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A Primary View of Reality from Mark Beardmore

Editor's Note

Over the years we've had several contributions from readers who developed their own 'Theories of Everything'. In fact, when I checked back through the index I was surprised at how often theories of everything have featured in the Nowletter. They range from our early discussions of Wilber to the recent look at Gebser. Some of you will remember the early contributions from Denis Balsom in NSW and Fortnum & Bollard in WA. A high proportion of our articles are either from or about people who have come upon a fresh view of reality. We have published articles about people such as David Bohm and Douglas Harding who, having discovered the consensus view of reality to be very limited, turn it inside out. Others, such as John Wren-Lewis, have discovered a new level of being as a result of some transformative experience. It was the consequence of an interest in the work and writings of John that led this month's contributor to our door. In fact, he described the website as a door he'd found open which I thought a very apt image. He was checking the John Wren-Lewis archive on the Capacitie website and thought we might be interested in what he calls his own Big TOE (theory of everything) and I certainly was. I have read it several times now and I'm experimenting with how it works out in everyday life. There is a freedom and fluidity about it I find very lightening, both in the sense of the lifting of weight and the brightness of vision: very Trahernian and not unlike the consequences of the Harding experiments. I suppose all these new ways of looking have a common value in that they loosen the grip of whatever I am consciously or unconsciously holding on to as my precious and unassailable certainties. I was also impressed by the author's cheerful acceptance of the provisionality of his theory, an awareness of the likelihood that it will, at some point or time, prove inadequate and be supplanted by something more comprehensive or more true. In the meantime, it comes highly recommended by the editor.

On page 10, I have listed a series of Chris McLean workshops to be held in Sydney over coming months. Chris led our last Harding meeting on 4th June and I will include a report in the July Nowletter.

Dialogue Meetings – Third Sunday of every month

Harding Meetings – First Saturday of every second month (Saturday 6th August)

Spiritual Mind workshops with Chris McLean – see page 11

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A Primary View of Reality

This paper has been written in response to the opportunity afforded by Now newsletter and Alan Mann's Capacitie website, and correspondence with Alan himself. Most of the following ideas are from the Imagination of the author; inspired variously by an NDE, meditation on the infinite, and a general lifelong inquiry into 'what the hell is going on!' The author has a Masters Degree in Religion and Theology from the University of Leeds in the UK. (EDI, Eventual Reality and following material are copyright. All rights reserved)

"It is not the case that I am right and you are wrong, or even that you are right and I am wrong, but that none of us is either right or wrong. Perceptions of reality are only ever that, perceptions. A bit like trying to do the impossible with the improbable for the incorrigible." (Gurusidwebsite: <http://www.gurusid.net>)

It is as if we are stood upon a vast beach. Waves from an Infinite sea roll in across the sands, and as they recede they leave strange patterns both beautiful and beguiling. Yet whatever the human mind tries to do, no matter how much it kids itself, it will always be a case of so much speculation as to the meaning of those patterns in the sand, for it will change with every tide. For we too, like the very grains of sand and the spray from the waves, are eternally shifting and ephemeral. It is time surely to admit to the mystery, or rather to remember it in this flood tide of knowledge that we live in. For if we do not readmit to mystery, it will smash down the 'doors of our perception'¹ and a tidal wave of knowing will sweep us away.

The historically recent coalescence of ancient and modern, eastern and western, philosophical, spiritual and religious traditions and texts has caused a massive upheaval in the very notion of what one is ontologically, and what one should believe, (not that one 'should' believe anything!) Add to this mix the revelations of the materialistic sciences and the counter balance of the New Age and the resurgence of mystical consciousness found in meditation and pure awareness techniques, and one has a melting pot of views opinions and information about 'reality' that has never existed before anywhere in the human realm as far as can be discerned. Yet there is no overarching 'concept' or 'idea' that allows for all these other concepts to exist, or rather to coexist sensibly under one umbrella: rather the whole is fragmented into an incoherent mix that from a distance looks very grey indeed! Ultimately they are products of the human mind, either produced by it or 'through' it. It could be argued that none of the great movements of ideation and human thought that have appeared throughout history have had an open view about everything (despite some awkward attempts). Even though they may be well intended, any attempt to assimilate a thought structure outside of their own paradigm will be problematic because the existing thought structures in their own paradigm are from an entirely different context and as we shall see, hence have different *meanings*.

Generally then (and these are somewhat crass generalisations), there is Science (call it Cartesian-Newtonian-Quantum-Relativism!), the most 'recent' innovation in ideas which ignores the overly 'emotional' personal and subjective (and hence the spiritual), and claims to be 'value free'; while at the same time making judgement calls on everything from raw test data to hypothesis and theory. Witness the current Orthodoxy/Heresy debacle over the speed of light: new 'evidence' (data that's been around for nearly half a century!) says the speed of light changes; Orthodox Einstein-ism says it is a constant.² Come back Galileo, all is forgiven! Religion on the other hand, ignores the implications of quantum mechanics and of neurosciences 'God Spot'³, taking side wholly with emotion and personal selfhood and its eternal salvation (and control for social and monetary gain - shush, quiet - we don't talk about that! Scientists get grants, Religions get donations - this is the age of mammon after all!); while still managing to ignore the purely objective fact of reality here and now, preferring instead to argue for tradition and scripture. Psychology (psychologists - they get fees!) fatally mixes both, as well as dragging in sexuality as an ontology in its own right and manage to produce a mess so awful and confused that many of those who espouse it lose all will to live⁴: Psychology cannot cure us of our sorrow or save us from our despair. Instead of providing a cure, it numbs our experiential pains with pills!⁵ Add to this the expedient Political (lets not forget *that* sublime area of philosophy!) rationalisation that capitalism will resolve everything by allowing 'natural' market forces to rule. An ontology *for* the market place that may well see through its own surroundings however, is wholly different from one produced *by* it; despite the current Zeitgeist of applying the concept of commoditisation to everything, including the spiritual (?) market place!

