

Muse Two.

Nothingness.

Everything has the same basic structure of Simple or Complex Molecules: the Molecules are made up of a structure of Atoms: each Atom consists of a Nucleus, of Protons and Neutrons, around which Electrons orbit.

There are also Sub-Atomic Particles of which much remains to be discovered.

All the basic constituents take the form of Energy, such that material classified as a Solid is not truly so; the apparent Solidity is due entirely to the Force Fields associated with the Atomic and Molecular Bonding.

If we were to analogise an Atom with the Solar System; and molecules with Galaxies etc.; we would perceive that the bulk volume of all matter consists mainly of the spaces between the 'Centres of Energy'.

If all this Space is empty it may be perceived to be full of Nothingness.

If a Concept of Nothingness is equally as unimaginable as Infinity; it may be more acceptable to think of the Space as being full of Somethingness. We shall come to see that the state of 'Somethingness' has been recognised since time immemorial; known by the various names apparent in later Muses and Commentaries.

Quantum Physicists have - during the period since this essay was first drafted - been forced to recognise its existence: they have called it The Quantum Field. Additionally this possibly equates to the concept of an original, eternal, infinite reality in which our created reality is no more than a ripple.

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It is likely that anyone who believes Soul to be unique to mankind - located within the body of each individual - will be unable to accept this precept.

Anyone not so restricted should consider their position as similar to the followers of all the many Nature based Faiths all of whom accept the possible existence of a 'Life Force as being a certainty.

My personal perceptions was of a metaphorical Ocean of Soul permeating all things, Living and Inanimate.

It was possible this Ocean comes complete with currents, Gulf-Streams, Tides, Hot Spots, Cold Spots, and all the other manifestations of Weather Systems etc.

Should this be so, it might explain some of the unexplained phenomena and events constantly reported throughout recorded history.

It will almost certainly have a connection with:

1. Crowd Behaviour.
2. Atmospheres', as associated with Buildings and Places.
3. Healing and other Alternative Therapies.
4. Telepathy.
5. Dowsing.
6. Companionship, Green Fingers, Intuition, and Phobias etc.

In fact it is likely to include all thoughts, actions, reactions, perceptions etc., for which there is no cause-effect relationship. The concept of an eternal infinite reality permeating everything and everyone offers greater credibility to the unexplainable. However, the physical metaphors used in the Ocean of Soul context seem much less likely.

Of this list the subject of Crowd Behaviour is likely to generate the least scepticism.

It has been long accepted the Psychology of a Crowd differs from the statistical summation of the psychological characteristics pertaining to the individuals making up the crowd.

In a crowd situation the most fundamental change is that the behaviour of many of the individuals is significantly different. Not only is it different; they are often not aware that they are acting differently.

It may be a Crowd behaves something like a Slime Slug Colony.

A Slime Slug consists of many thousands of single cell organisms: whenever their food supply is depleted, they seem to have the ability to organise themselves in order to take, not only the shape of a Slug, but also in that form are able to move to another food source site; exhibiting all the movements and characteristics of a Slug while so travelling.

Rationally such communal behaviour should be perceived as miraculous, bordering as it does upon the impossible: instead it becomes another abnormality considered unworthy of comprehension.

Clearly in times of common necessity their individuality becomes subservient: their individual Souls, Intellects, or whatever, transfigure into a Communal Version.

While the Migration, of a multitude, is not uncommon in Nature: the mechanism of organisation is equally not understood: the behaviour of the Slime Mould is more inexplicable, on account of the inability of any of the single organism to undertake the journey on its own.

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There has been much comment about the worldwide public response to the events following the death of Princess Diana.

It was an example of a shared emotion, of unusual magnitude, which affected not only the immediate crowd but also - through the medium of Television - a world wide audience: many of whom made long journeys, compelled by a desire to be a part of the immediate crowd.

It was an unprecedented event: not yet fully explained: probably destined to remain so.

Was it perhaps analogous with The Slime Slug Syndrome?

As with all Hypotheses there is an Enigma.

If the Body exists in an Ocean of Soul, what separates the Soul within the Body from the external Ocean of Soul?

The Slime Slug Syndrome, the behaviour of Herd, Flock, Crowd, requires the Internal and External Souls to be In-Circuit.

The enigma is perhaps best illustrated by the apparent struggle at the moment of death: Is it a struggle to escape, or, to stay?

Until something better comes along I perceive the transition between Life and Death to be akin to the operation of a Transistor: this acts as an off-switch until sufficient potential is generated to allow the current to pass. Perhaps an external stimuli allows the switch to function at a lower internal potential.

We are thus left in a situation in which we have a structure based upon an unexplained nothingness, universally perceived as a solidity that is the foundation of our physical existence.

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Given that we shall never be able to truly know, the concept of an eternal, infinite, fundamental, reality that pervades the whole of our created reality and is thus at least contiguous with the Quantum; does offer something that appears perceivable.

Whether an individual is able to perceive it as such will depend upon the openness – or lack of openness – of their mind: to me it would seem to have the potential to explain much that is now inexplicable.

Perhaps some will feel uncomfortable with a concept that makes the non-physical connection with others inevitable in the appropriate conditions!

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