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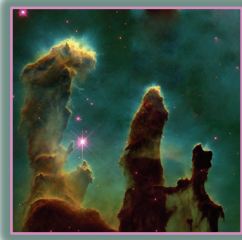
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AND MAGICAL JOURNEY OF LIFE

## THE GNOSIS SERIES:

The First Edition was published in July 2009 as “GNOSIS: *The Story of How We Begin To Remember*” by Book Hub Publishing and Edge Publishers, LLC.

The revised 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition initially was published in April 2010 as a Kindle eBook on Amazon.com® [“GNOSIS FOR 2012: *Weaving Science, Spirituality and New History into the Fabric of Your Future*”]. Anonymous feedback from Kindle customers aided the original publishers in releasing a re-formatted print version [ISBN: 978-0-9562801-1-4] to gain even further input from readers and reviewers. Meditation materials that now appear in Volume III were provided by the publishers at no charge to interested readers of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Editions.

A revised 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, entitled “GNOSIS FOR 2012 *ONWARD*” was next released in April 2012 as a three-part series. The dramatic design shift responded to reviewers’ feedback on enhancing storyline and content clarity. Volume I was subtitled “*The Story of How We Begin To Remember*” [ISBN: 978-1-935991-52-6], Volume II was subtitled “*Weaving Science, Spirituality and Hidden History into the Fabric of Your Future*” [ISBN: 978-1-935991-54-0], and Volume III was subtitled *The Ancient Atlantean Meditation* [ISBN: 978-1-935991-75-5].

The current 4<sup>th</sup> Edition has been updated in deference to recent science findings, esoteric publications, and –again– reader feedback. Voluntary participants in the extraordinary online message board Forum at the Official Graham Hancock website [[www.grahamhancock.com](http://www.grahamhancock.com)], which honored Dr. Graham as October 2012 Author of the Month, were particularly helpful in this respect via both public postings and private communications.

Finally, Volume III in this series presents interested readers with clear specifics and *how-to* materials on the ancient meditation discussed herein. Volume III is a low-cost booklet that is available from any Internet bookseller, bookstore or library. The volume is entitled **GNOSIS ONWARD—*The Ancient Atlantean Meditation***. Its introduction and Chapters 1-3 succinctly recap Volumes I and II, **yet** reading those works is extremely helpful for fully understanding Volume III. *You are encouraged to gain relevant context by doing so*. There is also a companion, meditation soundtrack called *The Ancient Atlantean Meditation*. The entire album can be downloaded at

low cost (\$2.97 / £2.37 / €2,67) from all major MP3 music sites, including iTunes, eMusic, and AmazonMP3.

The primary purpose of this series was to openly broadcast astonishing findings from 4+ decades of meandering, global esoteric research involving visits to most of Earth’s continents. Initially, another aim was to reassure some frightened readers that our world would survive the Winter Solstice of 2012. And since the planet and humanity did indeed survive, as all editions of this series clearly foretold, the main goal survives as the key aim in these **GNOSIS ONWARD** volumes.

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An inspirational Connecticut author, deep thinker, educator, English master, perceptive counselor, and mentor to myself and many others: The wise, late Wilson Stearly Alling (30 May 1943 - 5 October 2012). He graciously reviewed

the author's galley, the 1st and 2nd editions, and contributing greatly. Wilson, I feel like Tom Hanks' stranded character in the film *Castaway* without the benefit of your perceptively patient and helpful insights. Your friends, students, and fans sorely miss you....

An invaluable, Oxford-educated, English reviewer, Stewart I. Millman (21 November 1948 - 19 June 2012). I wish readers to be aware that the previous editions of this *Gnosis* series were published in UK English for three reasons: First, I lived in London for more than a decade and UK English (as well as driving on the left & navigating roundabouts) *somehow* feels more natural. Second, Book Hub Publishing, as the primary distributor of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Editions, is an Irish company. And third, I wished to honor Stewart Millman as a priceless contributor whose *Oxford English Dictionary* input was reliably precise and whose insights were invaluable. Yet, this series' UK language usage has now been supplanted by American English (excepting some punctuation practices) in this 4th Edition inasmuch as the publisher is US-based, and Stewart sadly passed in June 2012. He had insisted prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition that I only express thanks to him posthumously, which I never expected would be *so* soon. It is now with mixed feelings of deep appreciation and sadness that I say: ***Stewart, thanks for everything.*** *You were one of the brightest and most curious people that I've ever known. Your family, friends, colleagues, investment banking clients, and global network will greatly miss your intelligent insights. And at last you understand the exhilarating nature of my NDE....*

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**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Lewis E. Graham, Ph.D., D.D. was raised in a small, East Coast (USA) town that faced industrial decline due to globalization. As the son of a successful entrepreneur, he was relentlessly curious and achievement-focused—with ardent pro-civil rights beliefs and broad spiritual interests from an early age. He was a natural learner and successful student.

He earned a B.S. degree in Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. He then earned an M.S. from the University of Georgia, where he also was awarded a Ph.D. degree in Clinical Psychology with a co-major in Psychophysiology. This unusual path of study aimed to pursue his interest in the mind-body connection at an early point in scientific focus upon that area of emerging research. It later would become known as *psychoneuroimmunology*.

After graduation, Dr. Graham pursued a three-year postdoctoral training curriculum as a US Public Health Service Fellow and served as an adjunct faculty member at the Stanford University School of Medicine, Department of Medicine. In 1981 he was granted a completion certificate in Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Behavioral (Preventive) Medicine before entering a business career. Having been a marathoner and amateur triathlete at Stanford, he competed in the World Championship Triathlon in Nice, France in 1983. He also undertook community service as a Planning Commissioner and later was elected to the City Council in Brisbane, California, serving one term as Mayor. In the early 1980’s, he founded and managed (for nearly 20 years) a successful international consulting firm with offices in San Francisco, London, Zürich, and Oslo—living primarily in London during the 1990’s to better serve European clients.

In 1998, he focused on making a life transition to a path of authentic service, including select charitable giving and esoteric contributions. By 2001, he had succeeded in selling his company’s IP (intellectual property) on a nonexclusive basis to various international buyers. He now is therefore free to disclose decades of discoveries. Accordingly, he is currently writing two further books that aim to do just this. The first book’s working title is *GNOSIS Onward: Toward an Authentic Spiritual Psychology*. In effect, it is an informed sequel to M. Scott Peck’s 1983 classic: *People of the Lie: The Hope for Healing Human Evil*.

Starting in 1987, Dr. Graham began a 13-year program of divinity studies. Ultimately he was ordained as a minister by both the Temple of Knowledge and the Huna Heiau, which also awarded him its Doctorate of Divinity degree (D.D.) in 2001 after years of dedicated learning and wide-ranging *Gnostic* immersion as this series has adapted this term.

Dr. Graham’s in-depth exposure to multiple areas of orthodox research has been valuable. He has applied that knowledge in this fusion of science and spirituality while integrating findings from his decades of research, travel, inquiry, and sincere seeking to obtain clarity on clues suggested by long-standing esoteric riddles.

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“*HIS PATH WAS MARKED  
BY THE STARS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE....  
THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW WE BEGIN TO REMEMBER.*”

-PAUL SIMON  
(FROM “UNDER AFRICAN SKIES” ON THE *GRACELAND* ALBUM)  
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“*To one who has faith,  
no explanation is necessary.  
  
To one without faith,  
no explanation is possible.*”

-SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS  
(PHILOSOPHER & THEOLOGIAN, 1225-1274 )

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AN ESSENTIAL FOREWORD:

GOOD RIDDANCE TO ALARMIST HYSTERIA

*“Many of our fears are tissue paper thin, and a single courageous step would carry us clear through them.”* — Brendan Francis Behan (Irish author)

*“Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!”* — The Wizard of Oz (1939 motion picture)

I studied with Mayan priests in the late 1970s. Although I could not speak their pre-Colombian tongue, I was assisted by an able translator who was fluent in native dialects. Hector G. would listen to the priests’ lively talk in their own language and then interpret in Spanish for me, as he spoke no English. I would in turn confirm understanding or ask clarifying questions. (My university-level Spanish was adequate for such field research—although everyone seemed to find my academic focus on proper grammar to be hilariously pedantic.)

The priests believed that a cyclical Turning of the Ages of the Sun would cosmically unfold about a decade after the new millennium arrived...as marked by the Gregorian calendar year of 2000. Those humble souls were quite eager for humanity to leave the *then-current* 5<sup>th</sup> Age behind and to transition smoothly into the looming 6<sup>th</sup> Age. They foresaw the new epoch as subtly, gradually transforming the energetic context of life on Earth—one freely made choice at a time.



I later worked with others, including Vedic and esoteric astrologers, to pinpoint the happy transition date. Every sign pointed toward the 2012 Winter Solstice on the 21st of December in that future year. However, the wise elders who taught me conveyed that there would be *at least* a 20-year window of ‘*rotación*’ (Hector’s term). As best I understood, this meant that the happy epochal transition would endure *either* from 2002-2022 *or* from 2012-2032. *It also seemed that that the entire ‘time of shifting’ might comprise 40 years: 1992- 2032.*



From the late 1980s onward, similar timeline insights began emerging from other sources. In particular, Dr. José Argüelles popularized a similar ‘2012’ notion in his 1987 book (*THE MAYAN FACTOR—Path Beyond Technology*). Imagine my puzzlement, though, as folks began to fear that the long-count Mayan calendar’s end eerily ‘predicted’ our world’s demise.

*My curiosity turned to dismay as this myth morphed into media-stoked hysteria.*

The misleading story did seem to be supported in that one Mayan Calendar would cycle to a new beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December in 2012. Indeed, for years anyone could find huge amounts of ‘information’ via the Internet, much of it blatantly alarmist. Multiple books were published, and Hollywood released a 2009 big-screen disaster movie about the world’s ugly demise. Survivalist conferences bloomed – urging people to learn to sustain themselves.

*Self-sufficiency is a great goal. But fear-based social hysteria is toxic!*

So it was hardly surprising that December 2012 began to loom larger in human consciousness with each passing year. And more people began wondering *and worrying* about what it actually would bring.

Hence, the first three editions of these books presented vital input about the millennium afterward. The focus was clear: To reassure all those who fretted needlessly that the world might begin to end or might even be destroyed in December of 2012. Yet the key, vital goal of this *GNOSIS* series has always been to fuse spiritual and scientific insights into a seamless whole, while transmitting *–as a prototype of wide-ranging synthesis–* esoteric wisdom globally gathered over four-plus decades during this author’s dedicated searching.

*Of course, our world is still here. And the primary aim of these books remains.*

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The intriguing truth is that people were intuitively correct yet emotionally confused. Something very big unfolded for humanity over decades and even

centuries. But the chilling idea that our world might begin to end on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December in 2012 was **always** a myth rooted in *fear* – the signature emotion of the previous epoch.

This series aims to assist you in deeply grasping the truth of our global transition: Namely, *A Turning of The Ages* of the Sun from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> epochal cycle. And it is fitting that the previous 5<sup>th</sup> Age crested to a crescendo in December 2012 over the ‘end of the Mayan calendar’. It was an apt conclusion to a relatively short *but rather horrific* 13,500-year solar era.

We are still in the midst of fully transitioning into the current 6<sup>th</sup> solar epoch in that the new Sun Age has been conceived and is now gestating. *It will continue in this pre-birth phase for a decade or two.* And each of us therefore has a priceless opportunity during the ‘transition window’ *to nourish the future birth of an epoch in our individual lives* – as the last vestiges of rampant 5<sup>th</sup> Age fear slowly fade.

Potentially, there are happy days ahead. And these can blossom from freely-made choices in the context of each person’s consciousness.

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In the years going forward, whatever transpires across the Globe will be inevitable for humanity overall. Yet even the direst worldwide events will not dictate the path of every individual life – despite any authentically catastrophic memories that are carried in the collective unconscious.

