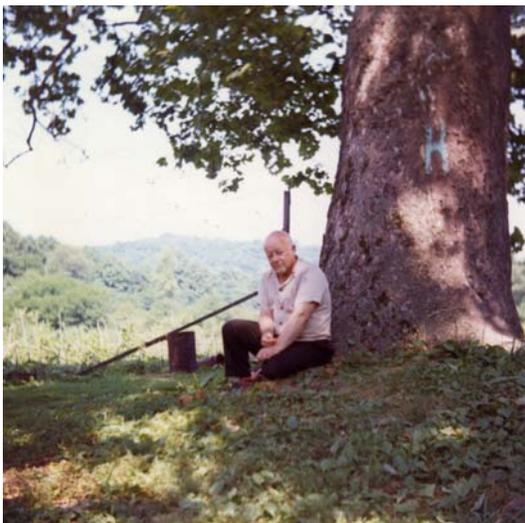


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QUANTUM PHYSICS AND THE OBSERVER

BY DAN A. NIEBAUER

Dan is a semi-retired chemist and inventor, living in Southern California. Although he has done his share of navel-gazing over the last 40 years, he spends an inordinate amount of time gazing at stars and heavenly bodies (not of the Hollywood variety) with his telescopes.

For those blessed or cursed with an inquisitive concern for the nature of reality, these are interesting times. Discoveries at the triple interface of physics, philosophy, and self-knowledge blur the lines between them. Scientist and philosopher alike would have self-imposed blindness to ignore the implications of discoveries in quantum physics, which threaten to disrupt the established world-view in the new millennium. The door to formerly untenable or crackpot notions such as ultra secure computing and communication, teleportation, telepathy, and other phenomena has been unlocked. However, the door remains to be fully opened, and the philosophic implications are just now slowly and disturbingly being worked out.

In the comfortable old days, classical (or Newtonian) physics explained nature with certainty, that if one knew all the factors at one given moment, change could be predicted, and the state of the world or some part of it in the future could be known. By the early 20th century, however, the certainty was beginning to fray like some over-used 18th century costume. One of the first disruptive discoveries was that at the most fundamental, submicroscopic level, everything – matter and energy – existed in discrete amounts, or quanta. Somewhat later, Werner Heisenberg developed the Uncertainty Principle, which said that one could not, in principle, precisely measure everything about an elementary particle. And the observer effect stated that *the mere act of observation would change what is observed.*

Light, the first thing set apart in Genesis, the very definition of everyday, is deeply and unremittingly mysterious. “It” is very fast, but it has been known for hundreds of years that it is not instantaneous, that light takes

time to go from one place to another. Isaac Newton believed that light was made of particles. Now light will be seen as a wave or particle depending on the kind of detector used to make a measurement. Oddly, light can be accurately described as a wave or as a particle (photon), but not observed as both at the same time. But reality is even stranger than this. The observer can wait until after light has made its way through the entire path of an experiment to decide whether to use a wave or photon detector at the end. The results still depend on the choice made by the observer; it is as if the light knows in advance what it will encounter, or the decision made by the observer. This “delayed choice experiment” was first thought up by eminent physicist John Wheeler about three decades ago, but was clearly demonstrated in the laboratory in 2007.

Another phenomenon at the root of this strange new physics is known as quantum entanglement, or simply entanglement. Elementary particles such as photons can be paired – entangled - so deeply, that even after separating them by vast distances, what happens to one affects the other *instantaneously*, faster than light. The act of observing one particle instantly defines the state of its partner, even if it is on the other side of the universe. In the words of physicists, “locality is violated”; in other words, the particle is in two places at once. Or, if you will, it happens because concepts such as “here and now/there and then”, even “cause and effect” are basically illusory.

Einstein himself considered entanglement to be so offbeat and doubt worthy that he called it “spooky”. *Yet experiments performed in the last several decades, notably by Alain Aspect, have proven the effect to be real*, that nature actually works in the way explained by the mainstream (Copenhagen) interpretation of quantum theory. Others have tried to provide alternative explanations. The late physicist David Bohm, a protégé of Einstein, who discussed the nature of the observer with Jiddu Krishnamurti, tried to uphold cause-and-effect by postulating a hidden, invisible, deeper “implicate order” behind all things and phenomena. In his view, we only observe the transitory surface of the totality of nature. While this view is attractive from an aesthetic and mystical perspective, nonetheless it is not widely held by mainstream physicists. Another postulated explanation is that the observer, in

effect, chooses one of an infinity of “many worlds” or parallel universes that branch at that moment. Scientists often look askance at such views as they appear to be un-testable, or that they are not the simplest of explanations.

