

THE MAHARSHI UNIVERSE

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The Ground of Being Unfolding
Its Consciousness
within SpaceTime-lessness

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Chapter 1: General theory of Consciousness

The central question for this essay is: *Is Consciousness fundamental?*

Since the Ground of Being is Pure Consciousness, and Spirit in Action is the Unfolding of Pure Consciousness, the short answer is: Yes.

The beginning of a longer answer is:

All of existence is a SpaceTime-less fluctuation of an ever evolving Pyramid of Consciousness into higher forms of Oneness.

To explain this it is necessary to embed the term "Consciousness" into a General theory of Consciousness, which is done in this and the following chapters.

TIER	LEVEL	PYRAMID OF CONSCIOUSNESS
Pure Consciousness	1.	Ground of Being
Subconscious	2.	Universal physics
Sub / Self conscious	3.	Eco- and biosphere
Self conscious	4.	Human consciousness
Super conscious	5.	Individual Enlightenment
Super conscious	6.	Collective Global Enlightenment
Super conscious	7.	Collective Universal Enlightenment
Pure Consciousness	1.	Purpose of Being

Figure 1: Pyramid of Consciousness

The term “Consciousness” can be very confusing. In general there are four tiers of Consciousness: Pure Consciousness as the Ground and Goal of Being, Subconsciousness, Self consciousness and Superconsciousness. See figure 1, which will be worked out more in detail in the next chapter.

To be able to zoom in into the different types of Consciousness of a human being, it needs to be placed in a religious context. The function of religion has been twofold: translation and transformation.

The religious function of translation has given an individual religious meaning, cultural value and usually a set of living rules. It gives the mind clearance on how to perceive reality and how to behave but it still remains a mind construct. With the main purpose of individual wellbeing and that of society.

In the religious function of transformation one comes to the realization that the individual ultimately does not exist as an independent entity, that the only Reality is the manifestation of Pure Consciousness, Eye of Spirit, Turiya, and many more names can be given to the only existing Reality in any Present Moment. And that there is Oneness in Pure Consciousness and its Many Manifestations (such as human beings, such as all levels of figure 1). This is called Non-dualism, or Turiyatita.

If we zoom in into the Consciousness of a human being (figure 1, level 4), there are five states of Consciousness. These five states of human consciousness are: Gross, Subtle, Causal (GSC) and the one and only

state that is present in and underlying all states: Turiya, the Witness, Pure Consciousness, Spirit.

STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS	CHARACTERISTICS
GROSS	- Body - Senses - Operational thoughts and feelings - About present, past and future
SUBTLE	- Imagination and visualization - Concepts and theories - Storytelling, composing, design - Intuition and dreaming - "Soul"
CAUSAL	- Deep sleep - Deep mental (meditative) rest - Flow of life passing by - Power flow and concentration - Subtle sounds and visions
TURIYA	- Witness - Pure Consciousness - Emptiness - Eye of Spirit - Spirit in Action
TURIYATITA	- Non-dual - No boundaries - One Taste - Oneness

Figure 2: States of Consciousness of a human being

The fifth state is Turiyatita or Non-dual awareness or Oneness. In this state the distinction between the Pure Consciousness and its Many Manifestations (in all levels of figure 1) dissolves. As they say in Zen: One Hand Clapping. No boundaries. See figure 2 for an overview of the five states of consciousness and its characteristics.

The states of Turiya, Pure Consciousness overlaps with level 1 in figure 1. The state of Turiyatia, is a contraction of all levels of figure 1 (including Gross, Subtle and Causal states) as Non-dual Oneness.

Pure Consciousness is indivisible. It is without parts.

It has no form or shapes, no within and without.

Pure Consciousness, which is the Heart, includes all, and nothing is outside or apart from it. That is the Ultimate Truth.

- Ramana Maharshi -

What might be confusing is that it seems as if any individual human being has its own state of Turiya, of Pure Consciousness. But in fact, there are approximately 8 billion human beings on this planet, but there is only one state of Turiya, Pure Consciousness. This is what we share, what we are part of. This is essentially who we are.