*This is wonderful news for each of us.*

This is because priceless cosmic clues are available to every sincere seeker as life flows onward. Such cosmic ‘hints’ will bring clarity on how you –and your loved ones– can thrive, whatever the state of the world. In truth, you can author your personal future. And you can do so via resources and your own inner connection to wisdom.

*There are no victims in this new solar Age. Only volunteers.*

So, is it possible that you are already sensitive to clues that will guide you in finding your highest path? And that you are able ‘to remember’ how to notice key signs that will help in creating a life in harmony with your fondest aims?

*Gnostic lore suggests that the answer is yes. So, readers might wonder: ‘Just what on Earth is that?’*

‘Gnostic’ lore is a body of esoteric knowledge<sup>1</sup> largely unknown to academics, historians, journalists and scholars. Its secrets can be found in various places – some open and some preserved by isolated groups, many of whom have safeguarded precious ‘fragments of a shattered mirror’. Portions of these books reweave such scattered threads, which the author gathered over a period of decades from diverse sources. This was essential to tell a coherent story.<sup>2</sup>

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Rewoven, ancient wisdom also suggests that personal success onward depends upon strength and purity of motivations as one successfully shifts into a more

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<sup>1</sup> From *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*: “**Esoteric** knowledge, in the dictionary (non-scholarly) sense, is thus that which is available only to a narrow circle of "enlightened", "initiated", or specially educated people. In contrast, exoteric knowledge is knowledge that is well-known or public; or perceived as informally canonic in society at large.”

<sup>2</sup> Throughout these books, “Gnostic lore” and “esoteric lore” are used interchangeably, yet they are far less than fully identical. In particular, “Gnostic” lore signifies a mostly unknown vein of concealed wisdom; yet, it is often confused with an historical branch of Christian theology well-known to academics.

Be aware that *Gnostic lore* is primarily esoteric, while only a small portion of esoteric lore is “Gnostic” in nature (as this series has adopted the term to refer to a nameless, dispersed body of ancient awareness). Still, there is sufficient overlap –in some respects– that making distinctions at each point along the way is unnecessary for recounting this ‘story of how we begin to remember’.

spiritually attuned consciousness. But spirituality is *not* religion—although many deeply religious people can be sublimely spiritual. Nor is mental activity enough to prompt a new kind of awareness to bloom.

Such insights will arise from expansions in one’s deep, inner understanding. This shift occurs at a core level that precedes thought. In a word: *Preconscious*.

Making such inner shifts is easier when one somehow begins to recall how humans got to this point in the world today. And when one remembers the backdrop of how all that came before and during the past 13,500 or so years led Earth’s inhabitants to an intense episode of angst about the future. Understood in context, clues from the past may well suggest how to respond wisely in the coming decades.

So is it possible that each of us somehow chose to be precisely where we are now, today, and living through the awesomely promising gestation and birth of a new solar epoch? At this astonishing time in human history?

And is it also possible that we all intuitively know which clues to notice going onward? Consequential clues that will enable each person to seek out resources for authoring a promising personal path via an individual ‘success formula’ of one’s own creation?

*Gnostic* lore again conveys that the answer is *Yes*. Although there is no Master Manual, there *are* priceless tools and helpful principles. And each person can benefit from such resources in crafting his or her own, potent and reliable success formula for an expansive life onward.

So the core aim of these books is simple: To provide individual readers with a path toward acquiring valuable resources for reshaping their own personal futures *if they choose to do so*. Hence, you will have the option of receiving specific how-to tools in this series’ Volume III. These will assist you in gathering reliable information – without the need for outsiders, experts, authorities or bloggers.

In the process, you may become aware that you willingly chose your challenges in life. And that you can gain greater clarity on living as you increasingly embrace your highest intent as you entered this world to experience an awesome thrill ride: **Entering a New Age of the Sun.**

*In short, this is the story of how we begin to remember.*

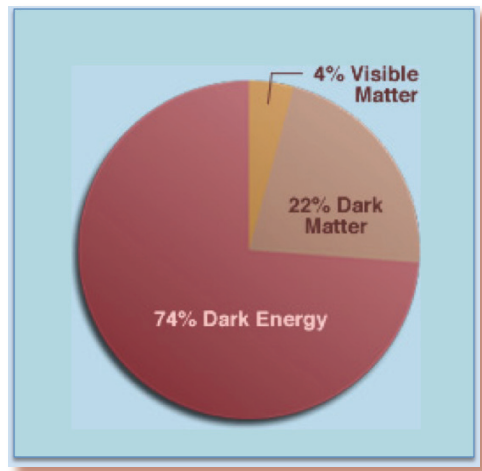
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The first key insight involves healing a hidden flaw in the modern mindset. One that blinds many to the obvious. So you will be presented with a core truth: **Science and spirituality are one within a grand cosmic wholeness.**

This volume’s early focus is upon mysticism, which then will shift to shining a spotlight on science. If you enjoy pithy scientific summaries, you’ll likely appreciate several of the early chapters—which are, in part, about what is commonly called the *philosophy of science*. But if you find science dreary or mentally taxing, you may begin wondering what research has to do with spiritual awareness.

Please be patient. These works aim to re-fuse science with spirituality. Fulfilling such an ambitious objective will take a few pages of background.

As a first step, it is vital to recognize that scientists study only 4% of the universe, namely: **Visible, physical matter.** And researchers will readily



concede that roughly 96% of creation is invisible to their instruments and classified as “Dark Matter” or “Dark Energy”.

But what astrophysicists can see in physical patterns points to truths behind the veil. The nearby Hubble Site figure shows what those scientists have concluded to be the composition of our universe. It is a fact of life that informed scientists acknowledge

that the field of ‘knowable’ data extends well beyond the five physical senses.

Indeed, researchers today have moved far beyond views formed in the three centuries after René Descartes (per Chapter 4) by well-intentioned men who wore wigs and pantaloons while expanding the databanks of knowledge. And, just as those modern forerunners had no awareness of areas such as quantum reality and molecular biology, adept scientists today realize that we are *likewise* clueless about future breakthrough discoveries which may lie ahead.

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In the course of this saga on the pages that follow, an unusual view of scientific processes and perplexing findings will progress to an epoch of invisible prehistory. It was a prolonged period of civilization on Earth. And it ended when our current Age was ‘conceived’ about 13,500 years ago—as is explicitly narrated through the unfolding tapestry of Volumes I and II.

Based on an unknown and hidden history of the World, you’ll get clear and simple explanations for a fog of confusion in science and history. Orthodox views flow from widespread amnesia about a human past that most have forgotten. *And such forgetfulness has led to misinterpreting the nearby cosmos.*

In Volume II, we’ll then follow the threads from 13,500 years ago up to present time and peer forward into the years ahead. This is apt as humanity has now moved beyond a Turning of The Ages of the Sun and into a new solar epoch that will continue gestating until being born at ‘the First Time’ of the 6th Age.

Be aware, though, that this work is not intended to confirm anyone’s cozy prejudices. It may even be offensive to many. So, many readers will have to set aside pre-existing ideas, while considering whether another version of humanity’s story might be possible. *This will be easy for some but challenging for others.*

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An in-born truth meter exists deep within each of us. There is one inside you.

*You may access it as a birthright in every moment, including this one.*

*The author urges you to rely upon your inner knowing when reading this work – as well as in all aspects of your daily life.*

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There is a huge cosmic joke in writing a book about ‘all this’. About putting into static words a holistic view that fuses mathematical findings, scientific observations, life patterns, ‘re-written’ human history, and hidden lore in one fell swoop. Yet, many vital ideas from this volume are not actually here at all! They will emerge for readers as insights from digesting the ‘information’ herein.

The style herein originally included many more sentence fragments. These are strictly forbidden by English rules of grammar for “proper” or “received” writing. The information was presented more like ancient language (or even Internet nuggets). This is because very old languages promoted holistic insights. These emerged from seemingly isolated picture-thoughts in which the whole was more than the sum of its parts. But reviewers reacted to so much material being ungrammatical. Personally, after the 1970s Mayan research, I now wonder if stylistic purism really matters.

In truth, I do believe that sentence fragments provoke insights. So the bottom line is that, whatever the writing style, readers will have reliable, personal experiences *so long as their inner truth meters are activated.*

A wide range of information will be presented. This is necessary for a broad and diverse audience. For many, the overall result will be a new clarity on what is happening in our lifetime. As well as what came before.

The text will *seem* to skip across various topics as we examine the individual pieces of a large jigsaw puzzle. There will be clear summaries of complex ideas accurately told in lay language and informal style. And any subject beyond the

scope of this work will be identified. Other areas will be revisited once sufficient groundwork is in place. So, if you find a topic interesting and would like to know more, please wait a bit as a vast story unfolds. We will eventually snap all the jigsaw pieces together into a grand narrative mural.

Many of your questions will be answered. For any questions that linger, you may trust that your own answers will emerge upon reflection, over time, and ...perhaps... even in surprising moments of musing. Overall, your personal ‘ah-hah’ may arrive sooner or later. But for many, it will occur before they reach the final chapters.

*Most importantly, you will know what next steps to take for arriving at your own, reliable answers on your path onward.*

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Thomas Jefferson was the third U.S. President. And, as a person, he often is described as having been a genuine “polymath<sup>3</sup>”, which is a particular form of individual ‘genius’. And Jefferson was known during his lifetime as a man of the Enlightenment,<sup>4</sup> with a Renaissance-type range of interests.

He also was recognized as a thought leader who was closely acquainted with European luminaries. His public biography of personal accomplishments and productive activities is simply astounding.



<sup>3</sup> From *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*: “A polymath is a person whose expertise fills a significant number of subject areas. Most ancient scientists were polymaths by today’s standards.” From Wiktionary: “A person with extraordinarily broad and comprehensive knowledge.” (There is brief yet quite informative discussion of Thomas Jefferson’s consciousness at a later point – in Chapter 28.)

<sup>4</sup> From *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*: “The Enlightenment was less a set of ideas than it was a set of values. At its core was a critical questioning of traditional institutions, customs, and morals.”

Thomas Jefferson authored the North American colonies’ Declaration of Independence<sup>5</sup> from the English monarchy in 1776. And he held to the ideal that: *"He who receives an idea from me receives it without lessening me, as he who lights his candle at mine receives light without darkening me."*

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The 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2012 marked an event horizon for our world—in *lay terms*, ‘a point of no return’. And esoteric wisdom has long foreseen the current 6<sup>th</sup> solar epoch as ushering in a new era of self-responsibility and spiritual progress. Vestiges of the painful, 5<sup>th</sup> Age of fear will endure as they slowly fade away.

*So now that the widely feared December 2012 date has passed, what might you gain from reading further?*

Priceless understanding of the past as an essential prism for interpreting the present and clearly viewing our current time. This is why “the story of how we begin to remember” was the subtitle of the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of this book in July 2009 and then returned as the Volume I subtitle for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> editions.

A core message about the decades after 21 December 2012 is that the fantastic, long-awaited shift in our world which was underway for centuries has now

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<sup>5</sup> In a noteworthy coincidence, Jefferson and his drafting assistant, John Adams, who became the second US President *both* died on 4 July 1826—precisely 50 years, to the day, after their final draft of the Declaration of Independence had been formalized by most initial signatories on 4 July 1776 after the document’s oral adoption two days earlier. And many are unaware that Jefferson’s first Declaration of Independence draft had harshly condemned the profitable slave trade on moral grounds.

(This intuitively obvious idea would gain a foothold in Europe thanks to the humane vision of men like William Wilberforce, a Member of the British Parliament, who finally succeeded in persuading the House of Commons to abolish slavery throughout the British Empire by a lop-sided vote in early 1807. However, vast moral damage had already been wreaked inasmuch as captive people had been forcibly transported from their homes to distant lands for some time and transplanted into unfamiliar, foreign places by the global slave trade.)

