

Can the Possibility of God be proven?

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Is a higher consciousness, or God, a real or imagined entity? If real, is this higher consciousness involved in people's lives or the creation of life in general? Circumstantial evidence supports the presence and involvement of a higher consciousness, or God, in people's lives. This warrants further investigation and contemplation. After all, "How do we relate to that which is observable but not measurable?" ~unknown

Consciousness Creates Outcomes

Without thought, or the ability to choose, people would remain unconscious creatures. With the abilities that our abstract minds give us, we have access to the possibility of intelligence. This intelligence is what we use when we create outcomes in our lives and within our environments. Whether the result of such intelligence is good or bad is, of course, debatable. However, it is still undeniably a form of intelligence.

The concept that consciousness creates outcomes is phenomenologically viable. People have the ability to create observable physical, structural and emotional outcomes. Physical outcomes occur when something is made, like a spoon to eat with, or a light bulb to see with at night. Structural creations are created when people set up systems to follow in order to yield a desirable outcome. For example when a mother sets out her children's clothing and makes their lunches the night before so that the following morning they can make it to school on time. Finally, emotional outcomes are created when thoughts and perceptions lead to a feeling and the person then has a real world experience of their thoughts and perceptions.

Without this consciousness outcomes would be random and left up solely to the chaos (Sproul, 1994). Consciousness has the ability to stop either linear progressions or multifaceted progressions and turn them in different directions or allow them to be as they are. The principle behind consciousness then is that an idea plus a choice produces an outcome.

Outcome Model:

IDEA (consciousness) + CHOICE (action or inaction) = OUTCOME

The other side of this is seen in quantum physics when the behavior of a particle shifts depending on the presence or absence of an observer. It has been documented that the presence of an observer has an affect on the particle that normally would not take place if the particle were not being observed. The understanding of why or how this occurs through reductionistic thought is still in very seminal stages. However, it is noted that the observer has a form of influence over the particle. (Peat, 1987)

Since people are capable of such consciousness and relatively high levels of creativity the question has survived over thousands of years as to whether or not there is a higher consciousness at play in the creation of human consciousness and life in general.

“More to Life Than Meets the Eye”

If we are to address the question of whether a higher consciousness exists we must of course look beyond the physical domain of life. Most people are familiar with the phrase, ‘There is more to life than meets the eye.’ This saying has become somewhat of a modern axiom explaining the deliberation behind people’s observations of synchronicities, “acts of God” and other such phenomena that can often not be explained by reason or the discipline of science alone. What exact forms does the concept of there being more to life than just the physical domain take? Are they relative to a higher power or are we simply bumping up against scientific principles that have yet to be discovered by a new frontier?

Examining the question of what forms this concept takes is the first step. If we group the forms into categories, then we find:

1. psi phenomena
2. spontaneous and/or improbable healings
3. synchronicities
4. perfection of design

Arguably, these are merely four examples. There are plausibly others. These are four examples that are generally debated and well known topics. Documented and researched examples of these are few and far between, however, they do exist. Let us explore a few of them further in the context of God.

In her book *Extraordinary Knowing* (2007), the author and psychologist, Elizabeth Lloyd Mayer, began her budding interest in psychic ability when she worked with a dowser, on a dare, to voluntarily locate her daughter's stolen harp. After examining a map of the city Mayer lived in, populated in the hundred thousandths, the dowser located the exact neighborhood the harp's thief was keeping it hostage at. Mayer was astonished and dropped her skepticism.

