

**Postulating the Human Creation of God:
A Brief History of Naturalism, Cults, and Supernatural Religion ¹**
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Self-Conscious Universe: Our discussion has a scope very different from that you usually find in an academic or religious setting. It includes the universe as a conscious, self-evolving organism. It also posits a human story with 200,000 years of topsy-turvy civilizations, not just the 5,000 years found in today's history books. It views evolution of human consciousness through the lens of science and ancient history instead of philosophy.

Science does well in studying the physical aspects of our 13+ billion-year-old universe and our 4 billion-year old planet. But it has not yet scratched the surface of our human past. Many fundamental questions are still unanswered. Today we touch only four of them:

How did modern humans break out of the million-years pace of hominid evolution so quickly? What is consciousness? Who are the prehistoric builders of inexplicable megalithic structures? Who are the ancient advanced beings described in all human cultural traditions?

On the first question, science's accidental, gene-mutation/natural selection theory is inconsistent with its own fossil and genetic evidence. Punctuated equilibrium is a hollow concept. On the other three, science has not even tried to answer them. However, the clues we have today suggest we may be neither solely Earth natives, nor simply travelers from another planet.

Perhaps we should think of all humans as immigrant aliens from an unknown origin—but without a Homeland Security Department green card.

The above three questions require multidisciplinary, cross-cultural research in chemistry, physics, biology, anthropology, psychology, and ancient history. But, today we'll use only snippets from physics, biology and history.

Physicists tell us the smallest of sub-particles pop in and out of sight, but still exist in an invisible state. This invisible realm has been given names

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like quantum plenum, unified field, or zero point energy. They do not explain how consciousness works in them. But I think we may have a clue.

Some sharp minds have invented what we call information theory. It posits that the most fundamental source of matter is simply “bits” of information. These packets are theoretical letter/space/number combinations. But when they are energized they manifest as elemental matter and biological forms.

Whether in separate physical elements or living bodies, these packets of “info-bits” pop into and out of the quantum realm. They do not decay during energetic breaks from the physical realm. (A human example is the “so-called” near-death experience.) I believe the quantum model is consistent with the concept of a *conscious, self-learning and self-actualizing universe*. (*Our Solarian Legacy: Multidimensional Humans/Self-Learning Universe*.)

Evolution of Consciousness: If our dynamic universe is information-based and some form of evolution is necessary to maintain its integrity, conscious learning must evolve through time and space. Some learning is recorded in various media and preserved from one generation to another.

However, not everything we learn is safely preserved, particularly when global disasters cause the death of the knowledge holders. The universe seems to have alternatives to insure the continuity of conscious learning. This leads us into the realm many call the spiritual world. Here’s a quote:

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.” Written by French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, it implies an spiritual aspect is more fundamental than the physical part. It also implies some form of reincarnation.

However, I suggest that “spirituality” is a limited, outdated term for what we now call consciousness. Spirituality *per se* does not provide insight into the actual workings of the mind and reincarnation.

However, the “info-bits” theory described above may help us. Quantum theory’s concept of a single information field is consistent with a field of consciousness that activates and interacts with the biological realm.

This means each human has a unique packet of “info-bits” energized by a conscious universe. This packet is what I have labeled “the soul genome” in my book with the same name. This aspect of life accumulates and preserves lifetimes of knowledge and experience. (See *The Soul Genome*.)

This model suggests that at physical death, this soul “pops” back into a field of consciousness. In a new birth, it “pops” back into the physical realm. Its previous-life legacy helps shape the new child’s subconscious mind and behaviors, as DNA proteins form the growing physical body.

Let’s discuss why our universe might develop a process like reincarnation. If the universe maintains its own integrity, building on all of its experience, it would have to maintain a record of consciousness. Body/mind experiences stored in soul genomes contribute to the realization of its own potential.

Reincarnation could also fill the gaps in a species’ memory when a culture breaks down or a generation destroys historical records. Having internal access to past-life memories could save the day. How could this work?

We have considerable evidence of what is in the soul genome. It carries info-bits that form facial features, bone structure, body-type, and residual wounds or scars. Psychological and physical ailments seem to be included.

Particular skills or habits from past-life professions or hobbies can be resumed in the following life. They may include music, art, sports, writing, social behaviors, and others. These traits often lead to prodigies or other precocious behaviors. Singing or dancing alien to the child’s culture may occur spontaneously. Solid careers at very early ages.

Memories of particular events may be recalled. People recognize locations and people that they had never seen in this lifetime. Past-life accidents or war injuries seem to evoke stress in this life. Personality types carry forward. Learning and reasoning patterns appear to be rooted in past lives.

People important to us today who are very close to us in family or social relationships may have been with us in past lives. Teachers, guides of other sorts, and people whose work or ideas resonate with us may have been in our past-life circles. Not every event has a past-life connection, but many do.

