

**Chapter 1 : The Three Phases of Sanctification**

*Metaphysical science - which explores the non-physical aspects of reality - by its very nature cannot accurately measure or collect data using the five physical senses. That is why quantum physics, which delves into nature that precedes physical manifestation, cannot produce consistent and duplicatable results and is sometimes called "the."*

What is Metaphysical Realism? Metaphysical realism is the thesis that the objects, properties and relations the world contains exist independently of our thoughts about them or our perceptions of them. Anti-realists either doubt or deny the existence of the entities the metaphysical realist believes in or else doubt or deny their independence from our conceptions of them. Metaphysical realism is not the same as scientific realism. One could adopt an instrumentalist attitude toward the theoretical entities posited by science, continuing to believe that whatever entities the world actually does contain exist independently of our conceptions and perceptions of them. Within the ranks of analytic philosophy, verificationists and pragmatists also reject realism, though for different reasons. We shall focus in this entry on the types of criticism voiced by these two groups of analytic philosophers with Michael Dummett advocating verificationism and Hilary Putnam pragmatism. Both reject realism by deploying semantic considerations in arguments designed to show that realism is untenable. This characterization of realism in terms of mind-independence is not universally accepted. Some object that mind-independence is obscure. Others maintain that realism is committed, in addition, to a distinctive and tendentious conception of truth [Putnam , , ; Wright ] or, more radically, that realism just is a thesis about the nature of truth—“that truth can transcend the possibility of verification, ruling statements for which we can gather no evidence one way or the other to be determinately either true or false. These semantic formulations of metaphysical realism are unacceptable to realists who are deflationists about truth, denying that truth is a substantive notion which can be used to characterise alternative metaphysical views [see the entry on the deflationary theory of truth ]. It is a mistake to identify realism with factualism, the view that sentences in some discourse or theory are to be construed literally as fact-stating ones. The anti-realist views discussed below are factualist about discourse describing certain contentious domains. Adopting a non-factualist or error-theoretic interpretation of some domain of discourse commits one to anti-realism about its entities. Factualism is thus a necessary condition for realism. But it is not sufficient. Verificationists like Dummett reject the idea that something might exist without our being able to recognize its existence. They can be factualists about entities such as numbers and quarks while maintaining anti-realism about them since they deny that any entities can exist mind-independently. Carnap and Mind-Independent Existence Why do some find the notion of mind-independent existence inadequate for the task of formulating metaphysical realism? The most common complaint is that the notion is either obscure, or, more strongly, incoherent or cognitively meaningless. An eloquent spokesman for this strong view was Rudolf Carnap: In spite of his finding these disputes meaningless, Carnap indicates how he thinks we could reconstruct them sic. His explanation has to do with a distinction between two types of questions: By way of illustration Carnap shows how the distinction works in the controversy over the existence of abstract entities: An existential statement which asserts that there are entities of a specified kind can be formulated as a simple existential statement in a language containing variables for these entities. I have called existential statements of this kind, formulated within a given language, internal existential statements. More importantly, Carnap has hit upon an explanation for the persistent allure of the notion of mind-independent reality: After deliberating he decides: But he also accepts: This brings him into conflict with his good friend Bob. That is, like Al, Bob believes 3 , but Bob also accepts 5: Is there a genuine dispute between Al and Bob? Is there a fact of the matter as to who is right, whose ontological views reflect the way the world is really structured? The cognitive content of 5 for Bob is given by 1 and that of 4 for Al by 2. As Carnap puts it: Thus we see the difference between them is not a difference in theoretical beliefs [DK: Consider the following case. Suppose the year is , the year Carnap published his Aufbau. Cass realizes at once that she can answer this question, reasoning from premise A: Whence, we have a solution to our problem: Suppose now we ask Cass which of the two statements below is true in classical mathematics: Cass, working in , believes one or the other of these statements must be true in classical