There is then, a need for a modern primary view of reality; one that admits it is not a panacea, yet can encompass all realities that present themselves to our senses without the prejudice of denial either from personal opinion or from social orthodoxy. A tool to

¹ Huxley, Aldous, "The Doors of Perception", 1954, Chatto & Windus Ltd..

² Wallace, Bryan G. "The Farce of Physics", Pub; 1994 by The WindSpiel Co. (http://surf.de.uu.net/bookland/sci/farce/farce_1.html)

³ Quote:- "**Synopsis:** Findings seem to point to a region of the brain commonly referred to as the 'God Spot' or 'God Module', that when stimulated creates hallucinations that are interpreted as mystical or spiritual experiences. This 'spot' is stimulated during meditation and prayer and is affected by electromagnetic fields and epilepsy. The resulting hallucinations may be the cause of mystical, spiritual and paranormal experiences as they can give feelings such as a presence in the room or an out of body experience. In the case of epileptics, this may be the reason for many of them becoming obsessed with religion." (Authors Note: they did not test Darwinists on response to the word 'Darwin'!) & "A spokesman for Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford, said whether there is a "God module" is a question for scientists, not theologians. "It would not be surprising if God had created us with a physical facility for belief," he said. [From: <http://www.atheistempire.com/reference/brain/main.html>]

For an even more interesting and thought provoking article on Michael Persinger's electromagnetic field experiments on consciousness check out http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/7.11/persinger.html?pg=1&topic=&topic_set=

⁴ Statistical risk factors for suicide: - "Demographics; - Physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, police officers, attorneys (white male psychologists have the highest professional suicide rate)" from: <http://www.apa.org/monitor/nov01/suiciderisk.html>

⁵ The only movement to make any real headway in terms of actually providing a lasting change or 'cure' has been that of transpersonal psychology - see footnote on page 7.

contemplate the Infinite as it presents itself to the senses; to allow an open-ended enquiry into the absolute of existence. To see the whole beast and not just its parts, as is described in the tale of the three blind men who stumble across an elephant, and find variously a rope (tail) a tree (leg) and a big snake (trunk), and argue in vain that each is right and the other wrong until a sighted person comes to their aid and points out that its all a matter of *view point*. To assuage some of the post modernist confusion as to just 'what the hell is going on' (!), the following proposes just such; a *Primary View of Reality*.

If one were to start to paint a picture from absolute beginning, one would need a palate of only three 'primary' colours: Red, Blue and Yellow. From these Primary colours, one can recreate every hue and tone of the scene that is to be painted. This must be a 'function' of any Primary View of Reality; it must be able to explain - that is to recreate within its own framework - Every Aspect of that Reality however bizarre or strange, in terms of description, must be able to reproduce a coherent 'picture' with all the attendant hues and tones (at the same time it must always be remembered that it is a 'picture' and not the Reality – the map is never the terrain!). Given that a picture is worth a thousand words, this is no mean feat! This is what is proposed in the following text, a new or another way of looking at things, a really big TOE – Theory Of Everything. So are we ready to jump off the cliff and paint our descent into a Primary View of Reality? Here we go...

Infinity Is. Infinity is the term used here to describe the 'indescribable' absolute Reality that manifests itself ever anew moment by moment. It is literally infinite, in terms of its diversity and scale; from the infinitely large to the infinitely small, to all the subtle and not so subtle variations of everything; the very 'patterns in the sands' of perception. Even in a finite system, there is room for the 'Infinite'!

For example take the much-misunderstood symbol of the Yin/Yang circle⁶. (see Diagram. 1) The large circle seemingly encloses two areas of light and dark, being 'split' by a wavy line. These areas of light and dark are formed by the 'S' shape made by two semi-circles each half the diameter of the large circle. The interesting thing is that each semi circle is one quarter the whole circumference. Thus together, they make a 'S' shape line whose length is exactly one half the whole circumference. Further, this dividing of the inner semi-circles can continue, and no matter how many times this is done, all the smaller semi-circles' circumferences when added together still equal half the circumference of the big circle. Take this to infinity and one can see that what appears to be a straight line... is actually an infinite number of infinitely small semicircles equal in length to half the circumference of the original circle. So the areas 'A' and 'B', though half the original area of the large circle, are always enclosed by a *whole* circumference!

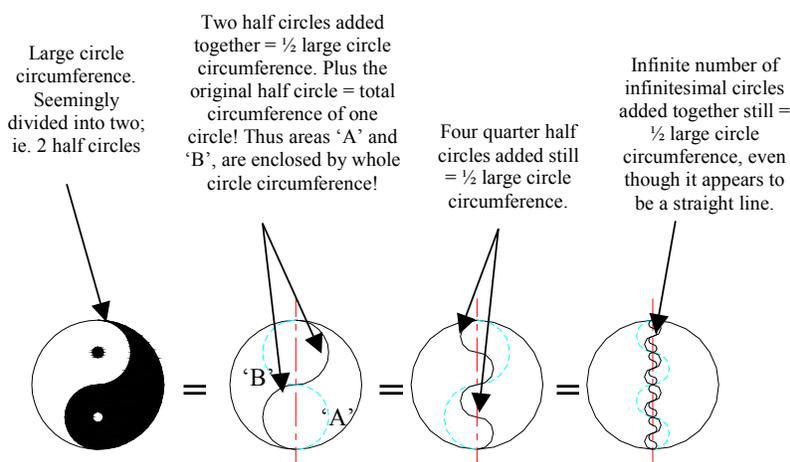


Diagram 1.