Other theories cannot explain these close correspondences between lifetimes as well as reincarnation. Obviously, we do not yet understand how the soul genome actually interacts with the 3-D realm. But, neither do scientists know how sub-particles maintain their integrity after a quantum jump through space and time. Let's discuss another type of consciousness.

We've Never Been Alone: Given the age, complexity, and size of our universe, it would be naïve to believe that we humans are the only sapient beings. It is likely that other intelligent species travel throughout the universe. Some may be humanoid-types, but others may be different.

Furthermore, most of them are likely to be advanced in knowledge and technology. (From this point on, I will call such advanced beings "ABs.") We have ample physical artifacts and cultural history that indicate they have been on Earth throughout history. And some continue to do so today!

They were known by names like Annunaki and Elohim, including ABs like Vishnu and Yahweh. They include invisible "voices" who spoke to Hindu yogis, Moses, Mohammed, Joseph Smith, and others who founded religions. They include ethereal beings like Seth, Pleadians, and so-called ascended masters speaking through various humans.

Think about: *Adam* and *Eve* in the Garden of Eden with a reptile-like being. Lot speaking to ABs before they destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Moses on Mount Sinai listening to a voice behind smoke and fire. Mary being counseled not to abort the fetus that was to become Jesus. But, such references to ABs are not limited to the Bible.

A Babylonian text (*Enuma Elish*) named similar ABs like *Apsu*, *Tiamat*, etc. A Chinese story says an AB named *P'an Ku* taught humans about the universe. An Apache account calls some ABs *Hactein*, who created human beings. Similar stories are found in Egypt, India, Japan, and practically every other culture on the globe.

Regarding our earlier discussion on reincarnation, keep in mind that we may have known these mentioned humans. Or, we could have been them.

The currently available evidence of AB-human interactions suggests that humans on Earth have experienced four stages of conscious (spiritual, if you like) development. Reincarnation implies we may have been players in each of the four stages. Let's review them.

Preligion. I call the first phase of development *Preligion*—which denotes a pre-religious, naturally conscious perspective on reality. Keep in mind that the “religion concept” is only 1700 years old, explained further on.

Preligion began about 175,000 BP, after when fossils suggest that *Homo erectus* and *sapiens* were scattered over the earth. Whether it started in Mu, Lemuria, Atlantis or elsewhere, ABs reportedly interbred with *H. sapiens* and produced *H. sapiens sapiens*. (See *We've Never Been Alone*.)

According to Egyptian texts, Atlantis was ruled by *Re-Atum* (*Poseidon* in Greek) and ten of his sons prior to the great Flood. They were called *Neter* (sky-travelers) by the Egyptians, but in today's English, these ABs would be called god and angels.

They named themselves kings or emperors and took advantage of primitive humans. They gave humans a mix of slavery and education in advanced science and technology. While humans were second-class beings, they developed physically and intellectually from their interactions with the ABs.

Some of these new humans migrated to India, Persia, and Egypt. Smaller groups migrated to Central America, the Andes, and parts of Oceania. Highly developed cultures arose in these areas, leaving pyramids and other megalithic structures, embedding AB memories in human soul genomes.

But about 11,500 years ago humans and their AB companions had to cope with shifting climates, floods, volcanos, tsunamis, tornadoes, etc. This global cataclysm is known in the Hebrew Torah and other texts as the Flood. Most humans died. But, the few who survived received technical assistance from returning, off-planet ABs (as in the tale of Noah).

AB-Cults. Several centuries after the global cataclysm, small human centers began to revive their cultures. Egyptian, Indian, and Middle Eastern texts describe the story. This history indicates humans were aided, and

ruled, but, in contrast to Atlantis, accounts of this period indicate that humans were more and more left alone to their own devices.

However, humans who had closely served the ABs took advantage of that status. They took over the thrones, buildings, and treasures left by the departing ABs for themselves. They gained control over the peons by claiming that they were in charge of the territory until the ABs came back.

They continued the AB regulations and rituals, keeping psychological control over the plebeians or peasants. The cult leaders were able to require tithing by keeping their followers believing the ABs would return.

Over a period of 10,000 years these former aides to ABs created cults in the name of ABs like Poseidon, Isis, Atun, Yahweh, Baal, and many others. Instead of myths, these cult members still believed they were worshipping real, tangible entities. They remembered ABs physical consorting with and fighting among humans when they were not in their ships in the sky.

They treated all of these ABs as natural beings even when out of sight. They had no idea of a supernatural God concept that came centuries later.

Aboriginal groups outside the AB territories engaged in rituals to honor forces of nature, its seasons, and special locations. Unfortunately, these practices are today mistakenly labeled as religions due to medieval writers.

Other humans distanced themselves from AB cults and focused on real-life experiences. These groups include Taoism, Platonism, Buddhism, and others. They all recognized ABs had great powers and knowledge, but did not believe that humans had an obligation to worship them.