But several American colonies –*both North and South*– objected strongly to the clear anti-slavery language in Jefferson’s first draft of the declaration. Representatives of shipbuilding (New England) and agrarian (Southern) colonies apparently believed that such crisp moral proclamations would be economically detrimental to their local interests. And, sadly, such reactionary thinkers prevailed in watering down the American colonies’ Declaration of Independence from English rule.’

occurred and is slowly maturing at the time of this writing. Since we’ve been in the death throes of a departing epoch for quite some time, the advance of consciousness has been invisible to most people. Yet it’s a bright time for humanity despite any gradually abating turmoil in the decades ahead.

*Our world is transforming, like a caterpillar to a butterfly, and this is welcome news.*

The 14 chapters in Volume I will first focus a lens on epistemology.<sup>6</sup> The narrative initially will review some events in the author’s life that led to these discoveries. (This is because early readers invariably asked to know more about the writer as well as his path; and, in truth, I view these as tangential yet helpful topics.) After that, the story will focus on what we have failed to see or have taken for granted in the context of our modern approach to science.

Then a re-woven tapestry of tattered shreds surviving from a long-lost time will follow. The 4<sup>th</sup> Age epoch ended in global disasters, which Pythagoras and Plato described. It had been a time of humanity’s Golden Age, which is carried via myths and legends in every culture.

That Golden Age initially flowered in the Southern Hemisphere within an advanced society some have called Atlantis. Those who read the text in color will gain the most from the many illustrations that make simple points, which quickly become visually obvious.

Volume I’s final chapters will present an alternate pre-history of our ‘modern’ world and begin snapping together scientific and esoteric puzzle pieces into what ultimately will reveal a neatly fitting pattern. These fragments form a grand mural of our human past.

Yet, the hidden picture is an astonishing one that has never been taught openly. It has therefore eluded scholarly researchers who, in good faith, have viewed and interpreted data and history as best they could without having the benefit of an overarching blueprint or cipher.

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<sup>6</sup> *Epistemology*: “The theory of knowledge, especially with regard to its methods, validity, and scope”.

The continuing story in Volume II will be clearest to readers who have delved into the preceding 14 chapters of Volume I. This is because the ongoing narrative requires background and a series of core concepts. These will flow organically one after another over the pages. Indeed, this is true throughout as this series’ astonishing tale complements the story of Western civilization with esoteric insights.

The result? *A mind-altering ‘New History’ of humanity* that is relevant to grasping ‘what on Earth’ has been happening in our world today.<sup>7</sup>

The ongoing chapters in Volume II will build toward a synopsis of Western civilization from a blending of esoteric and academic sources. As a result of the entire, wide-ranging narrative, you will begin forming a cogent view of your own path onward. And how you, yourself, can identify key steps to take in preparing for your personal and familial future. Such steps will be explained organically within the flow of the material.

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Finally, you will have the choice to access ancient, self-directed tools that require no experts to use. These brilliant-yet-simple techniques foster insight, wisdom and well-being.

They are all simple. Yet potent.

*And they will be available to you.*<sup>8</sup>

<sup>7</sup> In June of 2012, author [Justin Deering](#) released [The End-of-the-World Delusion—How Doomsayers Endanger Society](#). It is a book that may be helpful in moving beyond 5<sup>th</sup> Age fears—especially for those whose thinking style is especially rational.

After the world survived December 2012, Deering was honored as the [February 2013 Author of the Month](#) by the Official Graham Hancock Website. The multiple facets of his point of view are clearly presented, and the material is well worth digesting.

<sup>8</sup> All such self-directed tools are fully described in Volume II. And all ‘how-to’ steps for using the tools are explicitly provided within the low-cost booklet published as Volume III in this *Gnosis* series.

Please note that Volume III (*GNOSIS Onward: The Ancient Atlantean Meditation*) summarizes background information while also encouraging readers to familiarize themselves with the richer context to be found in Volumes I and II.

Hence, you are encouraged to read on for now. But do consider fastening your seatbelt in preparation for a ‘wild ride’ ahead!

**Caution:** The upcoming material may be distressing to orthodox thinkers, to those who suffer from premature hardening of the categories, and to any remaining Newtonian physicists who believe that they so fully understand the universe that all national patent offices can be safely closed due to the conceptual impossibility that any innovation might ever again occur....



## CHAPTER 1

### THERE IS MORE IN HEAVEN AND EARTH, HORATIO, THAN IS DREAMT OF IN OUR PHILOSOPHY

*“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.”*  
-Robert Frost (*Mountain Interval*, 1916)

Modern science can bring powerful insights to the great mysteries of unfolding creation. It often does so when new findings upset the appletart of current thinking.

Yet the scientific mindset will provide few clues for creating a personal success formula for evolving onward in this new solar epoch. Nor will research results groom you to stride powerfully upon your own life path. Other sources of wisdom are needed.

If you hold tightly to conceptual thinking or if your mental processing style is rooted strictly in deductive logic or consensus reality, you will find some topics herein to be interesting. You will find other ideas debatable, unproven, or ‘objectively’ un-provable. And you may well judge some facts to be less than 100% accurate. Still, if you enjoy science and numbers, you may enjoy tracking them.

But if mathematics and research are puzzling for you, just relax. You’ll get the key points holistically and intuitively.

In writing all editions of these volumes, I read no books after the year 2000 and engaged in no Internet or discussions for more than a decade—until late in 2012 on the Forum Message Board of the “Official Graham Hancock website”



related to my service as October 2012 Author of the Month. I have simply re-researched, as well as I could, and sometimes have written from best recollection after more than 40 years of sincere seeking.<sup>9</sup>

This has included studying many scientific and ‘Gnostic’ resources, traveling for first-hand observations, interviewing diverse people, teaching, and quietly meditating on how to discerningly fuse input from dispersed origins. I have taken great care to protect some providers of ancient wisdom in keeping with their wishes and my own sense of honor after agreeing to strict confidentiality as a precondition of discussions.

This book is a vast story that has been pieced together inductively from many, disparate fragments. And the first edition was first written over a brief period of months in mid-2009. So there may be lingering typos and minor mistakes. And, frankly, what is the point in proving that one can spell and write flawlessly? *I certainly can – but so what?*

Rather, the aim herein is to stir the real you by painting an authentic picture. One to which each reader will resonate in a unique way. This work was gratefully stewarded. You have free choice on how to apply the insights gained. And I view it as *merely a first prototype* rather than as ‘ultimate truth’.

So let’s be crystal clear. This book weaves accepted ideas –from history and science– into the same tapestry as mystical threads gathered from esoteric sources over many years. Yet, all have been blended together into patterns that required some ‘reweaving’ to present a cogent story *that identifies all speculation*.

Be advised that most scientific ‘authorities’ would judge that there is not yet enough evidence to accept some novel notions as ‘proven’ theories. And this author accepts that such authoritative pronouncements would be correct. Indeed, deductive-type ‘proof’ is conceptually impossible in the realm of

<sup>9</sup> I have been unable to re-check some information herein due to life events and logistical constraints.

[*Author’s Note:* An altitude-related stroke in 2011 required that I complete these volumes via laborious, single-finger typing. I wish the need for such awkward, strained efforts upon no one.

Also, a few recent Internet and author-related, book discoveries after my decade of (self-imposed) literary hermit-hood are included organically in the text of Volumes I and II.]

interpretive inference. So I cheerily inform you that this material is *something other than* a consensus of researchers, ‘experts’ and theological scholars. Rather, this series aims to restore harmony by melding modern science with ancient wisdom in a grand mural of hidden history. It is therefore an expansive, inferential set of interrelated facts and interpretations.

And one aim of these books is to halt further dilution and loss of esoteric oral transmissions by boldly publicizing an amalgam of hidden ‘truths’ that I have uncovered and then fused into this wide-ranging narrative spanning many millennia. As implied above, doing so required *some* editorial license.

*Also, as noted above and in the “Acknowledgements”, some key sources have remained cloaked to keep my word of honor to those who have shared astonishing veins of ‘Gnostic’ information – some of which has been preserved in secret for millennia.*

So you should feel free to read this book for fun, as you cover what Hollywood might call the ‘backstory’ of how a blockbuster film was created. Relax and view this tale as simply one account of modern humanity’s path to this point in our collective show. You are welcome to enjoy any ironies, glaring or subtle.

After all, amusement and laughter are cosmic creations. And, this book was written for you. So, feel free to experience relaxed wisdom about remembering, yourself, and recalling what came before our time. This will help in preparing for whatever is coming next in your own life.

Every past transition of Ages brought suffering. But the great-year turning of December 2012 was different. Access to source wisdom is helpful; and, you can choose to benefit from it as you create your own path *onward*.

You are therefore encouraged to pause as you progress –keeping your innate truth detector vibrant. While forming the clear intent to activate it throughout everyday life.

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My own path has been diverse with priceless lessons. Yet many of these have taken years. So this multi-volume work aims to allow others to gain from my decades of groundwork. And thereby to arrive more easily at their own insights. Also, hopefully, the ideas herein will bring fresh views to researchers.

I began this search in childhood and resumed it with clearer intent in the late 1970s. But the various subjects always appeared far too broad to blend together. Then, in the mid-1980s in French Polynesia, I ‘accidentally’ stumbled upon an ancient system of positive thinking and spirituality. It appeared to be from old Hawaii. However, various clues suggested that it had been more diffuse and might even have come from the same, earlier source as the world’s ‘great religions’ – many of which have astounding similarities.

The wisdom was called “**Huna**”. Although it might be judged as Pagan, I soon saw it melding with much of what I had learned about spirituality as a child. It also enriched odd information that I had gathered over a long period. So, it appeared that Huna might be a promising path toward new discoveries. And I began seeking someone, anyone, who knew more about the intriguing lore.

By coincidence, some friends asked me to join them in visiting a Whole Life Expo in San Francisco. There seemed to be a range of intriguing and kooky ideas. So I passed the time by purchasing an aura photo. But the camera malfunctioned for my picture and was deemed to be beyond repair. I then wandered around in curiosity while being teased that my aura was ‘so weird’ that it had destroyed the delicate photographic device.

As ‘fate’ would have it, there were many speakers in a rear auditorium and I found myself listening to several of them. But, it seemed to me, only one was grounded and made perfect sense. His name was Prinz Albrecht zu Hohenlohe-Langenburg, and he described how to promote health in bodily systems with jaw-dropping clarity. (This was a topic I had studied intensively.)

The speaker researched many topics for decades, including advanced drinking water to deal with epidemic human dehydration, internal (biologic) acidity, and sub-optimal oxygen levels. Once I had heard his views –delivered in an

inscrutable European accent– I wished to shake his hand and thank him for the brilliant work. *But an eager crowd instantly gathered at the front of the stage when his talk ended.* So I left the back of the room where I had been standing.

We would eventually meet in person—17 years later. Strangely, he would recognize me and even remember where I had stood in the crowded auditorium nearly two decades earlier....

Hohenlohe-Langenburg’s refreshing presentation had been more than enough to justify an Expo visit. And, as oddities seemed to abound, I felt ready to depart. I therefore began weaving a path toward the nearest exit around dawdling throngs of ‘New-Agers’.

Just prior to reaching the door, an exhibitor’s front display collapsed across the aisle and fully blocked any passage. I responded quickly by doubling back to another path. And, once again, I was close to escaping the strange Expo scene.

Then, inexplicably, a large group of people seemed to coalesce from nowhere. And the crowd thoughtlessly blocked my way while conversing in lively fashion about something of great importance to them—but not to me! I took a deep, calming breath and looked to the right as I released frustration.

This sideways glance brought a shock. A large banner over the closest exhibitor booth read: “HUNA—THE SECRET SCIENCE BEHIND MIRACLES.” I felt a wave of astonishment and curiosity but then saw another, smaller sign that read: “MINISTER AT LUNCH, 1-2 PM”. A young man, whose nametag read “Gary”, was standing there, and he made eye contact before smiling warmly. I asked if the reverend might be available for a brief introduction. He shrugged ‘sorry’ while pointing to the lunch sign. I nodded, and continued exhaling the remnants of frustration while inwardly resolving to return the following day if time permitted.