There is the question of what constitutes the observer: mere interaction of particles or energies, or is consciousness somehow required? And is a conscious observer necessary to create reality (a variant of the old “if a tree falls in the forest and nobody hears it” puzzle)? And what level of consciousness is required – bacterium, dog, human, or universal mind?

Physics argues that quantum effects, entanglement, and so forth, only apply to the extreme microcosm – things and energies on a very small scale – conceivable but imperceptible to humans. Entanglement itself is a delicate, hard-to-produce condition. It seems we have our visible, tangible, solid everyday world, and on the other hand we have the quantum world. Baseballs, planets, and human bodies follow Newton’s laws, which are not going to be repealed soon. No one has demonstrated wave-particle duality with so large an item as a virus. Don’t stand behind the detector in a wave/particle experiment if the particle is a bullet.

But it is also true that the human body also holds a brain that can be resolved into billions of individual neurons, and an even larger number of complex connections between them. Some suggest that the brain, at its finest level, is a quantum device, and that a single quantum event can trigger the firing of a synapse, followed by legions of neurons, ultimately occurrences that are behind our thoughts and actions. In a controversial 2001 statement, Brian Josephson, a Nobel Prize winner in physics, said that quantum mechanics combined with theories of information and computation could lead to an explanation of telepathy. In his book *Entangled Minds*, Dean Radin argues that quantum entanglement between minds is at the root of psi effects. He defines psi as a means through which information can be gained from a distance, without the use of ordinary senses. Radin cites as evidence the statistics of certain telepathy tests as being precisely what would be predicted by quantum theory.

If the brain or mind/brain is in fact a quantum device, it is not a great leap to consider

that it is entangled with other similar devices, that it is correlated with non-local events, that it is sensitive beyond the confines of the skull. We are deeply influenced by our senses and by our programming. If we are influenced from beyond our usual confines, senses, and predilections, we are seldom aware of it. The only way to see the mind's full definition is to deliberately remove our identification with the usual five senses, our repetitive thought patterns, memories, fears and plans of yesterday and tomorrow, and discover what remains. So it must be through intention and subtle observation that we become aware of what is beyond our usual ken. This could lead to a much bigger definition of consciousness or the self. This would give new meaning to the observer in the quantum world.

"I believe I have all that Richard wrote (books) - I am really sorry I could not meet him in person. Such people are so rare, so much could be learned..."

-Mark D., Poland

Mark has translated Andrew McMaster's previous article into Polish which can be viewed on his blog at: wmduszyk.com

OBSTACLES TO REALIZATION: ATTACHMENT TO THE BODY/MIND

BY ANDREW MCMASTER

The beginning of the end of my search began sometime at the end of 2005 or the beginning of 2006. I can't remember exactly, but it was just months after he returned to the Source that I stumbled upon the writings of Mister Rose on the Internet. I say, "beginning of the end of my search," because thanks to the writings of Mister Rose, I discovered that there is nothing to gain, nothing to seek, and no one to seek it. I AM already THAT which I seek, so there is no longer any seeking. The attachment to and belief in a separate self, an ego in charge, a body/mind that does things and thinks are the obstacles to realization of THAT which I truly AM. Mister

Rose started me back up the Vector toward becoming the Truth. There is immense gratitude and as always, this is dedicated to him. Furthermore, That which is indescribable can only be pointed to with words. The following is merely a pointer to the Truth.

Mr. Pulyan (see the last newsletter for information on Alfred Pulyan) wrote to Mister Rose, **"The person who is 'Awakened' understands that the only way to such an attainment is against ego."**

The Realized person knows that there is actually no attainment. There is no one to attain or to awaken. Mr Pulyan, like most of the Realized, talks "down" to those on the lower rungs of the ladder, to use Mister Rose's analogy. They use the language that will be understood. Back to the point, the belief that there is a separate body and self to do anything, or a mind to think, is the conceit and delusion of the ego. For the purposes of this article, body/mind is synonymous with ego. Without subordination of the ego, there is no Realization.