Forced into AB cults, some minorities tried to maintain a more natural scientific or spiritual orientation. This included groups we now associate with Kabbalah, Gnosticism, and Sufism. Pagan and Celtic peoples had beliefs and rituals recognizing the power of natural forces, seen or unseen, but did not subscribe to a supernatural realm.

Religion. A Greco/Roman cult focusing on the human Jesus came up with a self-serving idea about 1700 years ago. They contrived a notion that the

universe was split between a physical plane and a supernatural, all powerful heaven. The cult created existential anxiety by telling their followers they were permanently banned from heaven.

Telling them they would be punished in Hades forever gave the cult psychological control over naive humans. The Christian cult then created a ritual that was alleged to be the only route to escape this horrible fate. It required humans to swear allegiance to its exclusive imaginary father god.

This demeaning of humans — submitting to a three-person image in order to live in a nice space after death — became known as *religion*. Based on the Latin word *re-ligare*, religion means re-linking to something from which one was separated. (Ironically, Jesus had taught that all humans were already parts linked to all other beings, things, and their original source.)

This new religion's campaign of brainwashing, backed by political and military might, changed the course of Western civilization. Papal edicts granted colonials the right to invade, capture, vanquish and subdue all non-Christians, to reduce them to perpetual slavery, and to take away all their possessions and property.

The church's basic theology was degrading, requiring humans to sacrifice body, mind, and creative freedom. It was and still is the basis of ignorance that underpins major wars, genocide, and social conflicts—and catalyst for retrogressive cultural clashes. (Its history of social progress is minimal.)

To protect the alleged unique nature of its deity—modeled on the AB Yahweh—this cult denied the reality of all ABs, calling them imaginary characters in myths. Consequently, all supernatural religions, as in Islam and others based in the Biblical tradition, treat the history of ABs as myth.

Furthermore, early Western scientists and scholars were under the sway of the Church and had to go along with its mythologizing strategy. To this day most scientists are still afraid to talk about the reality of ABs.

Post-Religion: While others gather in a cathedral, temple, synagogue, or mosque—believing it is God or Allah’s will to be there—or pursue mundane pleasures, a small minority of humans gather to seek natural answers to the existential questions. Human origin. Purpose in life. Beyond this life.

In the context of universal evolution, the concept of transcendent consciousness at the human level is led us to reincarnation. Let’s now speculate. If reincarnation is real, many of us today could have played a role in all the stages of human consciousness we dealt with in this seminar.

We could start with the story of Atlantis 175,000 years ago, but that would be a more complex puzzle. Remember, it likely involved ABs trying to show humans how to develop their Earth potential, even if for their own benefit.

So, let’s start by assuming that some of us survived the global cataclysm of 11,500 years ago and experienced life in that turbulent new world. After a thousand years or so of recovery, some of us may have helped rebuild cities in the Indus River Valley — in Pakistan today and then in India.

A few thousands years later we may have settled in Persia (now Iran) and Mesopotamia (now Iraq). Later we may have been in a group who walked from Iraq to Canaan with Abraham 5,000 or so years ago.

Some might have followed Joseph to Egypt some centuries later. Maybe a few returned to Canaan with Moses and Joshua 3500 years ago. Some were taken from Jerusalem to Babylon in captivity. Some might have returned to Jerusalem when Cyrus of Persia freed Hebrews 50 years later.

Afterwards, small groups might have gone to Greece and Rome, to the Black and Caspian Seas, or to Egypt or Europe. Perhaps most of us remained in Judea and Israel—and became Essenes, Pharisees, Sadducees, or joined the Sanhedrin. Some even saw Jesus as a Zealot.

Such groups were threatened by his beliefs. He preached that all humans were aspects of one consciousness. He said all humans were equal and should relate directly with everyone, including the source of the universe.

Some of us incarnated then may have supported the status quo, but others left for foreign shores to practice Jesus' social gospel. Mary Magdalene's group moved to France. The Joseph of Arimathea family went to Britannia. Others went to India and beyond.

Those of us with souls who lived and helped to create the first Religion between the 1st and 4th centuries CE still have a major responsibility for the individual-degrading, turbulent world we live in today. Some progress was made in the Renaissance and Enlightenment periods, but the current divisions between science and religion are retrogressive for human society.

Many of us recognize the human implications of assumptions embedded in supernatural religion and exclusive scientific-materialism: Strangling aspirations. Persecution for differences. Inhibition of creativity. Psychological and physical wounds. Authoritarian educational and political systems. Social and economic divergences undergirded by religious faith.

Our challenge today is to help build a more constructive human society, one based on natural science and philosophy. Our minds are not constrained by theology. Each has a choice about the role to play in the future destiny of a budding post-religion era, in this incarnation or the next.

Whether humans can evolve fully into the phase of post-religion may well determine the health and longevity of the Earth's *Homo sapiens sapiens*.

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