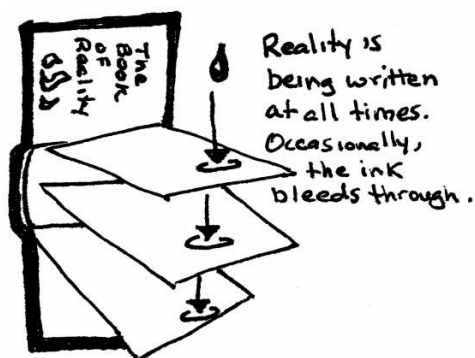


The Well of Existence, A Treatise

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I dare not date this passage, as its entire existence is predicated on the absurdity of dating any thing. I suspect this passage will be highly inaccessible because its subject matter is not the topic of dinner parties or the text messages of a courting couple. This text is not an educational document intent on preaching truths as, indeed, to do so would defy its very message. I almost hesitate to even imply this text has a message, as that implies it has something to say; this text is no more a message than any other series of thoughts and ideas. It is simply a rumination.

First, it should be noted that absurdity - that is, anything which can be described as absurd - is only absurd because of a human designation as such. Barn owls do not concern themselves with class disparity and religious disquisition. No dung beetle has ever indulged in emotional overeating subsequent to the cessation of a romantic relationship. Perhaps they have. Who am I, a meager human, to say? Have I any right to define what another organism can do or feel or think? I do not. But as a human I equip myself with the false authority because I'm an absurd creature, just like you. It is presently 8:56 Ante Meridiem. Isn't that hilarious? It's

morning here. It's early in the day. What time do you suppose it is right now on some other flying rock circling some other star - be it larger or smaller than our Sol - in some other galaxy? Maybe that planet doesn't even spin. Maybe it is locked in 100% daylight on the "north" side (another human designation, mind you) and 100% night on the other. Are its denizens even capable of perceiving what side they're on? Have they any clue they're even alive?

Dionaea muscipula. The Venus fly trap. We perceive them as so animalistic. "Carnivorous" plants we call them. Carnivores being, of course, organisms that only eat organisms which aren't plants (which, of course, are organisms separated only by human definition). They are ascribed animal characteristics because they are no different from animals because they are all organisms. But perhaps the most principal distinction that can be made with any measure of validity is the fact that *Dionaea muscipula* is not *aware* that it lives. Like any pebble, the fly trap simply inhabits space (*but not space-time*) and *experiences*, unaware that it does so. It, like ferns, trees, rocks, and water, sits within a network of broadcasting towers (it itself being one such tower), attempting to ping other towers and to receive signals from them. It will receive signals, but it can only process certain wavelengths of signals that are broadcast, and it has no way of using the data it collects for future processing. I hope I shall extrapolate upon this later.

The fly trap does not inhabit space time because as far as it knows, it never existed in the first place. It is none the wiser to the passing of time. The fly trap therefore, lacking any ability to be conscious of existing, is simply a collection of organic particles - atoms and cells processing photons so that it can continue filling space for the duration of the conscious organisms' lifespan. To even designate this collection of particles as any singular entity is *ludicrous*. Where do these particles end and the Earth-particles begin? Is Earth more conscious than *Dionaea muscipula*? When the fly trap dies, it is reconstituted into the Earth, never having

been aware it lived in the first place. The fly trap, like trees, water, and bacteria, is simply matter which inhabits space for the duration of any conscious being's experience of it.

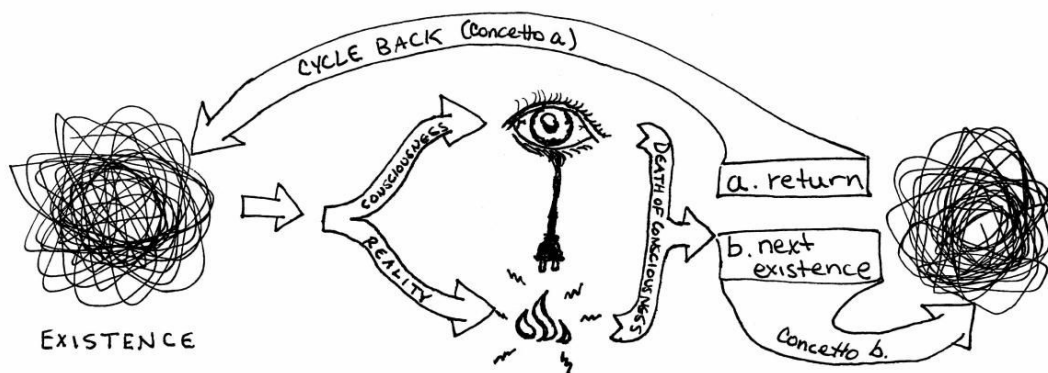
I suspect I know what you're thinking. I suspect you're on your way to calling me out on the basis that humans, like *Dionaea muscipula*, are nothing but an assembled collection of organic particles. And that's nearly true. And if you're thinking that now, then that it must be true that you are a human. Because other organisms *can not think that*. That is a thought that will *never* be had by any non-human. I will grant you this: the human body (brain included) is functionally identical to the fly trap, to a pebble, to the planet, or any other physical thing which populates the window of conscious experience. Humans, however, have a distinct ability to access the shared well of Existence that other living things cannot. Humans have some sort of conduit into the Conscious ether that defines experience. To summarize this point, I leave you with this corollary: *The only thing humans have in common with physical reality is their body.*

Perhaps this is true of all things, and therein lies the crux of this thesis. All "things" could be conscious things, but they aren't. Why? Some simply aren't worthy vessels for consciousness. Temporarily we will imagine the Universe itself as a living organism. It is irrelevant what organs are what (and I should say that by "Universe" I do not mean the cosmos and all the celestial bodies within it); simply understand that in the Universe organism, all conscious things are functionally equivalent to cells. All conscious things serve some function as to 1) ascertaining proper operation of the Universe's bodily processes, or 2) directly controlling or influencing the Universe's bodily processes. Conscious beings ("cells") are of utmost importance because they are able to determine proper operation within the Universe, and when met with improper operation, they can *do something about it*.