But not only us human beings, also all life and environments around us, as well as the planets, the sun, the stars in the Milky Way, all galaxies.

You are all that's been seen. You are all that's been heard. You are the bird singing in the morning light. You are Oneness.

This realization is level 5 of figure 1: individual Enlightenment. Levels 6 and 7 are collective realizations of Enlightenment.

Chapter 2: Increasing complex building blocks

There are tiers of consciousness as described in figure 1. Evolution started from the moment of the Big Bang. Parts were formed that were the building blocks of higher forms, which were again the building blocks of the next level of higher forms. And so it continues, evolves.

INCREASINGLY COMPLEX BUILDING BLOCKS AND CONSCIOUSNESS (EVOLVING HOLONS)			
LVL	TYPE	CONDITION FOR DEVELOPMENT	EVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT
1.	Ground of Being	Pure Consciousness	Spirit in Action
2.	Universal physics	Perfect laws and constants of nature	Development in ever more complex material forms
3.	Ecosphere	Goldilocks positioning and perfect composition of different spheres planet	Life emerging and evolving in ever more complex biological forms
4.	Human development	Psychological and professional development	Levels of human development
5.	Individual Enlightenment (as a individual holon)	Individual awareness of human development and True Nature	Conscious development in service of True Nature and higher forms of Oneness
6.	Collective Enlightenment (as a global collective holon)	Collective awareness of inclusive human development and True Nature	Conscious inclusive global evolution and ever higher forms of global Oneness
7.	Universal Enlightenment (as a universal collective holon)	Universal awareness of Terrestrial and Extraterrestrial development and True Nature	Conscious universal evolution and ever higher forms of universal Oneness
1.	Purpose of Being	Pure Consciousness	Spirit in Action

Figure 3: Increasing complex building blocks and consciousness (evolving holons)

These kinds of building blocks are called holons. So particles, atoms and molecules are holons, but so are early life forms, animals and the levels of human development.

On all levels there are internal qualities as a holon. These qualities can be called a form of consciousness starting out being limited (and subconscious) and becoming ever more complex. See figure 3.

These holons have many characterizations. Some of the major ones that are relevant for this essay are:

- Reality is composed of holons.
- Holons have four manifestations, like the sides of a pyramid (chapter 3).
- Holons have the following functions:
 - maintain its identity and adapt to its surrounding;
 - express itself and become part of higher forms.
- Holons are the building blocks of a pyramid of ever higher and more conscious complex forms.
- A group of different kinds of holons can set conditions to make it possible for higher holons to develop (chapter 8).
- Evolution has direction towards increasing consciousness and complexity, higher Oneness (chapter 4).

The highest holon being built up is individual and collective human development. Which gives us a Responsibility. See Notes, point five.



The next step on the holon pyramid, which has no top, is to become an enlightened human being. A human being that realizes its own True Nature and becomes a vehicle of higher consciousness in evolution.

Chapter 3: Interior and exterior manifestation of holons

There are four manifestations of a holon, like the four sides of a pyramid: the individual interior, the individual exterior, the collective interior, the collective exterior. These four sides exist for all levels of holons. This is according to Ken Wilber's AQAL model.

Take for example human development. It has interior qualities and consciousness, it has brain development, it has an exterior collective form e.g. as an Jazz Band and an interior collective form of the Jazz Band performing an improvised song.

Interior manifestation

A human being has, apart from Turiya and Turiyatita, available three states of consciousness: Gross, Subtle and Causal (GSC chapter 1). In each state information is being processed. With the following goals (individual and collective manifestation):

- maintain its identity and adapt to its surrounding;
- express itself and become part of higher forms.

See figure 4, the Matrix of Consciousness, the interior manifestation of holons. Which becomes 3D when added the interior individual and collective manifestation.

MATRIX OF CONSCIOUSNESS OF HOLONS (2D)					
INTERIOR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE MANIFESTATION (3D)					

TIER	GROSS	SUBTLE	CAUSAL	TURIYA	TURIYATITA
Subconscious	*	*	*		
Self conscious	*	*	*		
Super conscious	*	*	*	*	*

Figure 4: *Matrix of Consciousness of holons*

It works for a bird, in a less complex way than a human being. A bird operates to survive daily life (Gross), it composes beautiful songs (Subtle) and it sleeps at night (Causal). It can be part of a beautiful formation of birds flying together in the sky (interior collective steering mechanism).