mathematics but she has no means for determining which is true. So she cannot answer our question. Further, let us suppose that no one ever does find a method for determining which alternative holds good. As it turns out and this is the reason for indexing the example to a particular time this last supposition is contrary to fact. Now even though she lacks any method for deciding which alternative holds, according to Cass either *i* is true-in-CM or else *ii* is true-in-CM. But if so, Cass in has an instance of a mind-independent existence claim holding of an internal existence statement: But what should Carnap say about this case? And this is precisely what the belief in mind-independent reality amounts to. The challenge is simply this: Which aspects of our semantic behaviour manifest our grasp of these correlations, assuming they do hold? For your representations of the world to be reliable, there must be a correlation between these representations and the states of affairs they portray. A natural question to ask is how the correlation between the statement and the mind-independent state of affairs which makes it true is supposed to be set up. One suggestive answer is that the link is effected by the use speakers make of their words, the statements they endorse and the statements they dissent from, the rationalizations they provide for their actions and so forth; cognitively, it will be the functional role of mental symbols in thought, perception and language learning etc. When we look at how speakers actually do use their sentences, anti-realists claim, we see them responding not to states of affairs that they cannot in general detect but rather to agreed upon conditions for asserting these sentences. What prompts us to use our sentences in the way that we do are the public justification conditions associated with those sentences, justification conditions forged in linguistic practices which imbue these sentences with meaning. The realist believes we are able to mentally represent mind-independent states of affairs. But what of cases where everything that we know about the world leaves it unsettled whether the relevant state of affairs obtains? Did Socrates sneeze in his sleep the night before he took the hemlock or did he not? How could we possibly find out? The Manifestation challenge to realism is to isolate some feature of the use agents make of their words, or their mental symbols, which forges the link between mind-independent states of affairs and the thoughts and sentences that represent them. In those cases, such as the Socrates one, where we cannot find out whether the truth-condition is satisfied or not, it is simply gratuitous to believe that there is anything we can think or say or do which could provide evidence that the link has been set up in the first place. So the anti-realist claims [Dummett , , Tennant ; Wright ]. Why should we expect the evidence to be behavioural rather than, say, neurophysiological? The reason anti-realists give is that the meanings of our words and derivatively for them the contents of our thoughts are essentially communicable and thus must be open for all speakers and thinkers to see [Dummett , ]. How could the child learn the meanings of such sentences if these meanings are determined by states of affairs not even competent speakers can detect? Consider the sentence *S* once more: *S* Socrates sneezed in his sleep the night before he took the hemlock. Realists say *S* is either true or false even though we may and almost certainly will never know which it is. How could the child ever learn about this undetectable relation? Suppose God or nature had linked our mental representations to just the right states of affairs in the way required by the realist. If so, this is a semantically significant fact. Anyone learning their native language would have to grasp these correspondences between sentences and states of affairs. How can they do this if even the competent speakers whom they seek to emulate cannot detect when these correspondences hold? This is the Language Acquisition challenge. Thus Dummett [ pp. The meaning of a mathematical statement determines and is exhaustively determined by its use. The meaning of a mathematical statement cannot be, or contain as an ingredient, anything which is not manifest in the use made of it, lying solely in the mind of the individual who apprehends that meaning: The reason is that the meaning of a statement consists solely in its role as an instrument of communication between individuals, just as the powers of a chess-piece consist solely in its role in the game according to the rules. Quine is even more insistent on the public nature of linguistic meaning. Displaying his unshakable faith in Skinnerian models of language-learning he writes [, pp. In psychology one may or may not be a behaviourist, but in linguistics one has no choice – There is nothing in linguistic meaning beyond what is to be gleaned from overt behaviour in observable circumstances. Call this thesis correspondence truth after Devitt More importantly, metaphysical realists aver that an ideal theory of the world could be radically false, Putnam contends: Call this thesis radical skepticism. It is widely believed that states of affairs that are truly mind-independent do engender radical skepticism. The skeptic contends that

for all we could tell we could be brains in a vat—brains kept alive in a bath of nutrients by mad alien scientists. All our thoughts, all our experience, all that passed for science would be systematically mistaken if we were. At least this could be the case if our representations derived even part of their content from links with mind-independent objects and states of affairs. Since realism implies that such an absurd possibility could hold without our being able to detect it, it has to be rejected, according to anti-realists. A much stronger anti-realist argument due to Putnam uses the brain-in-a-vat hypothesis to show that realism is internally incoherent rather than, as before, simply false. A crucial assumption of the argument is semantic externalism, the thesis that the reference of our words and mental symbols is partially determined by contingent relations between thinkers and the world. This is a semantic assumption many realists independently endorse. Given semantic externalism, the argument proceeds by claiming that if we were brains in a vat we could not possibly have the thought that we were. But realism entails that we could indeed be brains in a vat. As we have just shown that were we to be so, we could not even entertain this as a possibility, realism is incoherent [Putnam]. Modern anti-realists tend not to be theists and tend not to relativize existence to any single mind. Instead of God they posit conceptual schemes as that on which the notion of existence depends.