At that moment a stout man with twinkling blue eyes strode abruptly and purposefully through the curtains at the back of the booth. His nametag read “Reverend Thomas” and he stopped and stood calmly in front of me—



remaining completely silent as he continued chewing a bite of the half-eaten sandwich he was still holding. I felt a strange shudder, as he seemed to gaze around, above, and then through me.

The reverend smiled and made eye contact at last. And then he asked simply: “What took you so long?”

I frowned and replied: “Do we know each other?”

And he answered, “Not in how you understand ‘knowing.’ And yet I see the stardust on your shoulders. You are one of our people.”

I was dumbfounded, yet intrigued. And we ultimately made arrangements for guided study to begin in two weeks. He said that he would consider teaching me what he knew about Huna and spiritual magic – but only if I proved to be “worthy”.

*And apparently, after a seemingly endless series of tests over more than a decade, I did.*

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So I undertook what would become a 13-year program of study in comparative religion, shamanism and esoteric Christianity. The Reverend Thomas had been ordained as a Huna fellow, and Native American Medicine Men also had accepted him as one of their own.

*The Reverend Thomas’s great spiritual authority and advanced metaphysical abilities were simply astonishing.*

To respond wisely to all that he knew required that I release rigid preconceptions while becoming more receptive to novel ideas. To his lasting credit, the Reverend Thomas was eager to engage me in lively learning over his treasure trove of lore and encyclopedic knowledge.

I brought puzzling findings, scientific anomalies, and spiritual insights collected over many years. While Thomas recounted amazing personal experiences and shared vast amounts of esoteric information as well as a rich compendium of Huna-related research...bit by bit.

Fortunately, I continued to carry an ingrained, ‘show-me’ attitude from scientific training. That outlook helped in grasping, sorting, and fusing centuries of data.

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In the mid-1980s, my younger brother died tragically, and events thereafter unfolded in a way that resulted in much free time becoming available. It was a hugely distressful experience and also a great gift.

*Without that painful period of tragedy, this book would have remained ‘in progress’ and forever unfinished.*

## CHAPTER 2

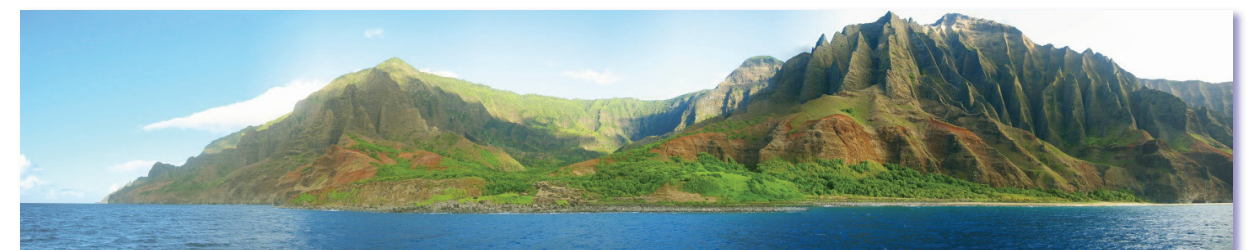
### SLIDING DOORS

*“When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.”*  
-Helen Keller

I devoted newly freed hours to both business activities and spiritual studies. In the latter pursuit, I met regularly with the Reverend Thomas as he began unveiling a range of unfamiliar topics in our private discussions.

These topics included the *Kumolipo*, which was an archaic Hawaiian chant of creation that told ancient myths a century before Charles Darwin’s theory of human ‘descent’ from apes. The story conveyed a non-religious account of how life progressed on earth. And it laid out coded patterns that could only come from great wisdom and a shockingly keen grasp of nature.

Yet many features of the chant’s timeline never could have been observed in old Hawaii. The islands have always had a limited range of plant and animal life. The ‘old’ knowledge must have come, at least in part, from elsewhere.



So where had this wisdom been born? *And how could people living on isolated islands, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, have known so much and known it for so long?* These were daunting conundrums.

I also learned of the old Hawaiian view that dense ‘Aka,’ or essence, was the unseen matter that gives rise to the created world. Aka was said to interpenetrate the entire physical universe. And the flow of ‘Mana’ or invisible energy powered ongoing. And *Mana* fueled *Aka*, expanding it into what we see



as normal physical ‘matter’ – similar to the popping of corn kernels. But such created matter would appear to be mostly empty space in that its true origins were un-see-able.

‘Normal’ matter was said to materialize via spiritual blueprints of *Aka* through ‘rules’ of creation. Simply put, invisible power, unseen raw materials, and hidden patterns give rise to the familiar world we know. (And the old lore would have found our polarized debates over creationism *versus* evolution to be amusingly naive.)



This was intriguing, as I already knew that physicists had concluded that an astonishing emptiness exists in ‘hard matter.’ Relatively great distances inside atoms separate sub-particles of matter from each other. Yet only a small fraction of the ‘hard’ stuff in the physical cosmos is the normal, physical stuff that we generally think of as ‘real’. The universe was said to be filled with “Dark Matter” and even more abundant with “Dark Energy”. Such unseen matter and energy do not reflect light. Hence, they had been called “dark”.

And *Aka*, which was quite similar to ‘etheric structure’ precepts from other spiritual traditions, sounded just like the *Dark Matter* that physicists had described. Scientists are aware that something unseen is present because its gravitational effects can be observed – as shown in the nearby Hubble photo of a huge dark matter ring that deflects light in a vast cluster of galaxies.

Beyond this, *Mana* resembled the “prana” or “chi” other spiritual systems had described and sounded much like what scientists call *Dark Energy*. So the ancient knowledge fitted with what I already knew from research findings.

*But other archaic notions were rather far beyond the mainstream realm of ideas generally accepted by modern science....*

Such strange ‘truths’ included the old Hawaiian view that every soul is also formed of indestructible *Aka*. It is an immortal being of consciousness. The soul was said to survive the body’s demise like a driver exiting an old car for the last time. The liberated soul would then be free to ‘trade-in’ for a new ‘model.’ That is, to take residence in a new body during each spirit’s next physical incarnation.

I also learned of the old Native American view that each planet is alive with a vast, embracing, sentient soul. This spiritual being is self-aware, serving as a host that animates its entire sphere of physical matter. The living planetary spirit thereby supports all life within and upon its surface regions. It is fueled by energy from the Sun plus the dynamics of living processes throughout its structure and ecosystems.



The outermost ‘membrane’ of any vital planet was said to be its atmosphere. And it served just like a cell wall, much like the body’s skin to keep the inner workings alive. So planets were seen as large, living organisms with core consciousness. Each had been born singing a unique note of harmony from its deepest levels of awareness. And Earth, like every other planet, had its own personality and unique sound.

In this respect, I witnessed rapid ‘healings’ of scrubby, irrigated land by sensitive shamanic masters. They simply walked on the soil with reverence, chanted in old languages, and softly invited the life force of the world soul to re-expand into seemingly depleted areas. Although little had thrived previously, plant life always began blooming lushly.... Such wise masters transmitted their various lore craft to me as a sincere apprentice.

*And I began learning the secret science behind miracles.*

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To engage with this new course had required that I become more open to odd ideas. And in 1989, I met a brilliant mathematician and physicist named Martin Gerber. Dr. Gerber was an intriguingly eccentric Swiss German who knew a great deal about Einstein from elderly colleagues in physics and mathematics. Some credible sources maintained that Gerber would have won a Nobel Prize if he had remained in academia. He smoked tobacco and spoke rapidly with a heavy accent. Whenever talking, he pulled small, neatly stored sheets of blank paper from a folder inside his upper coat pocket—drawing picture after picture to illustrate key points.

Dr. Gerber spoke of a revolutionary vista. One that he called Systems Science. And he clearly described breakthrough findings in that nascent field. Those results showed that all living systems are evolving in the same, common patterns. These had been called “isomorphies” (from Greek words indicating same, or similar, form). I listened carefully and pondered the remarkable ideas he presented.

The language of this newly emerging science was the purest in the world: **Mathematics**. Numbers are said to have context but not nuance. They are therefore purely descriptive.

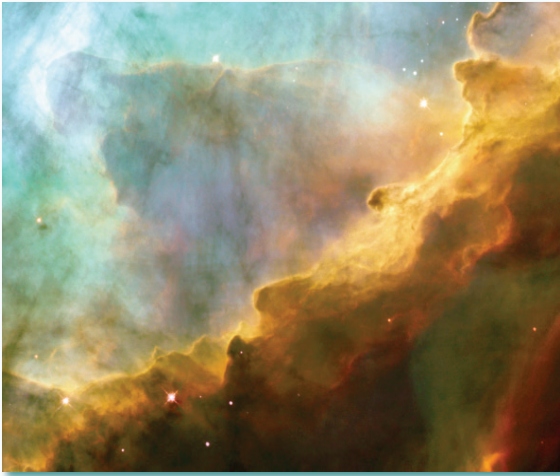
Dr. Gerber maintained that fewer than 100 theoretical mathematicians were advanced enough to grasp the numerical language of systems science. But studies had shown that researchers from different fields had been using the same equations to describe observations in their own specialty areas of study.

*Without ever realizing this to be the case....*

In short, observable, repeating patterns had been found to appear in every aspect of cosmic organization. And these patterns were mirrored in all complex systems regardless of size: From the body’s small cells to vast galaxies and everything in between—which included business teams.

I soon realized, perhaps self-centeredly, that such potent insights might be used for commercial success. And, it even seemed that business people would have fun when applying these dynamic principles to their own company challenges.

So, during 1991-1993, I traveled nearly every month to Zürich, Switzerland *before* my company opened an office in that city. There I worked with Dr. Gerber, and his adroitly multi-lingual Austrian-Italian colleague, Serena K. Vit. They already had begun prototyping and implementing a step-by-step approach to convey this astonishing know-how in business settings.



Ms. Vit and I aimed to further organize and convey this science through a rapid review of “*applied systemics*” that any type of team or social group with clear aims could use. Its insights and techniques would be unveiled as people focused upon real issues and priority problems rather than upon case studies or hypothetical matters. And the tools we began creating during monthly Zürich conferences were crafted perceptively to unleash individual and collective intelligence. Indeed, they relied upon easy-to-follow steps – or “local rules” as these are called in nature.

Plus, the brilliant-yet-simple guidelines were designed to be self-renewing – without the need for future consulting. In keeping with Dr. Gerber’s innovations and language, this system was called Flow Team Dynamics. Our goal was to enable businesses to grasp and apply the hidden success principles of life itself. This would occur by presenting practical summaries of mathematical findings from systems science via pictures, analogies and simple suggestions, which differed greatly from commonplace ideas. The first step was a profound one. Showing teams how their inner views of the universe would dim or amplify their brilliance in creating practical, real-world solutions to the challenges they faced.

The underlying truth is that every system in the living cosmos is unfathomably complex. Yet typical views of the world often oversimplify and distort thinking. This causes a short-term view of problems and fosters a finger-pointing search for culprits. It is called a *Simple System* point-of-view. The Simple System mindset is typical of hierarchical or authoritarian groups and induces 'a fear state' of knee-jerk solutions in a context of politics. Yet the world is richer than such paltry mental maps. Even ocean kelp has  $10^{30,000}$  possible variations in genetic arrangement – although someone might view it as 'just a piece of seaweed.'

