

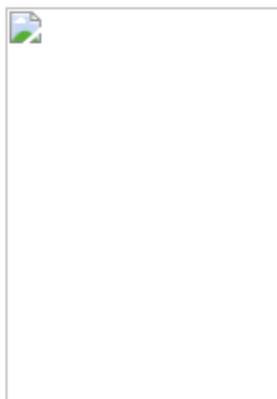
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Consciousness alone is
Everything else is its modulations
We humans are a species of consciousness
Evolution is a never ending horizon
Technology is the latest adventure of consciousness
We will soon merge with and become hybrids of human consciousness and artificial intelligence (created by us
and therefore of consciousness)

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On Jan 15, 2017, at 4:57 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

in your view is there a place of no consciousness? what is energy? is energy a human construct. ? is it there before humans. ? we say a gaggle of geese and a pride of lions . . are you suggesting we merely say matter of atoms. an agreed term for the group?

On Sat, Jan 14, 2017 at 3:46 PM, Deepak Chopra <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Just a thought - a philosophical conundrum

If thought is a result of neurochemical activity in synaptic networks why would these neurochemicals want to know their own nature .

Physical structures and the names we give them are human constructs for cognitive and perceptual experiences in human consciousness.

Is Matter material ?

Or is it an activity of nothingness- whatever you want to call that - quantum vacuum etc .

I asked Frank Wilczek The Nobel Physicist the same question and he said " our understanding of matter is still evolving . "

What is the entity that wants to understand , to know , and why ?

If reality is One then matter and consciousness are just words humans invented for ultimate mystery ?

I'm told by scientists " one day we will understand " .

So who or what is it that wants to know itself ?

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On Jan 14, 2017, at 10:43 AM, Michael Shermer < > wrote:

Hi Deepak,

Thanks for this interesting article.

It seems to me these are all examples of the causal arrow going from brain/neural activity to mind/consciousness/qualia. The first causes the second. This is, in any case, how the vast majority of neuroscientists interpret such findings. The author's conclusion...

an as-of-yet unrecognized causal principle underlying the entire pattern

Seems to me to be another example of a god-of-the-gaps argument.

Oliver Sacks writes about such experiences in many of his books (clinical case studies he had as a neurologist), and in his autobiography he writes about how he intentionally stimulated such experiences through psychedelics! To my ears the descriptions of his and his patients' experiences are indistinguishable from those of mystics and shamans who report them as well.

Michael

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