⁶ "The Chinese diagram symbolic of the *Tao* represents geometrically an interplay of two principles: the *yang*, the light, masculine or active, hot, dry, beneficent, positive principle; and its opposite, the *yin*, dark, feminine, passive, cold, moist, malignant, and negative. They are enclosed in a circle of which each occupies half, representing the moment (which is forever) when they generate the ten thousand things..."[see diagram] and "What this diagram represents geometrically is the mystery of the one circumference that becomes two and yields, then, the ten thousand things of creation. The unnamed, ineffable, yonder aspect of the same mystery, on the other hand, is represented simply by a circle...[I]n all things the yang and yin are present. They are not to be separated; nor can they be judged morally as good or evil. Functioning together, in perpetual interaction, now the one, now the other is uppermost" [From: Campbell, Joseph, "The Masks of God: Oriental Mythology," P.24,25; 1976 (1962) Penguin Books.]

There are, in this particular view, three aspects to the Infinite that are Primary and cannot be reduced: Infinite Energy, Infinite Dimension, and Infinite Intelligence. There is Energy: this is everything in terms of its 'substance', including its mass ($E=MC^2$) thus $M(\text{ass})=E/C^2$,⁷ this acts in Dimension, (that is where there is any Energy there is the space in which it acts), with Intelligence (that is according to observed 'patterns' or order, e.g. the laws of Physics). Everything can be seen as Energy acting in Dimension with Intelligence. Note that these three aspects are inseparable: they are Aspects of the Unconditioned Infinite Whole that is Ultimate Reality.

Again, it is important to understand that in this Concept of Primary Reality Infinity Exists. It is Reality. Let us dwell on this a moment to try and further clarify this term, Infinity. It is used to point to That Which Is. It Is 'what is' in all its possibilities and permutations. That which is right in front of one, immediately; without recourse to discursive thought and rationalisation; and yet these too are part of 'it'. It is the Primary Reality, the all abiding eternally present here and now; the Circle whose circumference is everywhere and centre now-here. Whatever description one wishes to use, it is the immanent reality that is both the ephemeral and the constant background to everything⁸.

However, it appears that there is a limitation to perception of this Reality in that the human brain/mind system cannot comprehend the 'infinity' of Infinity, at least not in its everyday state of consciousness. Also, there is no Absolute as such (apart from Infinity!), as everything is relative to everything else. There are no absolute beginnings and endings; all is infinitely incremental (just like calculus!), if some things seem fast and others slow then it is the *rate* of change that changes! So again, there are three primary aspects to this Infinite Reality: and they are Infinite Energy acting in Infinite Dimension with Infinite Intelligence. From these three primary aspects can be described the myriad forms of the manifest world. From the Infinitely large to the Infinitely small! Nothing ever 'ends' *per se*; end and beginning are seen as just thoughts. Only change is permanent, EDIs constantly flowing into and forming and decaying and flowing out of each and every other EDI, and all within the Infinite. 'Time' is yet another thought, again it's the rate of change, all there is in reality is a flow of energy in dimension with intelligence: to stop is to think of stopping. Death is the change of one EDI to another. Take a blade of grass. Ultimately it is 'created' from atoms arranged by other atoms in a certain order. Pick a blade of grass, set light to it, it is turned to ash. The same is true with the human body - on death it can be burnt and turned to ash. Death is just a change in scale. Time is the 'flow' of EDI, the process of EDI-fication!⁹ Time is the process of an EDI system manifesting, existing and ceasing. It is no surprise that time passes when one is having fun, as the increased energy of all the 'fun' speeds up the whole EDI! Further, this process of manifestation can be seen on the infinitely small scale to pop into and out of existence literally instant by instant. Each instantaneous manifestation causing ripples on the shore of Reality that appear to move causatively back and forward through what is perceived as time. Literally one thing leads to another, or as the Buddhists put it, dependant origination, what arises is dependant upon what went before and will condition what comes next. At the supra-cosmic level it is as if Eternity exists also in a moment – and that everything that could possibly happen has already happened, with the act of awareness being the recollection of each infinitesimal moment, and also an act of creation by recognising that which is, and not that which could have been or could yet be. There is only the constant manifestation of the present. All arises and all also ceases in that eternal singular moment, the forever now. It is interesting that John Wren Lewis describes 'his' experience of himself post enlightenment as "John Wren-Lewis-ing",¹⁰ implying a constant moment by moment manifestation. EDI is this and this and this. It is the surrounding you are in, it is these words that are in front of you.

From this ironic, seemingly 'holy' trine are created all things, or rather all things possess these three basic 'primary colours'. Take a rock, it has energy in the form of its basic mass, it has Dimension in that it has form and shape and occupies space, and it has Intelligence! Ok not the highest of IQ's granted but it has structure and it knows its place as regards the basic laws of physics. If it is hit with a hammer hard enough, it will break (so it's not stupid!). If this sounds a bit daft bear with me! This rock comprises an EDI system, when another EDI system, namely the hammer comes into contact with it, they in turn form another larger EDI system of rock and hammer combined. If their meeting takes place on the EDI system of a Planet, the combined EDI system will ensure that the fragments of rock fall in accordance with the intelligence of that EDI system, namely in the direction that the EDI system of ideas about Gravity describe, namely the planet's surface. Aha, yes, you see EDI's are also Ideas, or rather Ideation can be described in terms of EDI, for they too have Energy (ideas have energy – both as possibly electrical impulses in the brain and in the social environment as common focal points for like-minded aka similar EDI/minds), Dimension (they take up 'mental space'), and Intelligence, (though sometimes one wonders if the rock has the edge!). It is the constant manifestation of everything, just try and stop it! I think therefore I am; stop thinking 'I am' and one can stop the process of I am-ing!

Joking aside, this EDI system can be applied to anything in the universe as it is perceived. And the system is infinitely scaleable in all directions, from the infinitely large to the infinitely small. Take the rock, as one scales down, it can be seen that the rock is in

⁷ Also seen in the dichotomy exhibited by such 'radiation' as light – is it a wave? Is it a particle? A bird or a plane? (No it's not Superman either it's an EDI!)

⁸ Obviously to some, this would appear to be a description of Yahweh (it was not for nothing that the name of God was once considered unpronounceable = beyond words) 'God', 'Buddha-mind' Brahma, Tao etc, but the need here is to transcend these now somewhat outdated and culturally weighted 'concepts', and literally re-invent a new one – Re-Birthing God if you like!