There are many more documented and attested examples of such phenomena as well. Mayor had a client who was a neurosurgeon. He was a sought after top notch brain surgeon known for his successes and often flown internationally to perform surgery. He attributed his success rate of never losing a patient to his psychic connection with them. Before he operated he would sit with his patient until he saw a white light appear right above their head. After he saw the light he would proceed with the knowledge that they would make it through the surgery. (Lloyd Mayer, 2007)

A woman by the name of Anne Ring woke up from a dream that her father died at 2am. In the dream she saw him decorating his house before he collapsed. She felt alarmed since she experienced him as having robust health and went back to sleep. The next morning her brother called to say that their father had died. He died at 10am London time which is the exact time she had awoken in California time. Furthermore, she learned that he had been decorating for his anniversary party to be held later that day. (Radin, 2006)

Joe McMoneagle spent 18 years employed with the CIA as a remote viewer. One example of McMoneagle's gift for remote seeing occurred when he saw the Russians building a new type of submarine. Due to the location he predicted being too far away from water the military deemed his visions completely impossible. They later found that

not only was his vision of the new submarine accurate, so was the location. The Russians ended up bulldozing a channel to the ice-capped White Sea and releasing the submarine there. Satellite photography confirmed everything that McMoneagle was able to see. (Lloyd Mayer, 2007)

Charles Dickens dreamt of meeting a woman in a scarlet cloak by the name of Napier. The very next day he was introduced to a woman dressed in a scarlet cloak named Miss Napier. Was this a complete coincidence? There were three factors present that went against probability. One was the fact that he had the dream the night before he met the woman. The second was the fact that the woman wore a scarlet cloak. The third was the fact that he dreamt of her exact name. (Peat, 1987)

We can see in all of the former examples that there is more than one “coincidence” present in psi experience that moves it past the possibility of mere coincidence and into the realm of a phenomenal occurrence. When lack of probability is breached in a myriad of ways within an experience we begin to grasp that there is more to life than meets the eye.

There are other attributes of life that lend us to want to understand the inexplicable aspects of life as we know it. Another one of these is the perfection of design (Sproul, 1994). Perfection of design is seen not only in the biosphere we call earth, but is also acknowledgeable within the complex design of the human body. We see how one impregnated “egg” cell divides into many more cells as morphogenesis begins to take place. After a multitude of mass multiplying, each cell has a precise function that it develops into with precision (Peat, 1987). How is an optic nerve cell developed instead of more retina? DNA is an explanation. Where did the DNA come from and how do the two (egg and sperm) combine to create one set of DNA?

To consider perfection of design is to consider a creative element. According to many scientific paradigms, chance combined with time and space “created” the universe. As Sproul pointed out in his book, *Not a Chance*, “What is time’s ontological substrate?” What about the ontological substrate for space or chance? It seems perfection of design

would need more explanation. Does chance actually stimulate space and time to have created the universe? David Hume added a key distinction to answering these questions when he said, “Chance is only our [definitive] ignorance of real causes.” (Sproul, 1994, 2003)

We can locate different examples of perfection of design and even perfection of systems in life. But does this really point towards there being more to life than meets the eye? Is this truly indicative that a higher consciousness and intelligent force is behind it all? Perfection of design could be seen as coming from intelligence and conscious design, however, it could also be the side effects of universal principles, like gravity, that exist objectively and independently within a relative universe.

Another fact of life contributing to us wanting to understand the inexplicable can be witnessed in slime molds. A slime mold colony consists of individual cells that live off of forest vegetation. Once its food source is exhausted all of the individual cells assemble into one multi-cellular organism. This newly formed organism begins to travel in search of a new food source. Once a new food source is found it births forth new individual slime mold cells, in the form of spores, that will divide into more individual slime molds and one day create its own organism. (Peat, 1987)

Could this all occur by virtue of chain reactions we call chemical signals? If so do the slime molds, and other life forms, then accidentally have chemical signals that lead towards reproduction? It is in life formation and symbiotic relativity where an incipient understanding of intelligent design begins to appear (Sproul, 1994).

As we can see, the fact that there is more to life than meets the eye is not open for debate. From something as simple as a sense of being stared at only to glance over at someone looking at you, to the make up of life forms themselves (Radin, 2006). Even if it is in the backdrops, there is undeniably more to life than meets the eye.