The question is: is this also true on the level of a particle, atom or molecule? You could say, in the Gross state an atom maintains itself, in the Subtle state it works together with other atoms to make collective forms and in the Causal conditions are set to make the emergence of new holons possible.

As being mentioned before, the higher the level of Consciousness, the more complex the manifestation of it. So not all asterixes should have the same size.

Exterior manifestation, main focus of science

And yet, this is still on the Interior side of a holon. The exterior side is the material side as we know it in physics, chemistry and biology. This is the side where science functions, where theories are formed, and the validity of theories are measured.

This is the science of nature, but not the science of True Nature. Except for the psychology and sociology of human beings and animals, the focus of science is on the exterior. This is understandable, since science is based on measuring and proving theories of exterior reality.

The focus is also on the idea that:

- the exterior embeds the interior: e.g. a healthy mind in a healthy body, but in reality it is the other way around;
- the larger embeds the smaller: e.g. we are part of the universe, but in reality the universe is part of us.

The question is: what is fundamental, interior or exterior manifestation?

Chapter 4: The Kosmic Dance

There is the interior and exterior manifestation of a holon (individual or collective side). But from the perspective of Pure Consciousness, there is only the Unfolding into ever and ever higher levels and complexity of Consciousness and Oneness. With the Goal to express Itself.

It is Pure Consciousness that wants to Dance with Itself.

It is a Kosmic Dance.

Longing for a song of a bird to be heard.

So back to the central question. **Is Consciousness fundamental?**

The answer is: Pure Consciousness in the form of Spirit in Action is the driving Force of existence. Nothing else is Real. As Ramana Maharshi says: That what is not Present in deep dreamless sleep (Causal), is not Real. The only thing that is Present in deep dreamless sleep is Pure Consciousness.

We have to turn things around. We look at nature as being true nature. But our True Nature is Pure Consciousness and Spirit in Action Unfolding Itself on every level. Creating in Its Unfolding a Pyramid of Consciousness (C-Pyramid). Into ever higher forms of Oneness.

**The interior manifestations of holons
are the building blocks of our existence.**

And the result of this Unfolding is the achievement of evolution of the C- Pyramid. The content of the asterixes of the matrix of Consciousness in figure 4. It is the interior of realized Oneness. When we look at Reality, we have to look at the realized C-Pyramid. And this pyramid changes every Present Moment.

Chapter 5: Present Moment and SpaceTime

To take the next step, we have to look at some of the fundamental characteristics of Pure Consciousness that are relevant for this essay. We repeat the quote from Ramana Maharshi.

Pure Consciousness is indivisible. It is without parts.

It has no form or shapes, no within and without.

Pure Consciousness, which is the Heart, includes all, and nothing is outside or apart from it. That is the Ultimate Truth.

Under the above characteristics a Maharshi Universe (MU) looks quite different:

- It only consists of Pure Consciousness and Its Unfolding Pyramid;
- It has no form;
- It Includes all.

Since there is no form, there is no space. And without space there is no time. Pure Consciousness never enters space and time. And this also accounts for the Unfolding of Pure Consciousness into the C-Pyramid. Since Pure Consciousness includes all. So for a Maharshi Universe the following is true.

**Pure Consciousness and the Pyramid of Consciousness
exist only in the space- and timeless Present Moment.**

We perceive in a horizontal exterior causal line a SpaceTime Universe, an Einstein Universe. And in a vertical all including interior line a SpaceTime-less Universe, a Maharshi Universe. The Einstein Universe is embedded in the Maharshi Universe.

And sometimes there is a doorway in between, so we can get a glimpse of this Reality.

Chapter 6: The speed of information

In the causal Einstein Universe (Quantum Mechanics in the next chapter), the speed of light is fixed, and nothing, no matter or information, can travel faster than this speed.