**Chapter 2 : Metaphysical Saturn by Gary Brand, Traditional Astrologer**

*The metaphysical aspect of space is why there is space at all. It essentially is the topic of a couple of the great 20th Century existential philosophers.*

This impression is mistaken. Aristotle himself did not know the word. He had four names for the branch of philosophy that is the subject-matter of Metaphysics: This is the probable meaning of the title because Metaphysics is about things that do not change. It is a nice—and vexed—question what the connection between these two definitions is. Perhaps this is the answer: The unchanging first causes have nothing but being in common with the mutable things they cause. Like us and the objects of our experience—they are, and there the resemblance ceases. If we assume this, we should be committed to something in the neighborhood of the following theses: But then, rather suddenly, many topics and problems that Aristotle and the Medievals would have classified as belonging to physics the relation of mind and body, for example, or the freedom of the will, or personal identity across time began to be reassigned to metaphysics. One might almost say that in the seventeenth century metaphysics began to be a catch-all category, a repository of philosophical problems that could not be otherwise classified as epistemology, logic, ethics or other branches of philosophy. Christian Wolff attempted to justify this more inclusive sense of the word by this device: He does not assign first causes to general metaphysics, however: It is doubtful whether this maneuver is anything more than a verbal ploy. In what sense, for example, is the practitioner of rational psychology the branch of special metaphysics devoted to the soul engaged in a study of being? Do souls have a different sort of being from that of other objects? It is certainly not true that all, or even very many, rational psychologists said anything, qua rational psychologists, that could plausibly be construed as a contribution to our understanding of being. It would, moreover, fly in the face of the fact that there are and have been paradigmatic metaphysicians who deny that there are first causes—this denial is certainly a metaphysical thesis in the current sense—others who insist that everything changes Heraclitus and any more recent philosopher who is both a materialist and a nominalist, and others still Parmenides and Zeno who deny that there is a special class of objects that do not change. In trying to characterize metaphysics as a field, the best starting point is to consider the myriad topics traditionally assigned to it. The following theses are all paradigmatically metaphysical: Additionally the thesis that there are no first causes and the thesis that there are no things that do not change count as metaphysical theses, for in the current conception of metaphysics, the denial of a metaphysical thesis is a metaphysical thesis. No post-Medieval philosopher would say anything like this: I study the first causes of things, and am therefore a metaphysician. My colleague Dr McZed denies that there are any first causes and is therefore not a metaphysician; she is rather, an anti-metaphysician. In her view, metaphysics is a science with a non-existent subject-matter, like astrology. I do not think myself any less a metaphysician in denying the existence of God than Leibniz was in affirming it. The three original topics—the nature of being; the first causes of things; things that do not change—remained topics of investigation by metaphysicians after Aristotle. Another topic occupies an intermediate position between Aristotle and his successors. We may call this topic 2. And we often suppose that the classes into which we sort things enjoy a kind of internal unity. In this respect they differ from sets in the strict sense of the word. And no doubt in others. It would seem, for example, that we think of the classes we sort things into—biological species, say—as comprising different members at different times. There are certainly sets whose members do not make up natural classes: It is, however, a respectable philosophical thesis that the idea of a natural class cannot survive philosophical scrutiny. Let us simply assume that the respectable thesis is false and that things fall into various natural classes—hereinafter, simply classes. Some of the classes into which we sort things are more comprehensive than others: But is this so? If there are, can we identify them? The former term, if not the latter, presupposes a particular position on one question about the nature of being: Universals, if they indeed exist, are, in the first instance, properties or qualities or attributes. It may be that the novel War and Peace is a universal, a thing that is in some mode present in each of the many tangible copies of the novel. All three terms are objectionable. Aristotle believed in the reality of universals, but it would be at best an oxymoron to call him a platonist or a Platonic realist.