Psi Phenomena Alone Do Not Explicate or Insinuate a Higher Consciousness

Psi phenomena includes all areas of inexplicable, or apparently non-relative, knowing. Some examples of psi are: telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis, intuition and distant intentional healing. While all of these abilities substantiate the validity that there is more to life than meets the eye, they do not answer the question of what is behind their presence. (Radin, 2006)

Because these experiences are typically objective and do not appear to have any unrelated agendas, there could be something else behind it then the revelation from a higher power. (Lloyd Mayer, 2007)

At a quantum level we are all energy. Everything is made up of energy. There are different levels of energy with a higher or lower vibration. We are now developing scientific methods for measuring or detecting higher levels of energy than we ever imagined existed 100 years ago. (Radin, 2006)

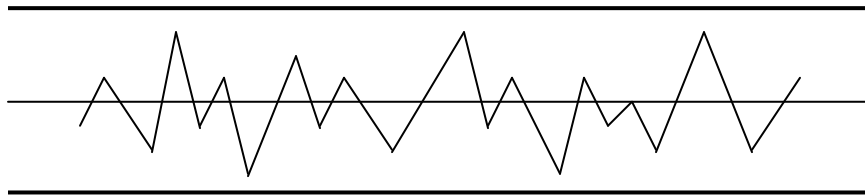
Furthermore, there are radio frequencies that give off information over hundreds of miles. It is also possible to transmit information across the globe in a matter of seconds. Is it really that hard to believe that information can be then transmitted or received by people, who at a quantum level are pure energy? (Radin, 2006)

Would a higher consciousness be behind or direct such abilities? It does not appear that is the case. Most people with true psychic ability, or real distant seeing gifts, are able to receive information about whatever it is they are asked to by others or are interested in tapping into themselves. It does not seem then that divine revelation may always be behind such abilities.

Synchronicity is Indicative of Higher Consciousness

Synchronicity is defined as related events happening in close proximity either in time or space (Random House Dictionary, 1995). Such events are correlative and often have a perceivable meaning to them. Some synchronicity in a universe where chaos theory is alive and observable is unavoidable. However, when events do not have an outside influence we find that probability tends to remain within an even spectrum of ups and downs, highs and lows, hits and misses (reference about lottery odds). See Table A, below.

Table A – Visual depiction of normal, or probable, ranges of outcomes when outside the realm of influence and therefore subject to chaos.



The probable synchronicities are not what are of concern when determining whether or not there is a higher intelligence that intervenes in people's lives or creates outcomes (Sproul, 1994). It is the synchronicities that defy odds which allow people to stop seeing life as a clustering of chaotic occurrences (Peat, 1987).

For example if the exact same numbers were picked in a state lottery two weeks in a row, this would be not likely, but it could happen. If these numbers showed up in the exact same order, the odds would widen further. If these numbers showed up in the exact same order and then again for a third week, we can see that the odds shoot through the roof.

If this occurs on a consistent basis we might begin to question if something was causing this occurrence to happen. Although we do not see this in terms of lotteries, we can

witness this in people's lives. Is synchronicity something we tend to dismiss because they do not appear to us in cold hard numeric forms like the lottery? And when the odds are not only defied but blown out of the water, what does this tell us?

Let us take a closer look at synchronicities that occur and then examine if they indicate that the existence of a higher creative force could be valid. If chaos was the only dynamic at play in the universe would not it be prevalent by a lack of organization and/or consistent outcomes? (Sproul, 1994)

Intentional Synchronicities

First, let us examine intentioned synchronicities. These would be synchronicities, or events that align, that are asked for by virtue of prayer, or are pursued by virtue of intention setting. So the correlation is found when a person prays or intends for an event to align itself with a request or personal desire. Then when, or if, the event manifests the person automatically directly correlates the outcome with however the request was made. If it was through prayer, then God would be given credit. If it was through intention setting then the creative aspect of the human mind would be given credit. And so on and so forth.