The body is not born or created. It manifests from elements and energy which already exist. Energy cannot be created or destroyed. The body is like a clay pot. The pot is "created" from clay. When the pot is destroyed, the clay remains. The body manifests from elements in nature and Consciousness. When the body de-manifests, the elements return to nature and the Consciousness returns to the Absolute. The body is not that which it appears to be, but the ego falsely strives to maintain it as "real." The body is merely the vessel through which Consciousness dances.

The ego begins its development when a child is old enough to begin the domestication process. The child is told by the egos upon which it is dependent, that it was "born" on a certain date and has a name which separates it from the other children. The young girl or boy then begins to learn right from wrong, good from bad, and all the other dualities for which rewards or punishments are received and for which love is given or withheld, by the older, authority egos. The pure vessel through which Consciousness dances gets polluted by dogma, domestication, and dual concepts, or the term I prefer--learned ignorance. Personas develop and are defended by the ego.

To Realize, one must discard the personas and learned ignorance, so that ego is no longer in charge and Consciousness can once again be aware of itself. Mister Rose called this returning up the Vector to the Source. Mister Rose suggested that one “go within” and to use “whatever method necessary.” There are a variety of good practices for this that are discussed in other articles and in Mister Rose’s writings. But, it is important to remember that since the Mind is the problem, the Mind cannot solve the problem. Mister Pulyan wrote:

“All concepts are useless for our purpose.”

More concepts are just more learned ignorance, more fuel for the ego. Mister Pulyan advised:

Realization comes, **“...by awareness of Awareness, not awareness of thoughts or things.”**

Seekers utilize a host of concepts and dogmas as they try to think their way to “Enlightenment.” There is no one to do anything and ego is strengthened as they continue to try. They continue to “do” mantras, meditations, chants, fasts, and maintain celibacy in an attempt to be enlightened. These things all may bring about conditions favorable for one to become the Truth, for Awareness to become aware of itself, but they are not the CAUSE. When the seeker falls into the cause and effect trap, the only thing that occurs is the accumulation of more concepts and more learned ignorance.

When gain is the goal, more personas, concepts, ideas, and memories are accumulated. To return up the Vector to the source and become the Truth, one must discard the trappings of ego. Contemplate within so as to be rid of false concepts and ideas based in the duality of body/mind identification.

Two of the most dominant ego generators are Religion and Spirituality, or more precisely, the concepts and personas associated with those terms. This will be discussed in the next and last article of this series.



Commentary by Philip Winestone on the previous article by “Mac.”:

If you read Pulyan, and you realize that with such people (including RR of course), not a word is wasted - each word has a meaning or an intent - when you read "Nothing of you remains..." it really is, "Nothing of YOU remains," meaning the projected "I". Hope I'm not being patronizing here, but what Pulyan is saying is that "I" will not survive or reincarnate or any such stuff. RR talked about surviving, but he also made it clear that "you won't take the wife and dog with you." Same thing.

“I’ve been here 6 years and now to find your husband and his work and be here in his old ‘hood’ is just exciting. I’m not even sure why but I have become unstuck, and I am so grateful. I’ll probably read all his books and somewhere along the line, I’ll integrate what helps and let the teacher go, as I think we must, but I won’t forget him. I am so sorry I missed him, it feels so close. Maybe I haven’t. ‘They’ say that when you’re ready, a teacher will appear. I can’t remember the last time someone has spoken to me in this way.”

– Terry H., Ohio

MANY PATHS

BY CHERYL BASKINS BUTLER

If you’re seeking answers, you’ll be disappointed. If you wish to share in some personal reflections, enjoy!

I come out of a southern bible belt Christian tradition. Throughout my childhood and youth, I went through the motions of Christianity (church, Sunday school, bible verse drill, mandatory Baptism, etc.). And, I *wanted* to feel the things from this practice that I was “supposed” to feel, I just couldn’t. Of course, I felt quite frightened and a little guilty because I had been told that non-believers all go to hell. So, I kept going through the motions and trying to feel the feelings.

I was an adult before I developed the courage to say that there was “something else” out there beyond Christianity. In another bold step, I considered that religion was not “The Way,” it was actually the trap. I was relieved to realize that I would not go to hell for thinking or voicing these ideas! Gradually, I discovered the freedom and joy of exploring a variety of concepts with people from diverse spiritual and philosophical backgrounds. I stepped out of the small “Christianity Circle” and began traveling my path.