This term, too is objectionable. At one time, those who denied the existence of universals were fond of saying things like: It would not be a mere puff of sound but would rather be what was common to the many puffs of sound that were its tokens. The old debate between the nominalists and the realists continues to the present day. Most realists suppose that universals constitute one of the categories of being. This supposition could certainly be disputed without absurdity. Perhaps there is a natural class of things to which all universals belong but which contains other things as well and is not the class of all things. But few if any philosophers would suppose that universals were members of forty-nine sub-categories—much less of a vast number or an infinity of sub-categories. If dogs form a natural class, this class is—by the terms of our definition—an ontological sub-category. And this class will no doubt be a subclass of many sub-categories: We shall be concerned only with ii. In the terminology of the Schools, that criticism can be put this way: Plato wrongly believed that universals existed ante res prior to objects; the correct view is that universals exist in rebus in objects. It is because this aspect of the problem of universals—whether universals exist ante res or in rebus—is discussed at length in *Metaphysics*, that a strong case can be made for saying that the problem of universals falls under the old conception of metaphysics. And the question whether universals, given that they exist at all, exist ante res or in rebus is as controversial in the twenty-first century as it was in the thirteenth century and the fourth century B. If we do decide that the problem of universals belongs to metaphysics on the old conception, then, since we have liberalized the old conception by applying to it the contemporary rule that the denial of a metaphysical position is to be regarded as a metaphysical position, we shall have to say that the question whether universals exist at all is a metaphysical question under the old conception—and that nominalism is therefore a metaphysical thesis. There is, however, also a case to be made against classifying the problem of universals as a problem of metaphysics in the liberalized old sense. For there is more to the problem of universals than the question whether universals exist and the question whether, if they do exist, their existence is ante res or in rebus. For example, the problem of universals also includes questions about the relation between universals if such there be and the things that are not universals, the things usually called particulars. Aristotle did not consider these questions in the *Metaphysics*. One might therefore plausibly contend that only one part of the problem of universals—the part that pertains to the existence and nature of universals—belongs to metaphysics in the old sense. Therefore, questions about its nature belong to metaphysics, the science of things that do not change. But dogs are things that change. Therefore, questions concerning the relation of dogs to doghood do not belong to metaphysics. But no contemporary philosopher would divide the topics that way—not even if he or she believed that doghood existed and was a thing that did not change. That is, that concern particulars—for even if there are particulars that do not change, most of the particulars that figure in discussions of the problem of universals as examples are things that change. Consider two white particulars—the Taj Mahal, say, and the Washington Monument. And suppose that both these particulars are white in virtue of i. All white things and only white things fall under whiteness, and falling under whiteness is what it is to be white. We pass over many questions that would have to be addressed if we were discussing the problem of universals for its own sake. For example, both blueness and redness are spectral color-properties, and whiteness is not. What is it about the two objects whiteness and the Taj Mahal that is responsible for the fact that the latter falls under the former? Or might it be that a particular like the Taj, although it indeed has universals as constituents, is something more than its universal constituents? If we take that position, then we may want to say, with Armstrong Or might the Taj have constituents that are neither universals nor substrates? Is the Taj perhaps a bundle not of universals but of accidents? Or is it composed of a substrate and a bundle of accidents? And we cannot neglect the possibility that Aristotle was right and that universals exist only in rebus. The series of questions that was set out in the preceding paragraph was introduced by observing that the problem of universals includes both questions about the existence and nature of universals and questions about how universals are related to the particulars that fall under them. We can contrast ontological structure with mereological structure. A philosophical question concerns the mereological structure of an object if it is a question about the relation between that object and those of its constituents that belong to the same ontological category as the object. For example, the philosopher who asks whether the Taj Mahal has a certain block of marble among its constituents essentially or only accidentally is asking a question

about the mereological structure of the Taj, since the block and the building belong to the same ontological category. Many philosophers have supposed that particulars fall under universals by somehow incorporating them into their ontological structure. And other philosophers have supposed that the ontological structure of a particular incorporates individual properties or accidents—and that an accident is an accident of a certain particular just in virtue of being a constituent of that particular. Advocates of other theories of universals are almost always less liberal in the range of universals whose existence they will allow. And it seems that it is possible to speak of ontological structure only if one supposes that there are objects of different ontological categories. For a recent investigation of the problems that have been discussed in this section, see Lowe. They make up the most important of his ontological categories. Several features define protai ousiai: This last feature could be put this way in contemporary terms: More on this in the next section. It is difficult to suppose that smiles or holes have this sort of determinate identity. The question whether there in fact are substances continues to be one of the central questions of metaphysics. Several closely related questions are: How, precisely, should the concept of substance be understood?