An example of this is found in studies conducted on prayer and people's health. Prayer has been proven to improve people's high blood pressure, anxiety levels, recovery from heart attacks and even headaches. The results of these studies defied normal realms of probability by the observance of positive results directly related to prayer that normally are not present. (Dossey, 1993)

Probability is defined by fluctuations in uninfluenced outcomes due to chaos (Radin, 2006). When something shows organization, continuity consistency and/or synchronicity despite the odds we know to look deeper in order to seek a cause. In the cases of people seeking and desiring outcomes and having them happen (intentional synchronicities), we can ascertain that there is something behind the scenes at work. However, what could that be?

We know that human beings are sentient and conscious (Goleman, 1994). We can have an idea, act on it and produce an outcome. Humans are in essence creative beings. Humans create outcomes. Therefore, intended synchronicities could possibly result from simply a combination of our intentions, at the level of thought, and energy, at the quantum level of physics.

We can then conclude that a higher consciousness could possibly not be involved in these instances and they could be created by human thought.

Unintentional Synchronicities

The other way to experience synchronicity is without asking for it to happen or without intending for it to happen. This occurs when events line up in a person's favor with undetermined causes and that have powerful indications. Or, this is seen, through mankind's eyes, whenever there are outcomes that defy odds and probability quotients.

Since randomness only produces chaotic results it would be improbable, and impossible, for the static heard in between radio stations to begin speaking English without something behind it causing it to do so (Peat, 1987). It would also be improbable, and impossible, for a person to spill paint on a blank canvas and have a well defined clear picture appear of a woman feeding a horse. Yet, if we examine the perfection in how each species has a part to play in the balance of our ecosystem we can see continuity, predictability and balance (Peat). If we examine the growth of a child and the cellular development that is not subject to randomness, we begin to see powerful signs of synchronicity in life's symmetry.

An example of a human experiencing synchronicity, in light of there being more to life than meets the eye, is seen in the life of a doctor that had terminal cancer. This doctor was a patient of Mayer's and had confided in her his experience of spontaneous healing. He was diagnosed with a fatal form of cancer in his bones. One day he went out for a run as usual. Two hours into his run he saw and felt light penetrating his bones where the cancer was found.

The following week he had X-rays taken and the cancer was no where to be found and had not returned in 20 years. The odds of a random light appearing from nowhere and being at the exact location of his cancer, coupled with a case of terminal cancer disappearing is next to impossible. Therefore, spontaneous healing can be classified under the occurrence of synchronicity too. (Lloyd Mayer, 2007)

We can surmise this doctor's healing was hoped for, but it wasn't intended. There are many other such instances where a person experiences spontaneous healing and had not intend for it, the healing just happens. (Dossey, 1993)

All forms of synchronicity could indicate the possibility of God, or a higher creative consciousness. However, intentional synchronicity can exclude this possibility on the grounds that human intervention could be a causal factor. Therefore, when we observe unintentional synchronicities we can see that the possibility of an intervention that is beyond human creation is viable. The possibility of God now becomes apparent.

Conclusion

As we have seen consciousness has a creative element to it. This leads us to the question of higher consciousness and the undying proverbial question of what determines creation. It is quite obvious that there is more to life than meets the eye. One form this takes is psi phenomena, which is scientifically documented, reported on and continuously debated. Another is the perfection of design in the universe.

We have also seen how psi phenomena alone falls short from alluding to a higher power. There has to be more than objective reporting of facts at a distance in order to prove the possibility that God is behind this. One way to actually give proof to the existence of God would be to look at synchronicity, which at its apex can be seen as perfection of design (Sproul, 1994).

One form of synchronicity, that which is consciously sought by a person, also falls short of pointing to a higher power because the consciousness of the person could still be

guiding the outcome. It is in the synchronicities that are unexpected, circumstantially observable and/or carry meaning for the people observing that we see how probability quotients are bent in favor of a higher consciousness that guides outcomes.

Although God may not be measurable by the current scientific tools, and although God may not be visible to the eye or instrument, the indications of God are alive and thriving in people's lives and witnessed in perfection of design. The circumstantial evidence speaks of a higher consciousness being at play in matters pertaining to a physical existence. Synchronicity is just one avenue open for people to explore the reality of such a possibility as God.



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