

Singularity

A perspective for Creative Transformation

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In mathematics $1 + 1 = 2$ sets a fundamental mind set for understanding and engaging with the world around us. $1 + 1 = 1$ would get a failed mark 'X' in any school exam.

From another perspective $1 + 1 = 1$ distinguishes a "Singularity" as does $1 + 10 = 1$ or $1 + \text{any number} = 1$.

In Astrophysics the first "photograph" of a Black Hole (described as a Singularity) was taken on April 10, 2019. Photograph in inverted commas because you can't actually see a Black Hole as not even light can escape from a black hole. So the photograph is really its shadow. In a Black Hole all the unquestionable Scientific facts such as gravity and time breakdown.

The Binary or Dualistic logic of $1 + 1 = 2$ has allowed awesome discoveries and empowerment of the dominant species (Homo Sapiens) on the planet.

Jiddu Krishnamurti and David Bohm in their extraordinary dialogue, "The Ending of Time" asked the question, "Did Humanity take a 'Wrong Turn' a long, long time ago?" Although they did not come up with a definitive answer, they posited that in the moment our ancestors became conscious and self-aware they saw themselves as separate from the world and from each other in terms of a dualistic relationship. This triggered the need to control, dominate and self-survive as the way forward for the betterment of themselves and the Human Race.

This Binary approach led to extraordinary achievements for the Human Race and is not in any way to be criticised. However looking at the seemingly unresolvable problems facing the Human Race today and their continuous reoccurrence prompts the question "Is this Binary approach blocking the fundamental resolution of such issues as Racism, National conflict, World poverty, Global Pandemics, Exploitation of planet resources, Slavery, Educational imbalance, Religious based hatred and Climate Change?"

In a context of Singularity ($1 + X = 1$) Racism is not viewed from a "them and us" perspective but opens the idea that from their first moment of consciousness our ancestors became "Tribal" in mind and matter. Their sense of belonging and need to survive and better themselves had them see and engage with each other and everything around them as distinct from themselves.

In this dualistic context Racism is engaged with from a "them and us", "right and wrong" lack of education, something that is fixable. From a Singularity context the true source and nature of racism is identified first before all the failed attempts to solve it are applied.

I find it fascinating to read the account of Man's creation in Genesis describing the first effect of Adam and Eve eating the apple from the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden being their self awareness and experience distinct from each other and their surroundings.

The absence of a "Singularity" viewing point as a perspective for dealing with the big issues facing the Human Race today keeps us in a Binary/Dualistic blindfold that blocks truly transformational resolutions rather than merely transactional solutions which rise again in one shape or another.

There have been instances where an individual or small group speaks and acts from a Singularity approach.

Nelson Mandela, after his release from 30 years of incarceration, declared that the Black people would not treat their white oppressors in the same way they had been treated otherwise they would only continue the same racist approach. Many of his followers including his own wife could not accept this but he stood firm in this Singularity and the beautifully termed "Rainbow Nation" was created avoiding the otherwise inevitable blood bath of such transitions. This singularity persisted as long as he stood for it. One can only hope it persists after his death!

Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ stood for Singularity when he spoke in the face of the many religious and political authorities holding power at that time. "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and render unto God that which is God's" was his response to the binary based question and test "Which authority is more important God or Caesar"? The singularity opens up the perspective that both exist in the state of Human Affairs.

Kennedy in his inaugural address which was shaped in its entirety from a Singularity context requested: "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man".

Astronauts returning to earth from space expressed what became described as the "Overview Effect". The Overview Effect is a cognitive shift in awareness reported by some astronauts during spaceflight, especially when viewing the Earth from outer space.

It is the experience of seeing firsthand the reality of the Earth in space, which is immediately understood to be a tiny, fragile ball of life, "hanging in the void", shielded and nourished by a paper-thin atmosphere. From space, national boundaries vanish, the conflicts that divide people become less important, and the need to create a planetary society with the united will to protect this "this pale blue dot" becomes both obvious and imperative.

Love is transformational as a Singularity. It allows and is in no way diminished by liking and disliking, arguing, disagreeing, hurting and even momentary hating. Unfortunately love can degrade to the binary engagements of liking and disliking and co-dependancy. It, like all Singularity, needs to be continuously re-created as a Singularity.

The emphasis on man-made climate change even when well intentioned mistakenly engages from the binary approach of over-stating and over focussing on the impact of man versus paying attention to the understanding of Natural causes of climate change and how man can learn to exist in warmer and colder climates. The suppression and tardiness given to the possibility of Nuclear Fusion (as distinct from Nuclear Fission) is a glaring example of how infinite energy is available from a natural, safe and non contaminating energy source.

Even Religions and their leadership who preach peace and love to their followers continue to instigate suppression, hatred and persecution between their sects.

What is a singularity in Human affairs?

Religion and Nothingness is a 1961 book by the Japanese philosopher Keiji Nishitani about nihilism. The book was published in English translation in 1982, and received positive reviews, commending Nishitani for his understanding of both western and eastern philosophy.

He draws a distinction between the Eastern and Western ideas of “ Nothingness”.

In Western thinking Nothingness is distinguished as the absence of all things.

In Eastern thinking Nothingness is a state in which the individual becomes an indistinguishable part of the whole (Universe).

A Singularity is a state of thinking and being an indistinguishable part of the whole. It is a state of nothingness from which true creation occurs.

There is an ancient Celtic Rune described as the Dagaz.

The symbol is |X| which literally means “Day” or Dawn – Esoteric: Awakening

It denotes that time is an illusion that once realised, is lovingly embraced, none the less.

It is a Rune of the hyper-consciousness. The process of concept becoming realised.

It represents the notion of paradoxical truth, incommunicable experience, conceptual realisation and Enlightenment. In terms of Energy it denotes twilight/dawn polarity, non-dual reality, unity, synthesis and transmutation.

One could say that Singularity is the point at which the Binary/Dualistic perspective and consciousness intersect and emerge from the central point of a creative nothingness.

In reflection at 80:-

My life has been unfolding since its beginning; not shaped by me along the way.

At birth I became distinct from others and my surroundings.

At death I subsume into the Universal Singularity.

Birth and death are bookends of a Binary existence; a fleeting moment of consciousness in the eternity of the Universe.

My mission now is to listen and engage with my fellow travellers and surroundings in Singularity. .