**Chapter 3 : Understanding Holistic - American Holistic Health Association**

*Spiritual Aspects of the Healing Arts By Bernie Siegel, M.D., with Barbara H. Siegel. In an intuitive way, I believe from the time life begins one is aware of the true nature of healing, or the fact that it is not mechanical or remedy oriented.*

There are seven whole notes in the octave and 12 half steps in the octave. We also see the prominence of these same numbers in our time divisions - 12 hours each of day and night, 7 days in a week, 12 months in the year. If we consider the octaves as circles we find that points on the opposite sides of the circles are disharmonic. Thus in viewing the standard color wheel where the colors are arranged around a circle, we see that if we take two opposite colors, we say they clash. For example blue and orange, or purple and yellow. Half Octave Divisions in the Color Wheel Opposite sides of the color wheel outer rim are half an octave apart. These combinations are said to clash or be mutually disharmonic. Orange - Blue, an example of two colors a half octave apart Purple - Yellow, another disharmonic combination of opposites Half Octaves, the number 6, and Dissonance This half-octave dissonance occurs both in colors and in sound. If we play C and F together we find the combination harsh and disharmonic. Oddly, if we go just one step further and play the note C and G we find the interval to be very pleasant and harmonic. And so we find that the interval 6 exactly one half the octave is distinctly disharmonic. As we have seen, dividing the music or color octave by two produces disharmonic combinations. The number 2 has connotations of dissonance and conflict. The number one by itself is perfect, whole, at peace, and self contained. But the number two implies polarity, opposition, conflict, tension. In the beginning there was only one, the unmanifest creation, waiting as the cosmic egg for the time of creation. When creation began, the One differentiated into Two - matter and spirit. Really, spirit and matter are different states of the same thing - like ice and liquid water, as physics and relativity have demonstrated. Matter is inertia, weight, potential, and darkness. Matter must be imbued with spirit which is energy, movement, light, and potency. The flow of current between the positive and negative poles of the universe spirit and matter is the current that drives forward creation. The polarity of spirit and matter is the basis of manifested creation. Before creation, all the spiritual or Atmic sparks were unified into a single entity. During manifestation, the atmic spirit finds itself coated in sheathes of ever denser matter and loses its sense of identification with the ocean of spirit Param-Atma from which it emerged. The embodied Atma is bombarded with the sensual stimuli of manifestation which it takes as reality and thus it forgets its pure spiritual status. It then considers itself to be a single entity apart from all the other Atmic spirits. It becomes an individualized wave on the ocean of existence. The journey of evolution proceeds as the Jiva or embodied Atma experiences the pairs of opposites of manifestation. For example in manifestation the Jiva experiences alternating states of cold or heat, hunger or fullness, gain or loss. These units of individualized life must evolve and experience embodiment for eons through successive forms until eventually realizing once again that their true nature is spirit and that they are really one with the ocean of spirit from which they emerged. As each embodied Atma regains this knowledge in the state of enlightenment, the individual merges back into the unity from which it emerged, no longer identifying itself with any specific individualized form.

**Chapter 4 : Metaphysical poets - Wikipedia**

*on the metaphysical and philosophical aspects of brexit A STUDY OF TWO ASPECTS OF BRITISH PSYCHOLOGY AND THE FATAL INTELLECTUAL FLAWS IN BWRECKSIT AN ARISTOTELIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE VIEW OF BWRECKSIT, FOCUSED ON THE SCOTTISH DILEMMA.*