Here we go 30 years back. I am sleeping, being present in the Causal state of mind. Instantaneously I see a flash of a non dazzling bright light. And I wake up in intensity.



By now we can answer the question, where did this light come from? It was a manifestation of Pure Consciousness into the Causal. But another question is:

- What was the speed of light of this Inner Light?

Since the Moment of this flash is part of the Maharshi Universe, there has not been a time period between the Unfolding from the source of Pure Consciousness and the moment I saw the flash of light.

This means the speed of this Inner Light was infinite.

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How could this light travel faster than in the Einstein Universe?

Because it wasn't light as we know it in this universe, but because it was internal information in the form of light in the MU. And in the Maharshi Universe information travels at the speed of infinity. It is always instantaneous.

But the idea of information processing in the interior of a holon (individual or collective manifestation) taking place instantaneously is not so strange. Many examples, what is the time difference between:

- a thought arising and thinking it?
- a feeling arising and feeling it?
- a bird composing its song and singing it?
- the improvisation of a Jazz song and playing it?

This time difference is always zero. The speed of information processing in the interior of a holon (GSC, individual or collective) is always infinite. Welcome to the Maharshi Universe.

The interior of a holon is part of the Maharshi Universe.

The exterior of a holon is part of the Einstein Universe.

**The speed of information processing in the MU is infinite,
since Pure Consciousness and Its interior Manifestations
exist only in the SpaceTime-less Present Moment.**

The possibility that the speed of information is infinite, is one of the remarkable findings of Quantum Mechanics.

Chapter 7: Quantum Mechanics and fluctuation

There are many Quantum Mechanics Theories. They lead to the wildest ideas of the perception of reality.

Some of the principles of these theories, that passed the scientific tests, are relevant for this essay:

- the entanglement of particles;
- nonlocality: instantaneous information exchange at distance between entangled particles.

It is clear that these findings collide with an Einstein Universe. But these same findings completely fit in with a Maharshi Universe. At least, when we consider the speed of the instantaneous information exchange between entangled particles to be infinite.

And how could it be different? If the distance of particles is > 0 , and time of exchange = 0, then $c = \text{infinite}$.

Here we have a little doorway between both Universes. Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ at King's Cross Station.

Information exchange and fluctuation

Consciousness that has been built up in the C-Pyramid, consists of information from all holons at all levels of development.

The information of a holon (GSC, individual or collective manifestation) is in fluctuation with other holons in the C-Pyramid. These fluctuations change every Present Moment.

Reality in the Maharshi Universe is the fluctuation of information in the C-Pyramid at every Present Moment. Since the Present Moment is SpaceTime-less, the information exchange within the C-Pyramid takes place with infinite speed.

Chapter 8: **Push and Pull**

The kind of information processing that takes place on the interior side of a holon (individual and collective manifestation) within the C-Pyramid, as described in chapter 2, is:

- to maintain its identity and adapt to its surrounding;
- to express itself and become part of higher forms.

These information processes take place in the Gross, Subtle and Causal realm of the holon and are not random. Evolution takes direction towards increasing complexity of consciousness, forms and Oneness.

Also, as described in chapter 2, a group of different kinds of holons can set conditions to make it possible for higher holons to develop. For example, to make the emergence of biological life possible, our planet had to be positioned in the Goldilocks zone and the different spheres of the ecosphere needed to be perfectly composed. In other words, multiple perfect conditions were needed for biological life to develop.

There are two Forces that support the creation of multiple perfect conditions and the transcendence of holons into higher forms of existence. Both Forces have Pure Consciousness and Spirit in Action as its source. These Forces are:

- Push from the Ground of Being;
- Pull from the Goal of Being.

Both Forces deliver information to create multiple conditions and transcendence, at any level of holons:

- an example of Push information are the biochemical signals delivered to a group of cells (morphogenetic field) being used to develop new structures or organs;
- an example of Pull information is the flash of a non dazzling bright white light in the Causal of a human being.

The interior fluctuation of holons (GSC, individual and collective side) in the C-Pyramid is changing due to information processes as described above. These take place at infinite speed at any Present Moment, are not causal and want to create higher Oneness.