It is a classic adage that "we are the Universe experiencing itself," and were it not for the tired connotation the phrase rightly inhabits, this would be agreeable. However, I posit that

“experience” as it were is not the purpose of conscious beings, as those who quote the aforementioned phrase would like to believe. Consciousness is an evolutionary, biologically vital byproduct the Universe has developed to ensure its body remains healthy. Here I may have made an error in my choice of words, as “body” implies some physical form. I am not referring *exclusively* to the physical entities within the Universe, much though that plays into the whole. I am referring to the trifecta of Existence, Consciousness, and Reality (interchangeable with “Physicality”).

The “body” of the Universe consists of these three aspects. Without consciousness, the physicality would be unobserved and unaffected by existence, and therefore, would *not* exist. All things effervesce from a pool of Existence. But these things are nil were the Universe unable to observe them, and so the Universe evolved consciousness, lest it risk ceasing to exist. We humans say this took billions of years. But without consciousness, the Universe is unaware of time. There was only a moment in which only Existence occurred, followed immediately - almost *simultaneously* - by Consciousness, at which point time could be perceived by the Universe via its cells. I thus present this timeline (in defiance of the fact that time itself was hardly a concept during the early stages) of the Universe’s evolution: Existence, Consciousness, Reality.



Now I shall try to facilitate a more thorough understanding of this timeline for human perception by addressing you, the reader. Consider this: there was a time before you were born. The era of time that preceded you could well be 20 billion years, and it all passed in an *instant* for you. You did not have to endure the Milky Way's formation, the creation of the Sun, the extinction of the dinosaurs, the building of the pyramids. Billions of lives had been lived before yours. And you were none the wiser. Why? Not because you didn't exist - no, if you didn't exist then you wouldn't be here now. It's because you weren't *conscious*. And in an instant you emerged from the womb, and you've been living your *whole life* ever since. Your entire life has taken *much* longer to endure than did the entire history of the Universe that preceded it. And it is because before consciousness, there was only existence. All existence happened simultaneously in a single instant whose duration is such a small fraction of your conscious lifetime that it cannot be mathematically expressed.

But you had a physical form before you were conscious, right? Indeed, this is why it is rather illogical to express the events of the Universe's evolution as a timeline, as most all things occur simultaneously under the grand lens. Consciousness and Physicality evolved simultaneously in the Universe's history. Once the first conscious entity was manifest, all physicality began to be true.

See, it is inaccurate to say that first physicality didn't exist and then it did *later*. Physical Reality has always been a byproduct of Existence; however, its existence was so inconsequential that it was nothing more than the same Existence from which it was born. Only when Physical Reality could be observed by a conscious entity and its existence be relayed back to the Universe by that entity could it truly be real. Consciousness is less its own aspect of the Universe than it is simply a conduit between Existence and Physicality. In the grand history of the Universe, from the divergence of the first conscious entity, all things became real, and as

long as any one conscious entity existed in the physical world, then the physical world was real. *This* is why newborn human babies (in this analogy, the baby is *you*) can obtain physicality prior to consciousness - because it is not *your* consciousness, it is simply *Consciousness*, a shared dimension between Existence and Reality. You emerged into the Physical Reality that had already been observed by another conscious entity. And this is analogous to the Universe's evolution: eons or seconds of pointless Existence followed by the near-simultaneous birth of Consciousness and Reality.

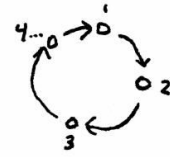
When all Consciousness ceases - when the last conscious entity dies and there are no more conscious entities to adopt the burden left behind - reality dies too. We currently exist in a very small section of all-of-time where Consciousness *does* exist. When Consciousness is gone, the Universe continues to evolve, cycling and shifting through all eventualities (very similar to parallel universes, as they are commonly understood). Eventually, Consciousness will crop up again. The question, however, is this: will that Consciousness be the same one we experience today (Concetto a.) as a cycle? Or will it be simply another, separate era of Consciousness simply along the cyclical path (Concetto b.)? And in the grand context of all of the Universe's history, and the cyclical timeline defined by non-time and Conscious time, how much of the Conscious Era happens within an instant? All things happen in a context defined by the absence of time (that is to say, the absence of any ability to perceive time). All Conscious time is bookended by non-time. Therefore, it can be understood that all eventualities occur simultaneously all the time every instant, and to believe otherwise is simply an illusion conjured by Consciousness. Is it possible to peel away the ply of Consciousness while inhabiting reality, like wet tissue, and peek at Pure Existence?

Concetto a.



Return to origin
(one conscious
era on
repeat)

Concetto b.



Travel from one
era to another
until eventual re-
turn to origin