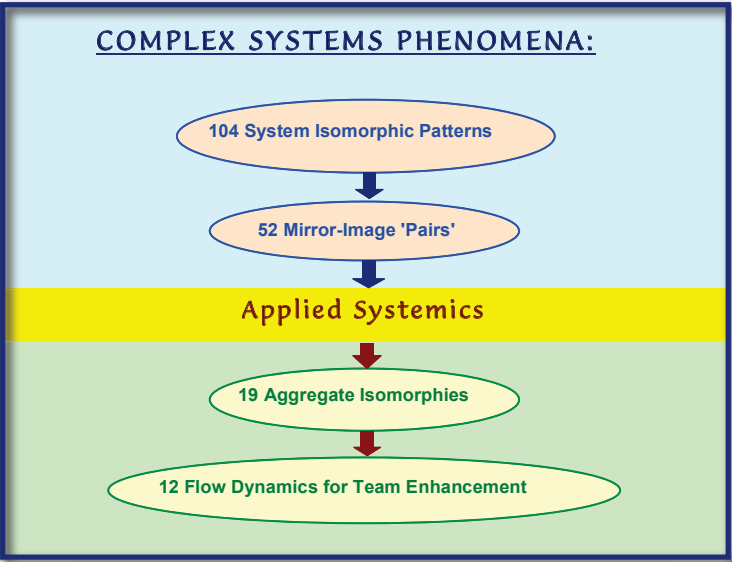
At other times, we mis-think of dynamic issues as if they were mechanical devices. And this leads to mentally 'engineering' solutions that may well be elegant and intellectually defensible. But such conclusions are based on a richer, yet-still-false, view of reality that is called the *Complicated System* mindset. It is the typical 'MBA way' of modern management and, yet, is a step

forward into an 'organized state' viewpoint.

But, have you ever wondered why nearly every corporate reorganization – ingeniously designed to fix problems– only works well enough initially to distract attention from long-term or emerging issues until yet-another reorganization is needed? Is life a machine? *Hardly*.

Indeed, the dynamic processes in nature operate differently.<sup>10</sup> In living systems, there are small-scale, simple ground-rules that allow astonishing phenomena to emerge in seemingly unfathomable complexity.<sup>11</sup> And it is relatively easy to highlight these invisible principles, empowering groups to act on new vistas.

This is a *Complex System* viewpoint. And, in truth, our world is an inter-nested set of numerous complex systems – ranging from weather or climate patterns to the global economy. If people can see their own group as a mirror or fractal of life's flow, this empowers them to rapidly improve via approaches requiring less effort and even bordering on play at times.



A true flowchart of the development steps would list about 30 phases. But a broad visual synopsis does appear nearby. Any further explanation would require a rather lengthy volume of pictures and words to do justice to the topic of *applied systemics*. And

<sup>10</sup> Ian Stewart has authored **The Mathematics of Life**, which asserts that biology is in the early phase of its sixth revolution – as mathematical analyses increasingly shape scientists’ views of life processes.

<sup>11</sup> **The Ragon Institute**, founded in 2009, is a combined effort of Massachusetts General Hospital, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harvard University. The Institute has successfully applied mathematical analytics previously used in stock market research to identify promising HIV/AIDS virus treatment routes.

such detailed richness is beyond this story’s aims and scope. So it may be the subject of a future book.

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*The practical results were astonishing after brief Flow Team sessions.*

A range of business groups applied precepts and ‘how-to’ steps for solving problems and achieving goals. In doing so, they created their own superb answers. Ones to which they were fully committed. And ones that were far superior to any outside consulting coaching or textbook input.

In any event, there was now sufficient proof for my scientifically trained mind. And I was prepared to take the full plunge. To show teams how to mimic simple patterns in living systems in order to boost their commercial success. In a word: “*Biomimetics*”, sometimes referred to as *biomimicry*.<sup>12</sup>

Soon my firm began providing such services cautiously. Yet superb results followed in one company after another. Troubled businesses turned around as thorny matters were resolved and financial gains grew. People began having fun with challenges in a more empowered milieu. New clients streamed in to our firm from referrals by existing and previous customers.

Biomimetics easily helped teams grasp how to mimic key success principles by which life itself thrives *despite obstacles*. And in every company, individuals and groups regularly displayed wisdom in astonishing ways. The ‘emerging whole’ of those teams was far more than the sum of its parts. Indeed, it seemed as if an invisible cosmic magic was present.

But, at that point, I was yet to fathom that modern science was merely rediscovering ancient wisdom that had been ‘lost’ relatively recently. Little did

<sup>12</sup> Jay Harman is a founder of *Pax Scientific*, an innovative organization that is applying key principles to real-world problems such as water purification. His current (2013) book about **BIOMIMETICS** is entitled: *THE SHARK’S PAINTBRUSH—Biomimicry and How Nature is Inspiring Innovation*. It is highly recommended reading for anyone interested in this emerging, leading-edge topic. [For more information, visit the website of the author’s publisher at: <http://www.whitecloudpress.com>]

I know then that, in many respects, modern science was simply catching up to what the ancients knew – tilling old soil rather than breaking new ground....

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The simple methods and insights of applied systemics are so vital that they may well appear in a separate book as mentioned above. Suffice to say, for now, that the results produced several surprises. In particular, it became clear that people were somehow sensing the future from an altered view of the past. And this arose from a shift in inner perceptions.

This was because –as far as I knew at that time– accepted scientific ideas failed to explain the steady stream of positive results with so many business people from different cultures and countries. Such experiences defied all that I had been trained to accept as real as a schooled skeptic.

*But what does ‘real’ mean, anyway?*

“Local reality” is a shorthand way to describe how people normally view the world. It is based on three core assumptions:

First, that objects which are separated in time and space have no connection with each other. Second, that nothing travels faster than the speed of light. And, third, that time flows forward, rather than backward.

I already knew that these three core ideas of Local Reality had been tested via a mathematical inequality called Bell’s Theorem. And the pattern of results had been intriguing.

Only one of the three assumptions had been confirmed: *Namely, the belief that time appears to flow forward even at great scales of microscopic magnification.*

However, research had failed to verify the other two commonly accepted beliefs. In particular, objective findings had shown separated objects to be inter-connected in some unseen fashion. And research had proven that



information *somehow* does travel faster than the speed of light.<sup>13</sup>

I personally had witnessed breakthrough solutions that seemed to come out of thin air. It was as if people were somehow attuned to some hidden source of input—perhaps an ISP of sorts, or Intuition Service Provider. Such events flew in the face of commonsense views about how the world works, which participants readily admitted.

*It was obvious to all that something mysterious –yet unseen– was actively in play.*

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Business successes through showing teams how to apply the hidden success principles of life, diverse research findings, and divinity studies with the Reverend Thomas began to converge. An internal, organic ferment continued as I felt the familiar, inner assumptions of Local Reality slipping away....

*Science and mysticism began to emerge as brilliant facets of the same wondrous whole.*

<sup>13</sup> But at that time, physicists were still debating whether any information in the universe could ever be lost permanently. They since have concluded that all information in the cosmos is retained forever....

[*Author's Note:* On a tangentially related topic, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) reported in 2011 that neutrinos –one of the most common subatomic particles in the cosmos– had been found to travel slightly faster than light when speeds were measured in billionths of a second. However, instrument error eventually was discovered to have caused false signals—thereby leaving Einstein's  $E=mc^2$  equation intact inasmuch as it includes the speed of light as a constant ('c') that cannot be exceeded by the velocity of physical matter per the Special Theory of Relativity. CERN corrected its report in early 2012 by announcing that a loose cable had caused measurement errors—in a 'textbook' example of how science ideally should operate.]

[*Author's Related Note:* Apropos of Einstein's astonishing perspicacity, unrelated results from the Max Planck Institute for Radioastronomy in Germany have more recently confirmed Einstein's postulates on the nature of gravity. In an "extreme test", scientists studied light streaming from two unusual stars, which are orbiting each other about 7,000 light years away from Earth. And the results precisely confirmed the predictions in Einstein's equations from the General Theory of Relativity on the curvature of the four-dimensional space-time matrix that manifests as what we call gravity. This unblemished track record of repeated experimental verification of Einstein's theories began within four years after their initial publication when scientists took advantage of a solar eclipse to carry out the very first test. Although that first experimental confirmation instantly vaulted Einstein to celebrity status, he was nonchalant about social, professional and public acclaim. Indeed, Einstein humbly advised: "Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value."]

[*Author's 'Reveal' Advisory:* There is more about Einstein's unusual consciousness in Chapter 4 as well as a novel explanation for it in Volume II. This ultimately will require introducing an unknown system for explaining access to genius-level intelligence. Much seemingly familiar material in the next 23 chapters is nuanced to build slowly toward that surprise punch line—called a "reveal" in film jargon.]

CHAPTER 3

JUST WHEN DOES A BOUNCY TROT BECOME A SMOOTH GALLOP?

*"A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong,  
which is but saying that he is wiser today than he was yesterday."  
- Alexander Pope*

It had been vexing to deal with two sets of parallel experiences that appeared to be in irreconcilable conflict. The daytime work involved sitting with groups of factually focused people. We dealt with streams of crunched numbers, market analyses, product issues, legal considerations, commercial strategies, and profit projections—often in sessions without natural light.

But the evening work with the Reverend Thomas had been entirely different. And I carried along an underlying state of stifled bewilderment.

Just *how* does one assist with a house blessing, or a healing, late the previous night, and then transition gracefully to the harsh light of the business world a few hours later in the next morning? Just what seminar or Learning Annex class does one take? What book or YouTube video conveys how to reconcile wildly alternate realities? And just how does one cope with experiences so different in nature that they seem to cancel out each other?

I didn't have answers and had only been able to cope with inner conflicts by compartmentalizing. Namely, putting last night's spiritual experiences into one mental box but keeping daytime business matters in an entirely separate one. And when one of the two 'box lids' had been open, the other had remained ever so tightly closed.

So, as the two worlds began to fuse in perception, there was a shift in my inner state. At first, the transition was disconcerting. Yet it soon changed to great relief.

*And what was the ultimate result?*



My company prospered as our business continued to expand. We opened multiple offices and had professional representatives in the western US as well as three European countries by the mid-1990s. The work spanned from Australia and North America to the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and continental Europe.

I often was in London during that period and lived there happily for a time. The travel was exhilarating—even though I found myself on international flights so often that some crewmembers and I began to know each other by name!

The business focused on providing accelerated development tools to key executives and business teams. There were two congruent over-lapping, packages—one for private, individual coaching and one for Flow Team Dynamics with commercial groups. The results were consistent as people blossomed into fuller potential and greater degrees of life success. This was deeply gratifying. Everything seemed ‘to work’ much better than I had ever expected.

Yet, a strange feeling began to grow. Somehow, it seemed that something was missing. Or, maybe, that I was missing something that should have been intuitively obvious.

Inexplicably strange events occurred. And astonishing, meaningful coincidences began to happen at a faster rate. The cleverest person could never have planned such synchronicities. Yet, if I had not been involved in some of them, I would have laughed them off as tall tales. Even seasoned business people had begun telling me in private of unusual, insightful experiences. My professional training was helpful: I listened with curiosity rather than judgment. As I wondered ‘what-on-Earth’ was emerging, I was able to maintain a child-like, receptive state. This judgment-free outlook was priceless.

And –as much as the scientist in me loathed admitting– other resources did appear to be available, too. In particular, it seemed that certain people could access the ‘collective unconscious’ of humanity. This is said to be a cumulative record from everyone who has ever lived in the context of broader spiritual themes.<sup>14</sup>

By contrast, our orthodox story of ancient history has often been written from fragments of truth. And it has been based on a few choice slivers from the limited perspective of the individual lives of victors or survivors.

So the standard accounts of life on Earth provided no help in fathoming the strange and repeated results in sessions with individuals and Flow teams. Indeed the only sources in history to shed light on all this came from the stories of mystics and seers. But such people had sometimes been put to death for their disturbing reports....

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I continued in the divinity studies with the Reverend Thomas, who revered the Divine and adored the wonders of creation. He later used his Hawaiian nickname of Kahuna Lani.<sup>15</sup> It was a shortened form of the very long name (Kahuna Ho’anoiwahinenuho’aLani) that a Cherokee medicine woman bestowed upon him in a ceremony that I had the honor of attending.

