

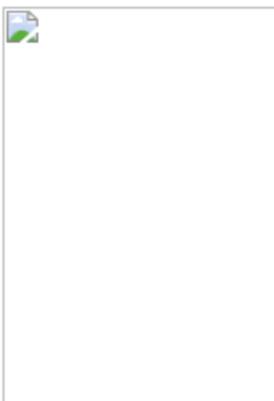
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From: Deepak Chopra <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 2, 2017 at 6:29:16 AM EST
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Subject: Re: Brian Greene on We could be a simulation

No Michael

I do not agree with Brian that we are simulation . Let me summarize the monistic consciousness worldview .

- 1 Whenever we use the word " we " or " I " - it is consciousness that is being referred to .
- 2 Mind / Body/Universe are experiences in consciousness.
- 3 Consciousness is that in which all experience occurs , all experience is known , and out of which all experience is made . It is the knowing element in every experience .
- 4 Fundamental experience is in the form of sensations images feelings thoughts perceptions.
- 5 Experiences are modifications of consciousness- thoughts and perceptions are modified forms of consciousness,
- 6 You cannot separate an object from the perception of it .
- 7 Consciousness is non local and therefore formless , timeless spaceless.

- 8 Humans are a species of consciousness that have created models out of basic experiences or qualia (sensations images feelings thoughts perceptions)
- 9 Mind / Body / Universe are human constructs, conceptualized in consciousness. In that sense the world we experience is our simulation (hence You Are The (Human) Universe .
- 10 Consciousness is personal, interpersonal, collective, transpersonal, trans species (you share awareness with your dog, cat etc without a clue as to their actual perceptual experience) collective and universal. (universal does not mean extending in endless directions of space time but just formless and not in space time)
- 11 All sentient beings (species) are extensions of one consciousness and are conditioned aspects of pure consciousness .
- 12 Consciousness cannot be visualized or perceived but modifies itself into images thoughts perceptions etc .
- 13 Our fundamental Being is consciousness/ awareness
- Descartes was incorrect when he said " I think therefore I am "
- It's the other way around " I am therefore I think " . Before a thought arises there is awareness . So too before images or perceptions arise there is awareness .
- 14 Awareness/ consciousness is the common ground of all experience. Awareness is One , perceptions are innumerable .
- 15 The objectification of experience creates the " simulation " of an external world 🌐 that includes the Body/Mind experience.
- 16 The real You is not the Body / Mind/Universe (they go together) but the formless being who experiences Body/ Mind/ Universe as an intermittent stream of sensations images feelings thoughts perceptions.
- 17 By objectifying experience we created an external world , learned to quantify it , measure it , tabulate it , create phyla etc - all human constructs around raw experience.
- 18 There is no hard problem of consciousness if that's your ontological primitive. All there is - is consciousness and its modifications as experience.
- 19 Laws of Nature are regularities of experience .
- 20 God as conceptualized by religions is also a human construct- just like the Big Bang !
21. Science cannot explain experience (hard problem) including the experience of doing science .
- 22 Science is the greatest adventure that consciousness has undertaken but because it is based on subject / object split it can be used for our destruction- nuclear weapons , climate change, extinction of species , eco destruction etc
- 23 A science within consciousness would be holistic and create more humility as well .
- 24 The goal of existence is to know who we are - the awareness of existence -
- 25 This understanding and experience could lead to a more peaceful just sustainable healthier and happier world .

I'm in NYC Jan6 thru 10 and off and on in Feb . I may be here in June . There is a Science of Consciousness conference in Shanghai in late June

If dates work I would love to see you guys (Leonard please note) in NYC and take you out for dinner etc

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Love ❤️

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On Jan 1, 2017, at 9:20 PM, Michael Shermer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

But Deepak, you don't agree with Greene that we might be living in a simulation as he describes it, do you? Or would a different type of simulation be something along the lines of what you propose in *You Are the Universe?* (A universal consciousness would be a type of simulation?)

I might be in New York June 1-4 for the Science Festival so Jennifer and Vinnie and I can come visit if you're in town.

Michael