⁹ This could be of significance with respect to the notion of 'Entropy'; that the observed energy of the universe is 'winding down' so to speak, and heading for Chaos. However, if the third aspect of Intelligence is added to this picture, it can be seen that an increase in entropy (that is a decrease in available energy in a system) tends to increase the 'intelligence' of that system, in terms of the 'increase in information' over perceived time, or history of the system, which can also of course be seen as EDI.

¹⁰ John Wren-Lewis in the "Dazzling Dark", Capacitie website.

fact comprised of chemical compounds in a crystalline structure (again Energy in Dimension with Intelligence). Further down the scale one comes to atoms, then further still to subatomic particles and on into the infinite that may well remain beyond investigation from this particular EDI system of the human realm on planet earth. Energy is the substance; literally the energy and the matter, Dimension is the extension or space, and Intelligence is the order and the information in the system¹¹.

The other aspect of the infinite is that it is not fixed, but constantly changing even if this change is small, infinitely small, there is always change. This is not another aspect, but part of all three; Energy *flows* in Dimension with Intelligence, as was explained above. EDI is not a static view, it is dynamic: even if it seems that an EDI system is static in relative terms, in infinite terms there is always change, infinitesimal change. Further, this constant change is what is perceived as the temporal dimension, and like other dimensions is a result of the interaction of all three primaries. The mundane result is what is often referred to as 'space-time' and is taken as a continuum. In terms of the infinite, perceived reality is very much more ephemeral. (as the Buddha said, 'all that is of the nature to arise, ceases also')

Another example of an EDI interpretation is the humble electron. Granted it is to a greater or lesser extent just a mental construct to describe a reality perceived in certain situations, but this is what EDI is all about so let's see how the electron fares. It can be seen how this 'EDI' interacts in the dimension of the 'larger' EDI of its surroundings. It should come as no surprise then that it can manifest as a 'wave' or a 'particle' depending upon the other EDIs that it encounters. For instance, passing the electrons through a slit produces the characteristics of interference seen with wave phenomena, yet by firing a similar beam at a gold foil in a vacuum, it is seen to produce a deflection of the foil, typical of particulate bombardment. (Think billiard balls thrown at a cat flap vs. a jet of water through a fine grill!) It is not that the 'electron' is either a particle or a wave or both, but that it is an EDI, and as such will act with other EDIs according to the intelligence of the combined system. It's a bit like the wysiwyg system of displaying text for printing in computers, literally, What You See Is What You Get! The innate order of the EDI system dictates what is perceived. If one constructs an apparatus to detect something in the right way in terms of the total EDI of that apparatus, the result will be the manifestation of the desired something according to that particular apparatus - even if it is nothing - as the greater influence of the EDIs often referred to as the laws of physics dictate otherwise! But do not underestimate the power of creation, witness the ever increasing number of exotic subatomic particles 'designed' by the mathematics of theoretical physics (the laws say it can be) and manifested by high energy equipment of particle accelerators (so let it be!). A good example of Energy (a lot of) working in Dimension (often a very small space) with Intelligence (within the apparent laws of Physics). Think of a particle accelerator several miles long ending in a chamber the size of a melon, producing 'things' that exist for nanoseconds!

So, one has EDI as the 'Primary Colours' of Reality. Now, if one comes down (or up - depending where you are starting from!) the EDI scale from the Infinite to the level of every day phenomena, one can say that these EDIs are events. They form discreet 'packets or quanta' in the Infinite Reality 'field' that is perceived by humans. Thus it can be seen that there is an Eventual Reality that is actually composed of EDI events. (see below for Indras/Infinity Net) Now here is where EDI gets Transcendent, because as a purely existential description of perceived phenomena Energetic Dimensional Intellect is fine, but what is aware of all of it? Well, Infinite Awareness! Infinite Consciousness! Call it what you like, but as an Epiphenomenon of EDI there is Awareness. No EDI = no event = no eventual reality = no awareness = no existence. Awareness is not an 'Aspect' of Reality however; it is more like the subjective perception of Existence Itself. It's the result of there being EDI in the first place. In terms of human 'consciousness' it is the Awareness of sense perceptions, these perceptions themselves being reliant upon the particular functioning of brain cells and chemicals in a certain order - yet another EDI of course.¹²

This is in fact a pointer to another severe misconception in the deluded realm: that Awareness is only 'attainable' by tortuous rites or 'gifted' by grace¹³. It is neither: in the view put forward here it is the very ground of being: right here, right now. But so thick and so dense is the soup of ignorance that all we taste is suffering. However, trying to purify the clouded mind with more 'pea soup' ideas just thickens the mix. This is maybe why so many 'Enlightenments' occur around death: The Buddha's near death from starvation under the Bodhi tree, Christ's death and Resurrection on the cross; modern examples such as John Wren Lewis's near fatal poisoning, and Eckhart Tolle's near suicide. It is only when perchance and by accident that the mind is 'switched off'¹⁴ or becalmed in some manner that the blatantly obvious shines through - "The Ground of All Being"¹⁵! It is this *seemingly* ephemeral

¹¹ The only bugbear in the theory, and it is just a theory or 'model' or paradigm, is whether to use Information instead of Intelligence, which might better fit the current Zeitgeist of the current EDI (or even 'EDI' current!) of modern 'internet' and information age thought processes. It might be in keeping with going with the flow and EDI of post-modern life!

¹² While most consciousness centres in the body, there is also such consciousness as 'remote viewing' and other strange events which seem not to be body centric. (see foot note 22 on Transpersonal Consciousness, p.9) Here EDI comes into its own in terms of examining these aspects of reality, as it includes everything including both subject and object; so whether the answer is some sort of dislocated soul type 'energy', or the brain acting as some sort of radio, or indeed a being who is aware of some greater background 'consciousness', EDI admits all as EDIs in themselves; as ways of describing reality.