Kahuna Lani possessed enormous spiritual authority, healing powers, psychic abilities and ministerial wisdom. He also exuded genuine kindness and selfless humility as he praised all paths toward closeness with the Divine. I absorbed his attitude of non-judgmental acceptance and studied his specific

<sup>14</sup> From Wikipedia, *The Free Encyclopedia*: “Collective unconscious, sometimes known as collective subconscious, is a term of analytical psychology, coined by Carl Jung. It is a part of the unconscious mind, shared by a society, humanity and all life forms, that is the product of ancestral experience and contains such concepts as science, religion, and morality.”

<sup>15</sup> This was core in his shamanic life. Also, Kahuna Lani poignantly held renewed identity ceremonies for followers after each ‘family’ member had attained a certain degree of moral and spiritual progress. Those movingly intimate rites conveyed a new, alternate name for an identified person, which was to be used exclusively from that moment onward within the ‘ohana’, or metaphysical/spiritual family. The chosen name was always a surprise to the recipient, whose challenge was to grow into the highest moral qualities represented by the new name’s various nuances. Lani chose “Kahuna Lanakila” for me.



metaphysical techniques while documenting the amazing results that followed consistently.

Yet Lani deflected any compliments on astonishing successes—explaining time and again that he was merely living in harmony with what many had once known. That his teachers had recovered ancient spiritual understanding and magic. And that he had received profound gifts from them.

He insisted that he simply was relying upon wisdom and applied knowledge that were so pure, so true –and so close to their original source– that great potency remained present in them even today.



As often seems to be the case in such relationships, Kahuna Lani repeatedly ‘tested’ me on a pass-or-fail basis. On some occasions he did so without warning. Yet, at other times, he did so with enough notice that my inner anxieties grew intense.

On occasions, it would appear that his awesome kindness had vanished forever, as he seemed intent upon inflicting powerlessness, terror, awe or utter shame with a glance and a few harsh words of daunting challenge.

*And my personal state crashed from a heavenly peace into emotional hell.*

In the state of victimized confusion that followed, I mused about Lani’s deep personality flaws. I frankly was perplexed and unable to fathom how such a gracious teacher could ‘do’ those things ‘to me.’ *What could be emotionally wrong with him, I wondered?*

Then, one day, I finally got the joke: *No one can make you reactive, angry, powerless, frantic, fearful, helpless, manic, or ashamed without your consent.*

I was invisibly authoring these experiences and giving them power, form and substance by forfeiting an inborn spiritual birthright: The power to choose.

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Kahuna Lani ultimately ordained me in 2000 after one final test. It involved temporary physical inertia coupled with acutely active spiritual perception. I was required to take several steps.

First, to hike into a specific area of nature on a Pacific Island and camp overnight with a valid permit. Second, to drink a concoction of legal root herbs that left me subdued and able only to lie all night on the wet ground in a mentally alert and psychically receptive state. Third, to commune with a grove of ancient trees nearby. And, fourth, as I understood it...to plead my case to those sentient plants and, somehow, to convince them that I was worthy of ordainment. Kahuna Lani seemed to imply that the decision would be “their call.”

I then dragged myself back into civilization the next morning. And felt like an utter failure. Although the wise spirits of the trees had shown and ‘told’ me much with amazing sounds and images, I had been physically tranquilized and internally muted.



*I had found it utterly impossible to actively communicate anything back in response to those magnificent beings.*

So I arrived for breakfast with Lani and quickly admitted to inadequacy. He gazed at me soberly for quite some time. Then, without warning, he laughed heartily — repeating what he said he had already known from the trees at the



first hint of dawn. He recited detailed knowledge of overnight events and revelations that had come to me in a vivid flow of insights. Nature was deeply concerned with the human condition and the state of planet Earth. And the spirits of the trees had “seen” me as they were an interwoven aspect of the fabric of all creation.

Then, with a deep twinkle, he explained that there had been no case for me to plead. The trees were part of the divine web of sentient life. The Divine had peered into my heart through its manifested creation and thereby had deemed me worthy. Hence, I had passed the final test.

At a brief ordination, Lani presented solemn vows that were inviolable commitments. These included protecting the weak, acting with “care-less” courage, and resisting evil when encountering it on a devoted path of cheerful service.

*So I made a permanent set of promises. They were lifetime vows.*

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I had always assumed that Lani and I would become a team after that point. Yet, some time later, he would release me with a firm ‘shove’—like a mother bird nudging her panicked baby out of their nest and into thin air. It must have been hard for him. His push was much firmer than was needed. And, to me, his heart seemed to be heavy for the first time since I had known him.

But in doing so, Lani humbly gave a final challenge: To exceed the arc of his own spiritual path in life. To evolve faster than he had grown in consciousness, wholehearted service, and the path of re-gathering old wisdom while assisting more ‘fellow travelers along the path’ than his ministry had ever reached.

That wise and courageous man, who passed over in 2007, would often provide a spontaneous ‘sermon.’ Those talks were insightful summaries of life or spiritual reality. Each such “Manaho” left the listener awestruck about the

depth of his information as well as his brilliantly eccentric point-of-view (POV, in his jargon).

*At first blush, his POV often sounded bizarre – even schizophrenic.*

But it was so obviously accurate once patiently explained in its entirety with context from ancient language. So he often began by reminding listeners of the Whorf-Sapir hypothesis in anthropology. This is the theory that language determines thought, and thought –*in turn*– shapes one’s inner views of ‘reality’.

Kahuna Lani would commend English as a great tool for commerce, action, and mental innovation such as concepts, intellectual distinctions, technical jargon or other newly coined vocabulary. But he also would shine a clear light on how it warps perceptions—thereby creating an unseen inner ‘prison’ by inherent flaws.

This was due to several embedded assumptions that are ‘false-to-fact’ in the realm of spiritual reality. In essence, he would clarify a particular way in which English had mis-mapped the authentic territory of creation and then present an alternate, spiritually authentic view.

He was remarkably perceptive of nuances in archaic Hawaiian. So he would often explain how that tongue differed from the more modern Indo-European tongues we know well. And he said that it was identical to the *private* “transmission language” of the Egyptian high priests’ most sacred, inner circle. But ‘The Old Language’ showed no signs of natural evolution through colloquial speech. In fact, it appeared to have been constructed ‘artificially’ and



then maintained diligently—much like the sophisticated ‘Klingon’ language that modern science fiction writers created from scratch to enhance dramatic realism in Gene Roddenberry’s Star Trek series.<sup>16</sup>

That *transmission language* was an ingenious oral tradition that had been known in antiquity to a select few initiates. It had been used to communicate hidden, spiritual meanings embedded beneath the surface of more obvious, mundane ones. In that way, practical speech could convey rich metaphysical content.

Unlike Indo-European tongues, the archaic/ancient Hawaiian language contained a series of sound signals to guide listeners toward perceiving an integrated whole. Lani would gently peer past surface content and subsurface context as he exposed esoteric messages that had been deeply embedded.

A rich hologram of wisdom would then blossom from the individual sounds themselves. But the emergent meaning differed from its signaling parts, which were only stepping-stones on a path of perception.



This is like when several people point toward a rising Harvest moon so that another person knows where to turn around and look for it. When the nudged viewer swivels in the direction of the moon and observes its beauty, the pointing fingers are forgotten. They were simply clues guiding the viewer toward perceiving something that previously had been unnoticed.

In this vein, Lani described how the word that had been assumed to mean “I” in archaic Hawaiian was a mistranslation by English-speaking dictionary writers. The reference book’s creators unwittingly had inserted their own mental concepts — rooted in the idea of an assertive, controlling, self-involved ego that gathers information, decides, and takes action.

<sup>16</sup> Several years ago, it was documented that the burgeoning number of people studying *Klingon* as a second language had made it the fastest-growing, newly-learned tongue in the world.

Lani showed how the deep meaning of archaic Hawaiian sounds assumed to signify “I” was quite different. A non-English understanding of the emerging hologram was more akin to: “It has come to me in the flow of things.” The sounds were signals pointing toward a larger gestalt hidden behind the veil of perception. When this realization dawned, the speaker was no longer seen as the prime actor in life but, rather, as a vessel of receptive consciousness. One to be filled with brilliant splashes from a flowing stream of cosmic information.

*Feel free to pause as you read. And access your internal truth detector. What comes to you in the flow of things as you enter a quiet state of knowing?*

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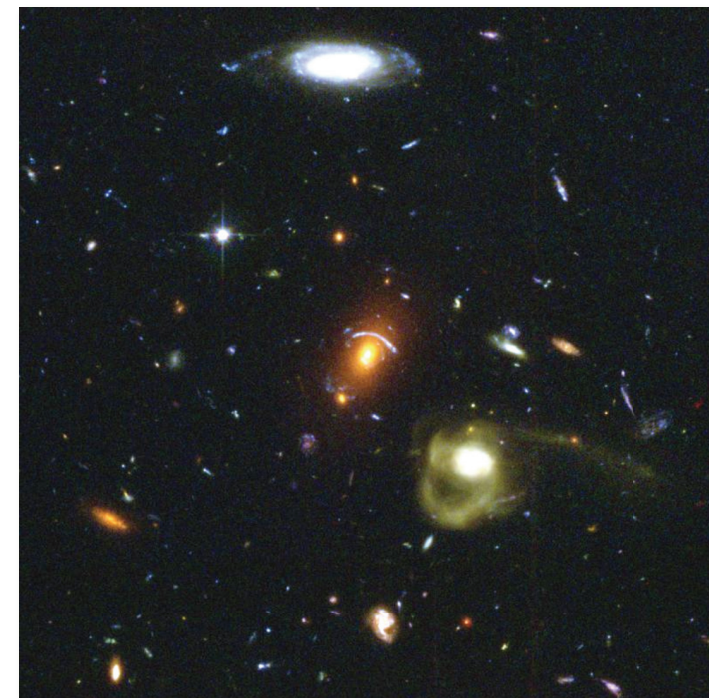
A topic transition from mysticism to science will seem odd to many readers. Yet both are aspects of the same wondrous prism of creation. You may even find that they are helpful complements to each other. So now we will detour into today’s world of the scientific knowledge. This is the simplest way to see the obvious, including how ‘objective’ research actually works.

*And to know what science suggests might be concealed behind the veil of physical matter.*

## CHAPTER 4

### MODERN SCIENCE: WHERE IS THE HONEY IN THIS BUZZING BEEHIVE?

*"Imagination is more important than knowledge."  
-Albert Einstein*



‘Exoteric’ is a bedrock feature in modern science. Exoteric means ‘open.’ Science focuses on things that can be objectively viewed and measured by any observer. In practice, this usually means phenomena that can be detected by current instruments.

Early scientists of a few centuries ago saw their work as a mission to uncloak the mysteries of the hidden divine handiwork of creation. Many had a mystical outlook,

although they were not necessarily religious. Still they approached science with a reverent curiosity.

To those pioneers, there was no bright line separating their research observations from underlying spirituality. Both were simply facets of the same wondrous prism.

*But gathering scientific knowledge slowly changed from those early times.*

René Descartes’ 17th century ideas became contagious. And, after Sir Isaac Newton published his extraordinary theories in a three-volume *Principia* series



(1687)<sup>17</sup>, such thinking subtly led people to view the cosmos as a mechanical, dead clock that, in essence, had been wound fully and then left to run on its own. Clicking along lifelessly, without core intelligence or any guiding hand.

Later, the universe would be viewed as a series of statistical accidents occurring by ‘random chance.’ Such perspectives unmoored scientists from their inherent intuition. And researchers began moving further and further into the dry mode of gathering cold facts for sterile mental analysis.

So, how do scientists operate now? Aren’t they simply devoted to objectivity?

*The answer is generally ‘yes’ but with several caveats about context requiring mention.*

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Today, basic science findings usually flow from a research mill. There are many steps in this process. These include identifying factors for study, designing experiments, grant-writing, data-gathering, applying statistics, interpreting results, drafting potential journal reports, pre-publication reviewing, revising reports based on editorial guidance, and –hopefully– publishing a modified journal paper after peer review judgments about whether re-worded study results deserve to be printed.

