlimitedness, our cosmic stature. God, the Absolute, the God of a thousand names, does not hunger. That would imply incompleteness, imperfection, a state of being in need of something.