¹³ This connotes a God bestowing Grace upon a chosen subject - when in fact there is no God and no Subject for one is the other and *vice-versa*. Better to say one dies with Grace, fully (in terms of acceptance), for this is maybe closer to the fact.

¹⁴ As in the cases of NDE (Near Death Experience) etc.

¹⁵ The late great Joseph Campbell talks of Dr Paul Tillich's Ground of Being: "Emerson (1803-1882)... puts the mystery before us very simply and clearly when he states: 'We live in succession, in division, in parts, in particles. Meantime within man is the soul of the whole; the wise silence; the universal beauty, to which every part and particle is equally related; the eternal ONE.' Which is exactly, of course, Paul Tillich's "Ground of Being", and would be India's *Brahman*, too, as well as the Buddhist "body of truth" (*dharmakaya*), were it not for a particular and great stress given throughout the works of the Western writers to the personal, individual embodiment of the mystery as a value in itself: as though to suggest that the place to recognise the *personality* of God (so important to theology) is not in

backdrop to the *actually* transitory mundane reality that is in fact the Infinite writ large. But alas no one can show you, no one can even guide you, you must go there yourself and taste IT, for indeed: IT IS good; or rather more to the point distinctions of this is good and this is bad are entirely absent: it is just as IT IS.¹⁶ It may well be that Sainthood aka a perfect personality, spiritual powers, and such like may take a lifetime, but Enlightenment is already here, hence perhaps the reason for so many stories of wise fools and enlightened scoundrels throughout the ages.

This is also maybe the reason that writers such as G.K.Chesterton and Thomas Traherne et al (see Capacitie site), and indeed probably all great writers *per se* including the poets, have had insights as John Wren Lewis discovered. It is because something in the writing process allows something *other* from this Ground of Being to flow out, like a spring flows out of the ground, and like a spring it provides life for many varied and rich creative fauna and flora to grow and flourish.

But what does all this mean? There is a problem with meaning in general. It must be understood that there is a fundamental difference between knowing and meaning. One only has to check the dictionary to see that meaning and knowing are categorically different. This is the difficulty with words. They are a product of communication; they are the message medium, not the message itself.¹⁷ For instance, I know the taste of an apple, but it doesn't mean anything. Meaning is indeed contextual; a bell ringing for the conditioned Pavlovian dog 'means' dinner; in terms of EDI it is the EDI system of Bell EDI vibrating Air EDI vibrating Ear drum EDI triggering nerves and neurons which react in a set pattern in brain EDI; to the unconditioned mind, the one who knows, it is what it is, as it is. In this respect EDI could be said to be a system that is 'meaning' free: that is, it comes before conditionality, as it is taken as the Primary aspects of the Unconditioned Infinite. EDI can be used as a methodology in thought and the thinking process to give meaning and understanding, to put an Event into context— something that seems to be a peculiarity of the human brain – beyond the purely 'isness' of existence.

Language can be (and sometimes by default is) a barrier here: for instance there is the well known observation that different sounds are found in different languages and are 'programmed' into the developing brain at an early age. Later, if another language is learnt, it is found that certain sounds are very difficult to reproduce. It is like a conditioned deafness and muteness that has come about purely due to the developing brains exposure to a certain linguistic environment. The fact is that humans live in a conditioned reality: conditioned by the fact of being human and living in an information matrix called body, society and culture with other humans with five defined input senses and a sixth sense of mind and emotion¹⁸ (mind here is taken as the place where thoughts and feelings arise). Indeed the mind could be said to be like a special sponge that absorbs and adapts to its environment, acting as the anchor for the body in that dimension that it finds itself in, allowing the body to thus survive and reproduce. As a survival mechanism it is second to none, but again as John Wren-Lewis has pointed out¹⁹, it seems to be hyperactive²⁰. Perhaps this is because of the EDI of the mind/body existence: conceived and born in the distant past in an extremely hostile environment by comparison with today, when all the sabre-toothed lions and tigers had gone it found the greatest enemy it had to 'face and defeat' was itself in the guise of other body/minds. Does not thought breed emotion, which in turn breeds action leading to yet more thoughts? If all are seen as EDIs acting in the greater EDI of the history of human development, one can start to take the 'personal' out of it, and see it as a manifestation of Energy acting in Dimension with Intelligence and sometimes Ignorance! But this is the point: what is IS, it is neither good nor bad, that is a judgement call from the conditioned judgemental mind. There is still like and dislike; bad food tastes good, good food tastes bad! But this is not an attempt at amorality. Rather it is an attempt to detach from the constant action/reaction cycle, and to see things as they really are; and by becoming aware of what -actually is, to thus bring in the transcendent and in doing so to allow for the mystery.

However, one of the main barriers to Awareness is the pernicious social systems that have manifested themselves and enslaved humanity.²¹ This is where EDI comes into its own, because it is, to my limited knowledge, the only system that encompasses *Everything* within the compass of humanity's experience: from the physical to the mental to the emotional and to the social, all can be seen as EDIs: Energetic Dimensions with Intelligence (or Order if your mind finds the idea of intelligent ideas and emotions troublesome – I know mine did and still does!!) In fact, Alan Mann has commented that the mind is indeed an EDI, a sort of super Holon²². This is a brilliant observation! Do you see how simple it is? Start with the Primary Colours, and LO! Before we know it we have a whole palate to play with. It allows a freeing up of the capacity of the imagination to create spontaneous insight. Further,

transcendence, "out there," beyond thought, beyond personality, but here in this life, in its immanence, in the faces, personalities, loves, and lives all around us, in our friends, our enemies, and ourselves." [italics in original] From: Campbell, Joseph, *The Masks of God: Creative Mythology*, P.579, 1976 [1968], Penguin Books.
¹⁶ The Buddhists refer to Pleasant, Unpleasant, and Neutral sensations in the sensory realm non of which are to be attached to or pushed away, but accepted for what they are, which kind of meets half way: aka the Middle Path!