Expert reviewers are intended to be anonymous and concealed by a set of ‘double-blind’ safeguards. In fact, though, the parties’ identities are often obvious to nearly all participants. And subtle prejudices may exist despite the structure of such ‘objective’ procedures.

During this painstaking set of steps, every study method and conclusion is open to being challenged by intellectual individuals who are steeped in their

<sup>17</sup> *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (In English, the Latin title means “Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy”.)

[*Author’s Note:* Newton was a brilliant mathematician and physicist who conclusively proved our solar system to be heliocentric. Newton’s understanding of the physical world would endure for more than two centuries as the prevailing model of cosmic reality – lasting until Einstein’s early 1900s relativity models upended Newtonian theoretical dominance but not all practical applications.]

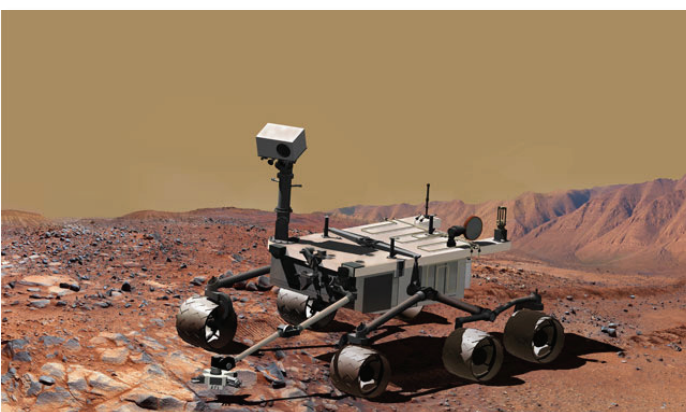
own careers. Editors and experts exert enormous influence on the text and details of results as well as their presumed significance and interpretation in any final papers accepted for publishing. And researchers often are cautioned to avoid straying from the specific data at hand by indulging in “speculation” about broader meanings.

So how a researcher presents and interprets data is subject to many unseen political pressures. The free flow of information may even be stymied by other factors such as personal rivalries, academic politics, or competition for a limited pool of funds.

In addition, science is often Balkanized into various specialties that constrain the integration of separate fields. There are even sub-specialties within specialties. This further separates knowledge in a fashion that deters its broader coherence. And it tends to support the non-scientific practice of deferring to ‘consensus’ opinions – which, themselves, are formed in a context of rivalries, politics, and competitive jostling for funds. In this way, group-think polarities may become amplified.

Yet there is also an odd yin-yang balance. The hot ‘yang’ areas are in creative ferment, usually due to new data arriving. Results sometimes fail to match predictions or they negate long-held assumptions. This can undermine accepted views. The subsequent effect is a chaotic process in which new theories are proposed and debated. Differing explanations for what has been observed often compete with each other.

In particular, numerous extra-terrestrial missions, planetary explorations, ground-based telescopes, and advanced space-borne instruments have been powerful data-gathering tools.



*Such sources continue to bring us vast streams of new information about the cosmos.*

Some findings have cast doubt on prevailing views. Whenever this occurs in science, competing theories add yeast to the ferment until even more new data arrives. (And it is worth noting that Einstein's predictions repeatedly have been confirmed. A simple explanation for this will come in later chapters.)

Other cool 'yin' fields are ruled by traditional thought, or orthodoxy. The framework of accepted ideas is well set. And controversies rarely threaten views previously formed and accepted as 'consensus' beliefs. When new data arise that cannot be ignored, the accepted framework is often clarified or enlarged to tell a more complex story.<sup>18</sup>

In a sense, some accepted areas of science are like Sir Isaac Newton's physics as expressed in his 1687 *Principia* series. More than a century ago, scientists had applied his ideas to the point that they sincerely thought that they understood virtually all of creation. And the Newtonian framework certainly did seem to explain most of the world around us.

Indeed, all appeared to be so well understood that, by the late 1800s, there was a serious proposal to shutter the USA patent office as obsolete. People assumed that everything that possibly could be dreamt up in order to be patented already had been invented and patented. (That cozy Newtonian mindset might seem silly in our time. But this is because it was later disrupted by Einstein's strange new ideas of relativity. We now benefit greatly from the clarity of hindsight.)

In short, the pattern in science for more than a century has been amusing in retrospect—like an older sci-fi film whose datedness is glaringly obvious. This is because consensus-seeking tends to accept only those concepts that can currently be measured.

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<sup>18</sup> Perhaps one example of the latter can be found in anthropology. The story of human evolution has been adjusted based on older and more diverse fossil finds to the point that it has become muddled. However, the key themes have remained intact. This reminds some of Ptolemy, the Roman born in Egypt nearly 2,000 years ago. His followers gave ever-more-complicated explanations for new observations while clinging to their core assumption that Earth was the center of the entire universe.

*Robert Ornstein has compared this to a community of fisherman, all of whom possess nets with three-inch holes, who thereby run the serious risk of ignoring –or even denying the existence of– two-inch fish.*

It was in this vein that Abraham Maslow lamented a related aspect of modern science decades ago. He believed that its activities had become scientistic (this author's term). Maslow called the trend 'means-centeredness' versus 'problem-centeredness' in research.

This was Maslow's way of describing how scientists had begun using ever-more-precise methods in studying matters of lesser importance to the human condition. In the process, he felt that research methods had become an end in and of themselves, with dwindling focus on the value that flowed from scientific results.<sup>19 20</sup>

*So, does this suggest that modern science is often useless?*

No. Quite the contrary. Scientific observations are priceless. However, the process of interpreting and making sense of results is problematic and should be understood more clearly. This requires two key insights about how research occurs in real life.

First, most of us may be unaware of what we take for granted. So we may often fail to grasp that our explanations for anything always rest on core assumptions.

So, for example, if you were to give directions to a stranger, you would expect that the other person would understand 'left' and 'right' in the same way that you do. We all naturally assume that strangers are free from dyslexia. And that they will clearly grasp how to use 'here-to-there' guidance.

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<sup>19</sup> Naomi Schaffer Riley, author of *The Faculty Lounges* has reported speaking with one professor who said: "When I became department chair 30 years ago, people used to bring in their research in a loose leaf [binder]. Now they bring it in multiple Xerox boxes."

<sup>20</sup> Richard Vedder, a professor of economics at Ohio University, has written that: "...much research consists of obscure articles published in even more obscure journals on topics of trivial importance."

But if the stranger becomes lost after hearing succinct directions, it would be easy to conclude that a dyslexic person ‘just didn’t listen’ based on one’s unrecognized assumptions about clear information being sufficient.

*Yet would this be unquestionably true?*<sup>21</sup>

In a similar vein, unexamined scientific assumptions often guide the steps of data interpretation in research. And these color explanations in a hidden fashion. This is one key in seeing how science actually works—regardless of whether it works well or poorly.

In short, the ‘givens’ in a particular moment quietly guide the way in which ‘objective’ results are interpreted. This is true regardless of whether every underlying assumption is highlighted. Occasionally, however, something unforeseen occurs without warning. And, when ‘the assumed’ is challenged by new data, scientists face a tough decision:

*Must we junk familiar and accepted theories? Should we make them more complicated to include the puzzling results? Or should we simply ignore such findings for now?*

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Second, another aspect of Maslow’s critique is rooted in the basic tool of most fields of science. Simply put, our research approach is ‘reductionistic.’ It is rooted in deductive thinking. This model of discovery uses logic and reason to analyze data and to arrive at specific factual conclusions. It also is vital in testing key aspects of particular theories.

Reductionism comes from the same word as ‘reduce.’ It refers to the method of separating, or dissecting, a phenomenon into its parts. These components are then studied individually. The aim often is to gain better understanding of ‘the whole’ by reassembling it piece-by-piece—but only after each part has been examined thoroughly.

<sup>21</sup> No, of course not.

Scientists do this kind of work with fantastic skill. They deserve great credit for tireless study of ever-smaller aspects in rich detail. And they have developed vast amounts of specific information. The degree to which knowledge has expanded nearly beggars belief.

Indeed, many bodies of research knowledge are so large that specialists frequently address sub-areas. Yet those helpful experts are also people with their own viewpoints who are deeply enmeshed in the politics and dynamics of their personal research careers. As a result, larger context is often an after-thought. And reductionism –by its very nature– veers away from integrating seemingly unrelated research outcomes in a holistic manner, particularly across disciplines. Once again, a researcher who might do so will be judged harshly as indulging in ‘speculation’ that strays beyond the specific data at hand. Hence, inductive thinking about the broader meanings of results (and their potential interrelatedness to other findings) becomes a lower priority, which is therefore ignored under the widely applied ground rules of journal publication editors.

So as this process pieces together fragments of information, it risks producing a grand structure that is incomplete. And internally consistent results may yield off-base interpretations. These may respect consensus while harboring mis-assumptions from various traditions of thought. Sometimes the result is a modern ‘Tower of Babel’ of ideas. To their credit, scientists nearly always state that further research is needed.

*Yet the key question is: Can scientists ever reach ‘truth’ through reductionism?*<sup>22</sup>

Reductionism is a bit like trying to understand how handwriting occurs by cutting the hand apart and studying the anatomical parts in isolation.

<sup>22</sup> John Derbyshire, writing for *The Wall Street Journal*, has used the following metaphor in a book review of problems in scientific research: “Like other complex human enterprises, science has a ‘front’ and a ‘back.’ The model here is a restaurant. In the front, waiters in spotless uniforms glide between tables murmuring suggestions and delivering exquisitely arranged platters. Meanwhile, the kitchen — the back — is a chaos of noise, heat, haste, breakage and rancor. Now and then a gross error in the back leaks out into the front, and a case of food poisoning shows up in the newspapers. *So it is with science.*”



Specialists on muscle, bone, ligaments, blood flow, neurology, and so forth, would be asked to provide expert views. To this might be added mechanical studies on pen construction and ink flow plus analyses of the paper. Then, and only then, would segments of information be confidently re-assembled to explain how writing can occur.

Yet this approach would miss the vital context: A *conscious person* moves the hand holding the pen while forming an intention to write. So reductionistic science would tend to ignore this ‘variable’ since consciousness or underlying perception cannot be measured objectively. Hence, the writer’s mind would be omitted from consideration in this hypothetical study. And although the objective methods would be sound, such research –despite all its well-documented conclusions– would be silly.

*So, is there a third way? Might it be possible to re-engage authentic intuition as a scientific tool?*

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An eccentric young man worked in Berne, Switzerland during the early 1900s. He had a steady job with benefits –that of a clerk in the Swiss patent office. As



a child, he had been a slow learner who performed poorly in school. Language and mathematics had been difficult, and he was socially awkward.

Albert had mused internally since boyhood and had long performed imaginary ‘thought experiments’ in moments of quiet reflection.

But after completing university education, no employment offers came his way. No one seemed to recognize that he might have any special talents, much less brilliance. And even his father attempted to help in finding a position for his son.

Finally, the graduate landed a clerical job in a government office. Who would

have thought the odd, young man could have turned out so well?

One day at the civil servants’ lunch break, the young clerk ordered a multi-course meal while having lunch in a local restaurant. He found it so delicious that he eccentrically ordered the same meal service a second time around.

After eating those two multi-course meals, he returned to work. But the junior employee began to grow drowsy while processing various paper submissions to his office.

Clerk Albert Einstein had been cataloging patent application filings for devices that measured the speed of light in various circumstances. Experts had always assumed that light speed varied just like the speed of sound emitted by the whistle on a railroad engine. The direction of a moving train alters the speed of the shrill sound, whose velocity increases or decreases by precisely the speed of the rail car traveling *toward* or *away from* the person hearing it.

*And light was assumed to travel just the same way.*

In his daily work routine, Einstein had begun to muse. He wondered whether the common belief in varying light speeds was actually correct. Did light actually slow down when beamed from a receding object? And did it speed up as a light source moved toward a peering observer?