My husband Mark, who was also conducting a personal quest, discovered the teachings of Richard Rose. As a result, we attended our first TAT meeting on the Rose farm in 2001. In one group session, I listened as a young woman desperately described her “concern for her mortal soul.” She came from a Hindu background, but seemed to feel the same about her religion as I had about Christianity. There was “something else” that she was seeking that religion failed to provide. This woman and I had traveled different paths from completely separate backgrounds to arrive in the same place at the same time. By convening in the group, my path met hers and we traveled for a while together.

I reflected on the events of this encounter. There are *many* of us traveling (searching). We all come from *many* different points of departure and head in *many* different directions. Then, I arrived at a conclusion. Instead of the “One Way”, touted by Christians to enter heaven, there must be *many paths* to reach a single point. These paths are neither right nor wrong, they are just different, and each individual has to follow his or her own way.

I know this “many path” concept is nothing new to seasoned philosophers and spiritual practitioners. However, it *was* new for *me*! I visualize it in the following manner. We each come from a unique set of circumstances that include a particular culture, religion, national origin, socio-economic status, etc. Staying within a cultural or spiritual template and adhering *only* to its prerequisite guidelines is, to me, like walking around and around in a circle. We repeat the motions endlessly, but never really go anywhere. We stay incredibly busy, yet never accomplish a task. We memorize questions and answers and still learn nothing.



“Many Paths,” acrylic on panel, 16 x 24, by Cheryl Butler.

When I stepped out of the Christianity Circle, I opened myself to a broader perspective. I stopped walking round and round feeling guilty. (That aspect of the work was freeing.) I also examined and abandoned some preconceived notions and unsubstantiated beliefs. I am still struggling, however, with the aspect of personal agenda. I continue to remind myself that personal agendas (and egos) have no place on this journey. In fact, they can be detrimental to the process. (That aspect of the work is frustrating and difficult.)

I talk differently now, and listen and observe more carefully. This “patience” does not always come easily, as the path is not always bright and sunny. No matter how unpleasant my situation seems at times, I remind myself that the person I am traveling with or the landscape I am traveling through may be offering me the very thing I need at the moment I need it most.

This journey is serious work, not to be confused with “circle hopping”. I am not jumping from the Circle of Christianity to that of environmentalism, to Buddhism, to patriotism, to Hinduism, etc. in order to accrue interesting

experiences, satisfy my curiosity or make sparkling party conversation. I am on my path because the circle, so full of distraction, is really **empty**. There is nothing for me in the circle.

So, where do these many paths lead? I do not know. I haven't arrived yet, but I think, regardless of their origins, these paths might all meet at the Single Point (wherever that may be).

When and how will I come to this "mystical" Single Point? That's a good question. Maybe it will happen when I experience the "ultimate" realization, or when I discard all the labels (including artist) with which I burden myself. Maybe I will just get tired of the travel and stop. Maybe all these ways are one in the same.

With so many unanswered questions, I have still managed to create an image of this concept (since I have not yet discarded the label of artist). *Many Paths*, an acrylic I painted in 2008, illustrates how pathways travel through and between circles. The paths linger in some places, undulate, converge, diverge, overlap, group and regroup, but always travel toward, and eventually reach, the Single Point.

In the finished painting, I found an unexpected surprise. Instead of the pathways traveling *toward* the Single point and converging there, as had been my initial concept, they appeared to generate *out* from the Single Point in many directions. Perhaps the many paths all end *and* begin at the same point!

How long has it been since I completely cast off the cloak of Christianity and began traveling my path? I never really discarded Christianity, just the **dogma** and **control** surrounding it. I now enjoy a comparative study of religions and philosophies including **but not limited to** Christianity. I discover validities, see fallacies and recognize some crucial common threads that run through the various doctrines and theories. This continuing process has become an integral part of my path, sometimes confusing, but always rewarding!

Initially I stated that I began my path when I stepped out of the Christianity Circle. I have actually been on my path "all my time"; and my time *probably* spans countless physical manifestations. The circle was, for me in this manifestation, a lingering point in the path. It

gave me the incentive to do some introspection, cast aside some useless baggage, and move along.

Joyful Trails!

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"We think that because we suffer in this dimension that we will get what we want in the next one. But if we get what we want forever and ever it would get so monotonous that we would want to be in hell just for the change in scenery."