¹⁷ Indeed often the received medium is often re-cognized into a completely different message altogether! What is written is never what is read, so one expects an infinite number of EDIs to come from this EDI of communication!

¹⁸ I subscribe to the Buddhist notion that the mind constitutes a 'sixth' sensory organ, through which ideas and emotions are experienced. Note I also think that there is an east/west distinction between the mental/emotional/cognitive centres, with the west having the paradigm of 'head = thinking/known and heart = emotions', and the east having 'mind= thinking + emotion' and 'heart' as 'knowing'. This has caused great confusion, because like spoken language, these two totally different ways of looking at reality are 'programmed in' at an early age.

¹⁹ "Unblocking a Malfunction in Consciousness" – see John Wren Lewis on Capacitie website.

²⁰ See also Daniel Goleman's "Emotional Intelligence" [Goleman, Daniel, 1996, Bloomsbury Publishing, Plc] in which he looks at the functioning of the amygdale, the brains "emergency trigger" and its relationship to emotional well being: "The connections between the amygdale (and related limbic structures) and the neocortex are the hub of the battles or cooperative treaties struck between head and heart, thought and feeling. This circuitry explains why emotion is so crucial to effective thought, both in making wise decisions and in simply allowing us to think clearly." P.27.

²¹ Again John Wren-Lewis alludes to such in his essay 'Mystical Awakening' on Capacitie website.

²² Or super Colon if you think this is all a load of crap!

there is the possibility that 'Capacitie' (as Alan describes the term on his website) is a direct match for Infinity in terms of the Transcendent.

This EDI awareness is also the same for every one and every thing. Interestingly this shared consciousness might explain such phenomena as observed by Stanislav Groff whose work on transpersonal experiences with people who could recount what it was like to be "animals, plants or even inanimate objects and processes"²³ while under the influence of psychedelic drugs, detailed knowledge that they had no prior access to. If Awareness as consciousness is at last unified, then indeed 'we' are not alone, for 'we' are in fact not just one or at one, but The One. It is maybe only the focusing caused by the density of the body that keeps awareness tied to the mortal flesh.

To aid in the understanding of the Awareness that results from EDI (as seen above – even stones can have 'awareness!'), below are some diagrammatic explanations of EDI Theory and how it might work as a Transcendent and Holistic view of everything.

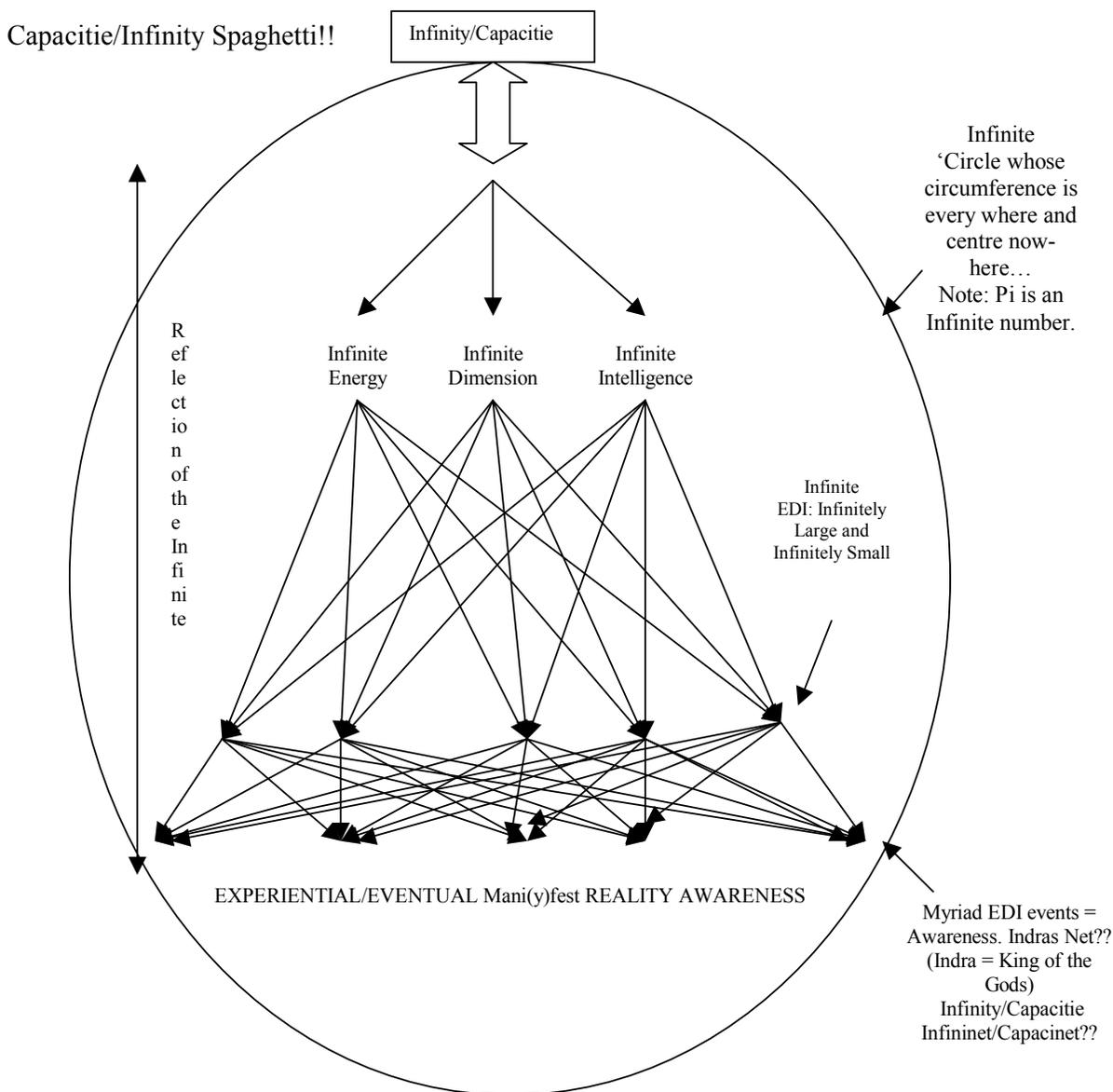


Diagram 2.

