

STRINGS OF REALITY?

I reached the controls. Before me lay the most powerful computer in the world, tucked away in a super-secret military establishment.

Footsteps! Voices! I dashed to the main monitor as...my Father and friends appeared. They should not have followed!

There was no time to lose. I suddenly sensed that the government troops knew of the break-in and would soon be upon us. In front of the monitor were the dials for adjusting the strings of reality. I turned the one that adjusted for the earth itself and watched as the horizontal bar on the screen for that particular string of reality shifted...

My Father became alarmed. "How do you know where to set it?" he asked. "Its absolute setting doesn't matter", I replied, "it is only the setting of the other strings relative to it that matter. Each can be moved separately. This is only a basic string anyway...it's not that important. Don't worry..."

Outside the window behind the curved computer panel the sun was lowering in a fiery red sunset. Madness and horror had been unleashed upon the earth because of this computer, built to separate and tamper with the strings of reality, and it was up to me to save mankind before it was too late...!

The above is a true account of a dream I had towards the end of March this year (1993). At the point reached, I woke up suddenly (around 4 am!) and could not get back to sleep as I pondered the dream. Perhaps, I speculated, God introduced, on each of the seven days of creation, a separate string of reality which together compose what we perceive to be reality, with each string as baffling as the next...

Light, created the first day (Gen 1:3-5) controls, as Einstein has shown, our perception of time, since its measured velocity relative to any observer, whether stationary or in motion, is always constant. Scientists observe this, but cannot explain why, nor fathom the dual wave-particle nature of light itself. Space, created the second day (Gen 1:6-8) is equally fundamental to reality, immeasurable, and incomprehensible. It is said to be expanding, but is it truly empty, and how does it differ from whatever it is expanding into? The string I was adjusting in my dream - the physical earth and its vegetation (Gen 1:9-13) - is the most familiar, but even here understanding eludes us. Where will our voyage of discovering new subatomic entities and forces end, and how, Mr. SAP (Stubborn Atheistic Person), did matter or energy ever come into existence in the first place? (It takes less stubborn faith to believe in an all-powerful Creative being Who is outside of time). The stars, the sun, and the moon (Gen 1:14-19) govern the times, seasons, and our own internal clocks and cycles through gravity and planetary motion, and the latest scientific theories indicate that our perception of motion and acceleration hinges on these heavenly bodies.

We come to the three deepest and most unexplainable realities of all. First, the low-level consciousness of living creatures (Gen 1:20-23), which corresponds to our subconscious, where we perceive reality automatically without higher or conscious thought. Second, higher levels of reasoning in the animal kingdom culminating in us (Gen 1:24-28) and our conscious (but inexplicable!) self-awareness (you know you exist, but how?). Finally, rest, the unconscious state

associated with sleep, dreams, and visions (Gen 2:1-3), possibly the highest realm of created reality, for in it God often chooses to speak to man.

To summarize: as light can be broken down into seven basic constituent colours, but is yet one, so perhaps the unity of created reality can be similarly decomposed: time, space, matter, motion, the subconscious, conscious, and unconscious states. Also, even as there is an infinite segment of the electromagnetic spectrum outside the frequencies of the seven colour spectrum of visible light, so created reality may lie embedded within an unseen eternal spiritual realm sourced in God, for "in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). That He who dwells in unapproachable light (I Tim 6:16) should have chosen to descend to our own limited sphere of reality and die for us that He might redeem and raise us to His own exalted sphere of ultimate reality is the most amazing reality of all.

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