

# School of Consciousness

## Everything Connects

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### Introduction

“Teleconsciousness” is the ability to know or perceive at a distance, in space or time, without any physical means. Telepathy and precognition are probably the best known examples. Teleconsciousness is possible only because everything in the universe is instantaneously connected to everything else, and because we are a part of this connectedness. In this article I discuss this connectedness and some of its implications.

### The Connected Universe

As Ervin Laszlo reminds us in his book *The Creative Cosmos*, the universe is not a vacuum. It is the opposite, a *plenum*, because there is no such thing as empty space. Every cubic millimetre of what we think of as empty space is in fact crammed with a huge number of “fields”, all interpenetrating each other. At any point in the universe, including any point on or in our own bodies, there are an incalculable number of gravitational and electromagnetic fields flowing through each other, and this is the very stuff of which we believe matter, not vacuums, are made. Admittedly, from our own limited human perspective, the universe appears to be largely empty. Even on the most star-studded night, there is more dark than light up there. Yet, were it possible for us to see things from the point of view of, say, an electron, our own human bodies, very solid as far as we are concerned, would appear to consist largely of empty space, in just the same way as the universe appears to us to be largely empty, such are the vast differences in perspective. From the universe’s point of view, it is we who are the

equivalent of electrons, or even smaller! From its own point of view, however, the universe is a single, solid, integrated body, just as we are solid from our own point of view. This has profound implications, but first it needs a little more explanation.

We find it easy to comprehend the integrity, the unity, of relatively small things, such as a frog or a watch. This is no doubt because we are able to see the whole of them at once. We even experience ourselves as single units in which all the parts are somehow connected to each other. The problem arises only when we try to adopt a perspective higher than our own, and try to see much larger entities – the whole human race, for instance – as single units. As it happens, we can probably stretch our minds far enough to be able to recognise the integrity of the human race as a whole, as a single unit. And, although it becomes increasingly difficult to do so, this process can be repeated up the scale, so to speak, seeing things from ever higher perspectives. If we do so, the unity and integrity of larger and larger things becomes apparent. We come to recognise that each is, *in its own terms*, a single entity, a single solid body. The following description of the solar system, seen from the perspective of something much larger than it, beautifully illustrates this:

“There will then appear an extraordinarily complex and beautiful figure. The planetary paths, drawn out into manifold spirals of various tensions and diameters, have now become a series of iridescent sheaths veiling the long white-hot thread of the Sun, each shimmering with its own characteristic colour and sheen, the whole meshed throughout by a gossamer-fine web woven from the eccentric paths of innumerable asteroids and comets, glowing with some sense of living warmth and ringing with an incredibly subtle and harmonious music. This figure is not in one detail fantastic. The width of the planets’ orbits will determine the size of each enveloping sheath: the diameter of the planet the coarseness or fineness of the thread of which it is spun: the planet’s relative curvature its refractive index or colour: the number and distance of its moons its sheen or luminescence: while the speeds of planetary rotation will the cause the totality of sheaths to emit a magnetic or living emanation.”

(Rodney Collin: The Theory of Celestial Influence)

### **Gravity and Light**

Now, if the universe is indeed a single, solid body in its own terms, this strongly suggests that all its parts are connected to each other, regardless of distance. In some ways we already know this, although we have not yet joined all the dots together and

followed up the implications (I shall discuss some of these later in this article). For example, we know that all matter is connected to all other matter by means of gravity. It is true that the influence of gravity weakens with distance, but it nonetheless continues to extend indefinitely. This surely means that every fragment of matter in the universe (including those fragments of which our bodies are composed) is connected to every other fragment. When you stop to think about this, it is astonishing. But there is even more. There is something in physics called “Mach’s Principle”. Although it is quite technical, it can be expressed colloquially as “all matter is generated by forces originating in *all* the other matter of the universe, including distant matter”. What this means is that not only is all the matter of the universe wholly interconnected (by gravity), *it owes its very existence to this connectedness*. As Arthur Koestler pointed out, the metaphysical implications of this are profound: “...for it follows from it not only that the universe as a whole influences local terrestrial events, but also that local events have an influence, however small, on the universe as a whole.” (Janus: A Summing Up: 1978)

The universe is connected in other ways too. It is connected by light. Although the effect of light also weakens with distance, it too continues forever. We know that the light from distant stars and galaxies reaches us hundreds of millions of years after it has been emitted. If it can endure for that long, it can surely do so forever. Now if this is true for light, a particular band on the electromagnetic spectrum, it must be true for all the other forms of electromagnetic radiation that fill the universe. This means that the universe is interconnected, not just as a *plenum* of gravitational fields, but also as a *plenum* of electromagnetic fields. But the story does not end here. There are much stranger forms of connectedness. I am speaking here about “non-locality”.

### **Instant Connection**

“Non-locality” is the term used to describe the relationship that is retained between two sub-atomic particles after they have interacted in some way. However distant they become from each other, there remains an instantaneous relationship between them. Whenever something happens to one of the pair, the other is *immediately* affected, even if it is on the far side of the galaxy. The normal limitations of the speed of light do not appear to apply, and this has been confirmed experimentally over decades.

One of the logical implications of Mach's Principle is that non-locality is not restricted to sub-atomic activity. It may turn out to be a characteristic of everything in the

universe, whatever its size or nature. The reasoning for this is straightforward. Gravity is at the heart of Mach's Principle and although the effect of gravity weakens with distance (Newton's famous calculation) the effect is nonetheless instantaneous, regardless of distance. Therefore gravity can be thought of as non-local connectedness operating on the "macro" level. Now, if non-locality does indeed apply to everything in the universe, and not just to the sub-atomic level, then this must include us, since we are just as much part of the universe as everything else. We should not be surprised, therefore, to find evidence of non-locality in our lives. For example, telepathy, precognition, and astrological correlation may well be examples of non-locality, because they are examples of connectedness without any apparent physical cause. And if non-locality is a basic feature of the universe, then perhaps we should prepare ourselves for it becoming a basic feature of our lives too. We may be directly connected to others and the world in ways we had not imagined. And this implies that we may be able to consciously connect to others and the world, without the need for technology, and regardless of how far away they are.

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