²³ "Some other transpersonal phenomena involve transcendence of spatial rather than temporal barriers. Here belong the experiences of merging with another person on a state of dual unity* or completely identifying with him or her, turning into the consciousness of an entire group of persons, or expanding one's consciousness to the extent that it seems to encompass all of humanity. In a similar way, one can transcend the limits of the specifically human experience and tune into what appears to be the consciousness of animals, plants, or even inanimate objects and processes. In the extreme, it is possible to experience the consciousness of all creation, of our planet, on the entire material universe." Groff, Stanislav, "Beyond the Brain", 1985, p129-130, State University Of New York.

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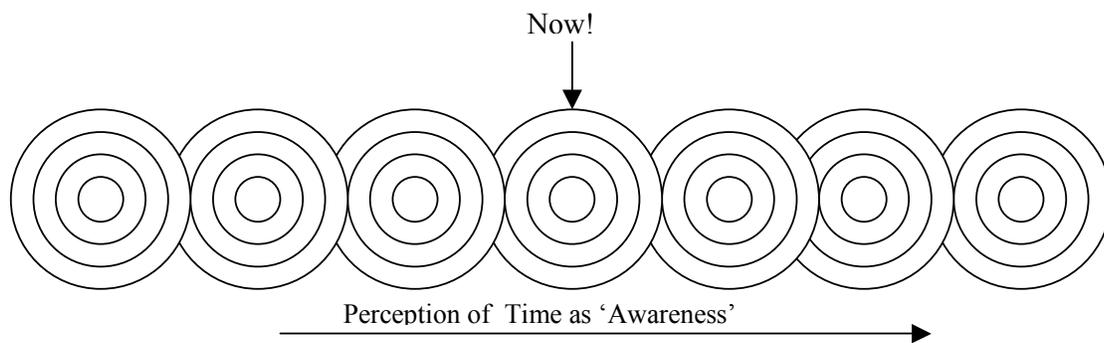
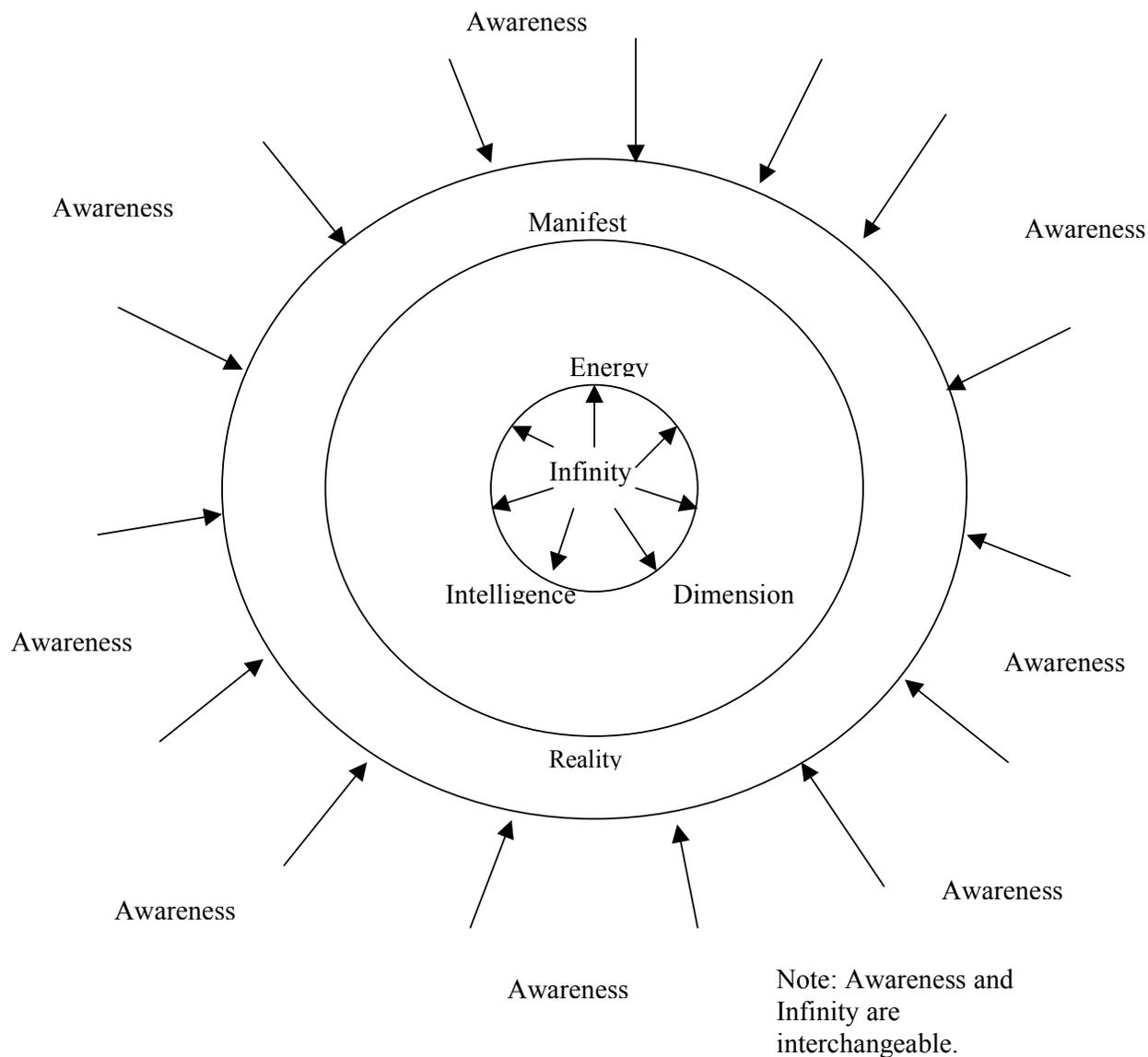


Diagram 3.