--"Heaven and Hell" by Richard Rose from *Carillon*

"FALLING OUT OF TIME" A POEM BY JOHN ROSE

I stand, poised on the edge of a galaxy, dizzy,
can barely stand. I feel a falling into the abyss.
Can't remember my name now. My past is gone.
My future, no longer a promise.
Am I live or dead. Neither I have become.
I stand on the fringe of an atom dancing at
lightening speed on the edge of oblivion.
I am no longer I.
No past, no future.
Present tense hangs still in no time. I am, and I
am not.
Mind fragments, it never was.
Images flicker past my consciousness, familiar.
I weep for they were once a thing called I.
Torn asunder, I am no longer.
I am a cloud balanced on a needle.
The universe washes over me in towering waves
of energy and emptiness.
I drown in a sea of stars.
I am no more.
Speeding through the blur of what could have
been time, but my fragile mind is no more.
Exploded and absorbed, I am All there is and I
am nothing.



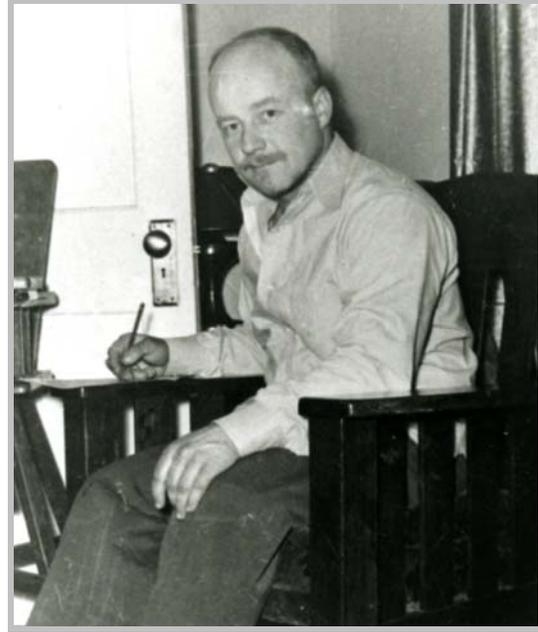
Nothing is nothing and everything.
Transparent I stand, I am the sea of stars.
I am the molecule dancing on a beam of light.
I am.
I cry out in primordial being.
I long for me, but am no longer.
Two is now one, and one now zero.

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Painting detail by Charles Ellis. Complete artwork graces the cover of John's album, "Conversing with a Rainy Night," available in the audio section of Rose Publications.

"I just happened to hear about Richard while I was surfing the Internet. Never even heard about him before. He sounded very interesting so I tried to track down some of his books here in Calgary. Only book I could find was his Direct-Mind Experience and I really enjoyed it. I will even say more than enjoyed it. I feel that it is one of those books that has changed the way I think, perceive, plus more than I think I even realize right now."

– Mike P., Canada



THE UNPUBLISHED NOTES OF RICHARD ROSE

The following brief excerpt speaks to the content of Dan Niebauer's article. Here is Mr. Rose's view on "Projection" and "Light."

"...The projection that animates the whole picture of creation, as well every cell in our bodies, we will call Light. I use a separate term, because it might appear that curiosity and desire appear to be the sole motivating forces. However, we can see, all through nature, that there is a central fountain that regenerates decaying force-fields, isotopes, delicate protoplasmic combinations, which we know are in a constant state of precipitation and deterioration. This fountain is not curiosity alone. This fountain is the force behind the entity or mechanism that implants the desire and curiosity within us. This fountain likewise supports the eternal growing and dying of celestial bodies (planets and stars.)

This Light, begins beyond the Unmanifested mind. The Unmanifested mind acts as a sort of prism that separates the differentiated rays from the undifferentiated source.

The use of the word Light here, should not be construed in the same sense as the light that is the cause of eye-stimuli. I wish to emphasize this to prevent an ardent investigator from pursuing the analysis of such manifested light. This particularized light of the eye is still differentiated and lower mind matter.

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“You know Richard, if 10% of the world were required to read your papers, we would have a spiritual evolution/revolution brought about by the 1% that did think and or understand your writings.

You have actually reconciled religious differences. Jesus and Buddha stand together in pointing the way to mankind. I have long felt that organized religion did bear no witness to the Truth nor to its teachers but if today only 10% of the revolting clergy could be exposed to the serious considerations of your writings, what a glorious world this could be.”

(Taken from correspondence with Spencer Darrah, circa 1973, whose excerpted quote is on the back cover.)

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