Chapter 9: The all inclusive Maharshi Universe

As we break through the wall of Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ at King's Cross Station, we can enter the Maharshi Universe.

But let's not forget: the Einstein Universe is embedded in the Maharshi Universe. These are *not* parallel universes. The Maharshi Universe is all inclusive. The question left is:

- How can Energy and mass be formed out of Consciousness?

The information stored in the Ground of Being, Pure Consciousness before it started to Unfold, has a lot of Energy embedded into it. Let's call it Stored Kosmic Energy. In the SpaceTime-less Maharshi Universe, the speed of information is infinite.

Taking the Einstein equation for Energy, the mass of the information stored in Pure Consciousness = 0, since Kosmic Energy divided by infinite speed = 0.

In the process of Unfolding Its Pure Consciousness, the Ground of Being starts to release information and Kosmic Energy out of Its Storage from the interior into the exterior manifestation by entering SpaceTime. Creating an Einstein Universe. Longing for a song of a bird to be heard.

With a c being slowed down in SpaceTime, part of the released Kosmic Energy can be transformed into mass.

Although c is slowed down, the amount of Kosmic Energy in the Maharshi Universe embedding the Einstein Universe stays the same. It

only starts to change into higher and higher holons and forms of Oneness. Starting at the bottom of the pyramid and slowly building up.

See figure 5 for some of the characteristics of both Universes.

CHARACTERISTICS UNIVERSES		
TYPE	MAHARSHI UNIVERSE	EINSTEIN UNIVERSE
Position	All inclusive	Part
Part of holon	Interior	Exterior
Information processing	Pure Consciousness and interior holon (GSC, individual and collective)	Causal
SpaceTime	SpaceTime-less	SpaceTime
Speed	Infinite	max = c
Energy	Kosmic Energy	Regular Energy (and mass)
Goal	Kosmic Dance by Unfolding C-Pyramid into higher Oneness	Support of Goal Maharshi Universe
Forces	Push and Pull transcendence	Causal
Doorway	Push and Pull information, Science, Imagination, Enlightenment, Death	Science
Next step	Higher human development and Enlightenment	Scientific proof of Maharshi Universe

Figure 5: Some characteristics of Maharshi and Einstein Universes

The central question for this essay is: *Is Consciousness fundamental?*

The answer from the above figure is: The Maharshi Universe that embeds the Unfolding Pyramid of Consciousness and Einstein Universe, is our primordial Reality. *That is the Ultimate Truth (Ramana Maharshi).*

A Reality that never enters SpaceTime, is never born and never dies. This is our core existence. A Reality of joy and opportunity if we take care of it well. Living in the Present Moment realizing ever higher forms of Oneness. The bird and Jazz Band improvising their songs.

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Wake Up, take Responsibility and join the Magic of this Kosmic Dance.

Notes

1. Quote Sri Ramana Maharshi:
 - a. Be as you are, pg 75
2. Figures by the author.
3. Painting by the author:
 - a. Frontpage: "Maharshi Universe"
 - b. Chapter 2: "Conscious Evolution"
 - c. Chapter 6: "Inner Light"
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5. An essay on the consequences of the principles of the Maharshi Universe for the path forward for humanity, is written by the author under the title "Kosmic Player".

Some points out of the essay:

- a. Reality is perceived through the lens of the individual or collective Kosmic Address (defined);
- b. An Awakened Mind has a Responsibility to become a conscious vehicle of evolution, an assistant in Pushing, Pulling and creating Kosmic Change into higher Oneness.
- c. It does that by Conscious Action (defined) that creates Kosmic Energy, to enhance Evolutionary Kosmic Change.
- d. When the Awakened Mind loses its form, it will be Grateful to arise in a new one and continue its Responsibility in the Maharshi Universe.

Inspiration

The ideas in this essay are inspired by Arthur Koestler, Ken Wilber (SES, The Religion of Tomorrow, One Taste and other books, Shambhala Publications), David Bohm and Sri Ramana Maharshi.

Lord Byron on water turning into wine:

- "The water met its Master, and blushed."