These diagrams present a rough out of how EDI might (or might not) be seen transcendentally (in terms of not being limited by the purely physical). Again, it is important to realise that Energy, Dimension and Intelligence are all mutually supportive: they are aspects of ONE thing, not separate entities in their own right. The Eventual Reality of EDI gives rise to the epiphenomena of Awareness. This to some extent might tie in with Douglas Harding's²⁴ work in terms of the Awareness: that which is awareness is found to actually be empty, because ultimately it is a Reflection of Ultimate Reality that is The Infinite. It is a bit of a cosmic Joke that one either 'gets' or does not 'get' as I think Harding's work testifies. In my own opinion, it is always a matter of expression; throughout the ages IT has revealed IT's self (ontological pun intended!) to be explained in the language of the day, and by whatever means are available. In this respect all concepts of Reality have a shelf life (and maybe a 'use by' date stamp would be useful!) as in this case an EDI-fied reality, while primary, can be seen to be just another EDI itself, produced in a particular social milieu (another EDI), by a human mind of that milieu (again another EDI), and so relatively speaking might not fit into an EDI created further down the line. This is the beauty of an EDI system, it recognises its own demise, and has the reason built in! It is both eternal and ephemeral...

Also, it is important to contemplate the 'reflective' quality of EDI. Indeed, a good meditation is to contemplate on whether or not an infinite 'mirror' can ever see itself reflected in another infinite mirror (imagine a mirror that reflects everything – not just light), or indeed does it only see infinity? Also, there is this practical experiment (if you haven't tried already!): By putting two mirrors together, line them up and look at one mirror to see the other reflected in it; note the 'recursive' infinite reflection! The problem is that the mirror analogy is just that: again when talking of the Infinite, words often fail or break down. For instance, as in Diagram 2, the mirror is part of the infinity net, yet is itself an integral part of the Whole of the Reality that it presumably reflects, however within the EDI structure it will only reflect what its own EDI system structure will allow in its own immediate EDI environment. As energy acts in dimension with intelligence forming the 'web' of manifestation, it is easy to lose 'sight' of the fact that this itself is an analogy, a model to virtually shoe-horn that which is beyond conception into a concept! Good job EDI wears a big Shoe (Simple Holotropic Original Explanation!) size for that big Toe (Theory Of Everything)!

In diagram 3, an EDI event can be taken as a 'drop' in the surface of a still pond. As the ripples spread out from the infinitesimal drop, manifest reality comes into being from the three primary aspects. This then gives rise to Awareness of the Event. If one imagines a whole line of these 'drops of the infinite', one can see that they will merge with each other at the edge; the edge being awareness itself, and this will in turn give rise to a perception of a larger *continuous* Event, and in fact a *continuum* of Eventual Reality consciousness. Also the centre can be seen as awareness as well, and the overlapping 'edges' as the Infinite, as awareness itself is seen as a reflection of the infinite, and *vice-versa*. However, note that the inner circles of the infinitesimal EDI remain, as Infinite Events²⁵. If this is extrapolated, so that the events are laid out, one can get a sense of where the 'illusion' of time comes from - from the infinite process of myriad events manifesting into Reality, each and all dependant upon its predecessor in an infinite procession! This would explain how both premonition and 'distant' memory, (such as ancestral or 'past life' memories) work. It is the awareness of the ripples caused by Events, flowing outward into eternity while close-up the whole chain marches past the eternal *Now* moment being ever presently experienced.

To sum up then: EDI might best be described as a metaphysical system. There is the Infinite. From this come the myriad aspects of existence. In terms of perception, there are three 'primary' aspects: These are infinite energy, infinite dimension, and infinite intelligence. (This is the information contained within and ordering the energetic dimension). These three are aspects of the whole, and as such are not isolatable as separate 'things'. For instance, infinite energy acts in infinite dimension with infinite intelligence. This is the broadest possible description of everything, using the EDI system

Finally, EDI allows a new and broad Primary view of Reality. It introduces the subject to a holistic picture of reality that encompasses every conceivable phenomenon and probably quiet a few that are not. It promotes an open acceptance of things as they are while pointing to the absence of an egocentric personal existence. All is within all, flowing together as an undifferentiated whole; despite there being separate patterns and forms laid upon the sands of the infinite, the only real division coming from the thought process of the judgemental conditioned mind, itself an Energetic Dimensional Intellect acting with other EDIs in the EDI of the entire known, and yet to be known, Universe.

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²⁴ "English philosopher **Douglas E. Harding**, born in 1909, developed a method of self-enquiry, sometimes called 'headlessness' or 'seeing who you really are' ('seeing' for short). It is a contemporary investigation of the question Who am I? and shows that you can see Who you really are here and now. It provides simple but deep awareness exercises that direct you to this Seeing within yourself, what I am calling *Capacitie* and assuming Traherne used the word in the same way. Douglas Harding's most well-known book, 'On Having no Head' subtitled 'Zen and the Rediscovery of the Obvious', was first published in 1960. To quote Amazon Books reviewer Tepi *If you really want to grasp what all the great Indian and Tibetan and Chinese and Japanese Masters and Sages and Rishis have been trying to convey to their disciples down through the centuries, all you need do is read this short book of just eighty pages by Douglas E. Harding called 'On Having No Head'!*" From 'Capacitie' website; <http://www.capacitie.org/> Harding home page.

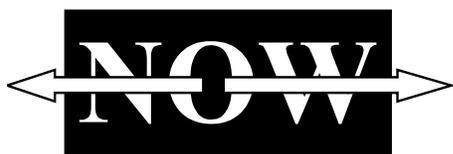
²⁵ There is as mentioned before, a Buddhist description to do with Dependant Origination (Paṭiccasamuppāda) that has some similarities to this model presented here. However, this model was developed before the Author had any contact with Buddhism, and relates solely to the EDI system.

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