As he continued working at his desk after the big lunch, he sleepily asked himself a simple question in childlike curiosity:

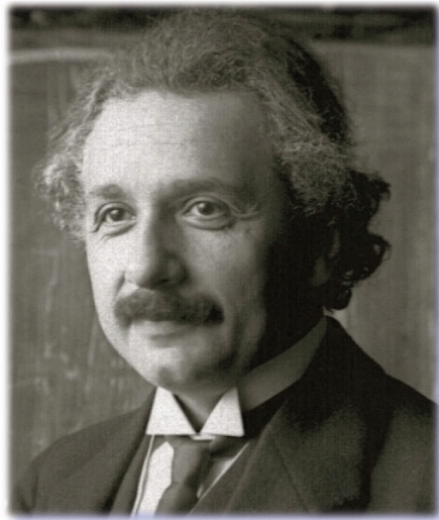
*“Suppose light is different. What would the universe be like if the speed of light everywhere is always constant?”*

What followed was vivid and explicit. Einstein called it ‘a waking dream’.

In a relaxed state, he saw a series of holographic images in three and four dimensions. He watched as light traveled in various circumstances. And he wrote down the details. But Einstein had trouble getting others to accept his notions.

Simply put, he was a less than stellar as a mathematician. So he worked for years to prove his strange new ideas to scholars before eventually succeeding.

Einstein’s insights became known as the Special and General Theories of Relativity. He was awarded a Nobel Prize in 1921 for his unprecedented insights. His career path was promising. The future was bright.



Ultimately, as of today, Einstein’s waking dream has a unique place in science. Nearly all the sleepy pictures he saw have been confirmed since that time.

Indeed, the truth of those detailed and flowing images has been tested repeatedly. And their accuracy has been verified by instruments that had not yet been invented in that time. Furthermore, Einstein’s insights also have proven by instruments and technologies that, at that time, *had not even been conceived of in order to be invented* for use as research tools.<sup>23</sup>

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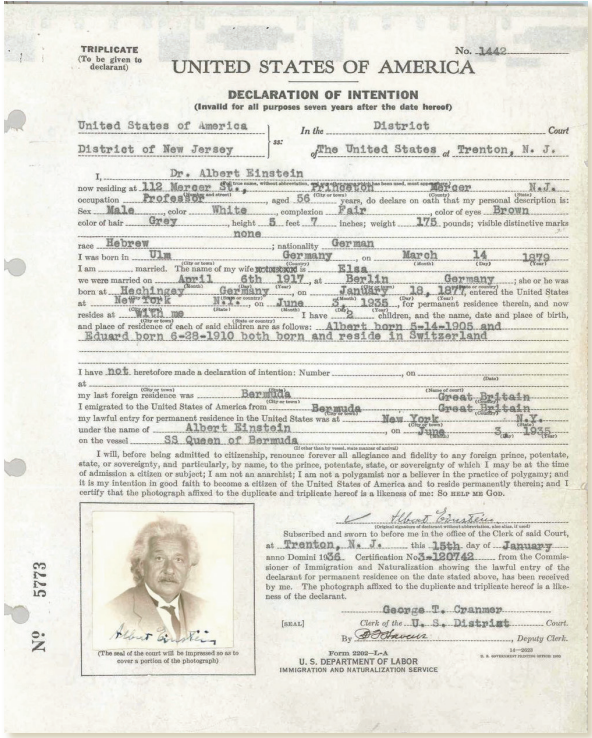
The Nazi party came to power in Germany in January 1933. Einstein wisely had traveled during the previous month to winter in California at Caltech in Pasadena. And, in light of perilous circumstances that remained in flux, he chose to stay in the USA.

<sup>23</sup> As William Blake, the English Poet said: “What is now proved was once only imagined.”

The German-born, Nobel Laureate had been alerting influential people in other countries about his homeland’s dangerous direction as Nazi power had grown. If Albert Einstein had chosen to return to Europe, the Gestapo would certainly have arrested him for treason as an enemy of the State based on a 1933 arrest

warrant. He saw clearly the handwriting on the wall and, in effect, realized that he needed the protection of foreign asylum.

Einstein faced another risk from being Jewish by birth and upbringing. He knew personally that the German press and political establishment had never informed their country’s people of a national defeat in “The Great War,” which we call World War I. And he was painfully aware that “the Jews” were being politically scapegoated for the post-war social misery that had resulted from victor countries imposing punitive economic



restraints. So, eventually, Dr. Albert Einstein sought USA citizenship in 1936. At the time, he was working at Princeton as a physicist.

Some fellow physicists had become excited about Einstein’s breakthroughs. A previously unknown type of “thought experiment” had magically given young Albert amazing answers. It seemed reasonable that such an approach might well advance their field in extraordinary ways if it could be replicated.

Hence, others researchers logically deduced the steps of Albert Einstein’s methods of gaining unanticipated insights. They thereby reduced his mental processes to what appeared to be their component parts. They next imitated the key steps of asking themselves activating questions and awaiting astonishing answers.



And what was the outcome?

Simply put, this approach worked quite poorly, if at all, for imitators who sat with closed eyes. They were already wrapped in the intellectual maps of their own minds, of course. And they also were oblivious to the state of consciousness carried by Einstein as the original ‘imager.’

As a result of such manifest failures, the promising thought-experiment approach was discarded as a research tool for achieving conceptual breakthroughs in physics as well as other fields of science. And it fell rapidly into disfavor.

So, at Princeton Einstein began laboring at science the accepted way...reducing phenomena to their parts. Studying the parts in a step-by-step path toward reassembling pieces to gain a clear view of the whole. Adhering to orthodoxy as he attempted to solve the unified field puzzle that would explain the interplay between cosmic forces in nature.

And what levels of further success ensued as the world-renowned physicist advanced in a globally esteemed career?

*Professor Albert Einstein never achieved another dramatic, scientific breakthrough for the rest of his life.*

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We are all born with an innate truth detector. One is available to you in every moment, including this one. You can only access it through quiet inner intuition rather than by thinking.

The Greeks had a special word for such informed ‘knowing.’ It referred to esoteric wisdom flowing directly from the divine source.

*They called it “Gnosis.”*<sup>24 25</sup>

<sup>24</sup> English definition: “Knowledge of spiritual mysteries” with a usage originating in the latter 1500s, just prior to the blooming of the Renaissance—from the Greek word ‘gnosis’.”

And, from *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*: “The gnosis referred to in the term is a form of revealed, esoteric knowledge through which the spiritual elements of humanity are reminded of their true origins within the superior Godhead.” (It is pronounced ‘know-sis.’)

<sup>25</sup> Also from *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*:

“Plato, in his dialogue Alcibiades (circa 390 BC), uses the expression *ta esô* meaning “the inner things”, and in his dialogue Theaetetus (circa 360 BC) he uses *ta exô* meaning “the outside things”. The probable first appearance of the Greek adjective *esôterikos* is in Lucian of Samosata's "The Auction of Lives", § 26 (also called "The Auction of the Philosophical Schools"), written around AD 166.”

“The term *esoteric* first appeared in English in the 1701 History of Philosophy by Thomas Stanley, in his description of the mystery-school of Pythagoras; the Pythagoreans were divided into ‘exoteric’ (under training), and ‘esoteric’ (admitted into the ‘inner’ circle).”

[*Author’s Note*: Please refer back to the first two footnotes, which appear in this volume’s *Foreword*. Also, keep in mind Thomas Stanley’s exoteric-esoteric distinction above when you read about the Egyptian Priesthood as well as the Hebrew priestly organization that the Egyptian Crown Prince Tuthmosis (Moses) created, the ‘Pythagorean Brotherhood’ in the Italian school of ancient world mysteries, and the inner/outer split of the *Knights Templar* centuries later. It is vital for readers to absorb the original understanding of “esoteric” — i.e., “admitted into the ‘inner’ circle”.]



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*A VITAL NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR*

**A Vital Note from the Author:** A key aim of these books is to remind readers that they may rely upon their own infallible internal knowing, or *Gnosis*, as a divine birthright. Hence, you are encouraged to research and intuit upon each and every issue throughout.



This work was a tremendous undertaking and written in unorthodox fashion based on decades of research. The original draft of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition was more than 600 pages in length. After being greatly pared down, it later was published as a set of author's galleys about which many diverse readers (*from lay readers, to religious authorities, to European academics, to Hollywood award winners*) were enlisted to give input and pose questions. Their varied contributions were priceless.

The follow-up eBook on Amazon's Kindle site was designed to continue this process with readers unknown to the author. And that work ultimately was divided into two separate volumes in response to persuasive reviewer input upon a subsequent, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, printed version which enjoyed select circulation. Prepublication PDF's of Volumes I and II in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition were offered as free downloads from [www.grahamhancock.com](http://www.grahamhancock.com) in conjunction with this writer being honored as October 2012 Author of the Month. Public and private input from message board participants was greatly helpful in creating this 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Every 'understanding-related' issue raised by various readers has been addressed via revisions and clarifications. This includes items right down to the meaning of the word "cross-hairs" and the Latin notations that Athanasius Kircher placed upon the ancient Egyptian map of the Island of Atlantis which he published in 1665.

*Among the many reviewers, please know that this pro-spiritual story has thrilled most. Yet some readers became rather upset and derided content herein as political in nature, scientifically unproven<sup>102</sup>, non-canonical, or even blasphemous.*

<sup>102</sup> As archaeologist Gary Haynes (University of Nevada-Reno) has observed: "Anyone advancing a radically different hypothesis must be willing to take his licks from skeptics."

So I *was* tempted to rewrite offending portions, to remove controversial ideas, and to water down this story. But it became obvious that such bargaining and negotiating with person after person would succeed only in *genuinely* politicizing the text and deleting information that may be invaluable to some — perhaps only a few.

Different readers have contradicted each other in accusing me of being either pro-Jewish or anti-Jewish.<sup>103</sup> Pro-Arab or anti-Arab. Pro-Catholic or anti-Catholic. Pro-Christian or anti-Christian. Too scientific or too mystical. Too detailed or too sketchy. It would be wonderful if one *could* please all the people all the time. *But I have rediscovered the timeless truth that doing so is impossible.*<sup>104</sup>

If you've read to this point, you already know that a core message was that 21 December 2012 marked long-awaited epochal shift in our world that had been underway for some time. The new 6<sup>th</sup> Age will now gestate and mature as we endure the lingering vibe of the old epoch, *which will continue for a decade or two.*

Nevertheless, it's a bright time for humanity despite any turmoil and suffering that will gradually abate. The world will continue shifting. This is welcome news for most.

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*And the bottom line in **GNOSIS Onward** is that each person is free to accept OR reject anything, or even everything, herein.*

In other words, feel free to pause as you read, while accessing your internal truth meter. And consider the value of forming a clear intent to keep it fully activated in everyday life. This discipline will be key in creating your own, optimal path forward....

*So, welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> Age of the Sun. It's a brave new world!*

<sup>103</sup> For example, a Jewish lawyer in Los Angeles warned that I had "better be able to provide bullet-proof research" to document my "charges" about Joshua's actions in Jericho (per Chapter 21 of Volume II) or the series would be 'dead on arrival' in Hollywood. In response, I simply referred him to the three key chapters in the book of *Joshua* found in his own Bible.

<sup>104</sup> As Abraham Lincoln well knew.



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The Rev. Dr. Lew Graham was trained both as a scientist and a shaman. He has made a journey of discovery since childhood, fusing millennia of information to steward the extraordinary accounts herein. This is an unorthodox tale of human history and potential, bringing clarity to the gestation era of the 6th Sun Age that was conceived in December 2012 as well as many other answers. And the real aim is to awaken inner knowing as a spiritual birthright. This will be your reward for delving in.

As all earlier editions predicted, December 2012 was a welcome ‘event horizon’ that marked a fantastic, long-awaited shift in our world. It will mature as we endure the spastic death throes of a departing epoch. So it’s a bright time for humanity as any turmoil and suffering gradually abates. The welcome news that our world will continue transforming is clearly explained in an astonishing account of humanity’s true past and our unfolding future.



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