Nature and scope of metaphysics Origin of the term Etymologically the term metaphysics is unenlightening. Aristotle had distinguished two tasks for the philosopher: Modern readers of Aristotle are inclined to take both the *Physica* and the *Metaphysica* as philosophical treatises; the distinction their titles suggest between an empirical and a conceptual inquiry has little foundation. Aristotle was not indifferent to factual material either in natural or in metaphysical philosophy, but equally he was not concerned in either case to frame theories for empirical testing. It is also evident that the connection marked in the original titles is a genuine one: Plato, following the early Greek philosopher Parmenides, who is known as the father of metaphysics, had sought to distinguish opinion, or belief, from knowledge and to assign distinct objects to each. Opinion, for Plato, was a form of apprehension that was shifting and unclear, similar to seeing things in a dream or only through their shadows; its objects were correspondingly unstable. Knowledge, by contrast, was wholly lucid; it carried its own guarantee against error, and the objects with which it was concerned were eternally what they were, and so were exempt from change and the deceptive power to appear to be what they were not. Plato called the objects of opinion phenomena, or appearances; he referred to the objects of knowledge as noumena objects of the intelligence or quite simply as realities. The education of the Platonic philosopher consisted precisely in effecting this transition: Philosophy for Plato was thus a call to recognize the existence and overwhelming importance of a set of higher realities that ordinary men—even those, like the Sophists of the time, who professed to be enlightened—entirely ignored. That there were such realities, or at least that there was a serious case for thinking that there were, was a fundamental tenet in the discipline that later became known as metaphysics. Conversely, much of the subsequent controversy about the very possibility of metaphysics has turned on the acceptability of this tenet and on whether, if it is rejected, some alternative foundation can be discovered on which the metaphysician can stand.

Characterizations of metaphysics Before considering any such question, however, it is necessary to examine, without particular historical references, some ways in which actual metaphysicians have attempted to characterize their enterprise, noticing in each case the problems they have in drawing a clear line between their aims and those of the practitioners of the exact and empirical sciences. Four views will be briefly considered; they present metaphysics as: Reflection on what is said under the different heads will quickly establish that they are not sharply separate from one another, and, indeed, individual metaphysical writers sometimes invoke more than one of these phrases when asked to say what metaphysics is—as, for example, the British Idealist F. Bradley does in the opening pages of his work *Appearance and Reality* An inquiry into what exists A common set of claims on behalf of metaphysics is that it is an inquiry into what exists; its business is to subject common opinion on this matter to critical scrutiny and in so doing to determine what is truly real. It can be asserted with some confidence that common opinion is certainly an unreliable guide about what exists, if indeed it can be induced to pronounce on this matter at all. Are dream objects real, in the way in which palpable realities such as chairs and trees are? Are numbers real, or should they be described as no more than abstractions? Is the height of a man a reality in the same sense in which he is a reality, or is it just an aspect of something more concrete, a mere quality that has derivative rather than substantial being and could not exist except as attributed to something else? It is easy enough to confuse the common man with questions like these and to show that any answers he gives to them tend to be ill thought-out. It is equally difficult, however, for the metaphysician to come up with more satisfactory answers of his own. Many metaphysicians have relied, in this connection, on the internally related notions of substance, quality, and relation; they have argued that only what is substantial truly exists, although every substance has qualities and stands in relation to other substances. Thus, this tree is tall and deciduous and is precisely 50 yards north of that fence. Difficulties begin, however, as soon as examples like these are taken seriously. Assume for the moment that an individual tree—what might be called a concrete

existentâ€™ qualifies for the title of substance; it is just the sort of thing that has qualities and stands in relations. Unless there were substances in this sense, no qualities could be real: The question can now be raised what the tree would be if it were deprived of all its qualities and stood in no relations. The notion of a substance in this type of metaphysics is that of a thing that exists by itself, apart from any attributes it may happen to possess; the difficulty with this notion is to know how to apply it. Any concrete thing one selects to exemplify the notion of substance turns out in practice to answer a certain description; this means in effect that it cannot be spoken of apart from its attributes. It thus emerges that substances are no more primary beings than are qualities and relations; without the former one could not have the latter, but equally without the latter one could not have the former. There are other difficulties about substance that cannot be explored hereâ€™e. Enough has already been said, however, to indicate the problems involved in defining the tasks of metaphysics along these lines. There is, nevertheless, an alternative way of understanding the notion of substance: When the early Greek philosopher Thales inquired as to what is ultimately real and came up with the surprising news that all is water, he might be taken as advancing a scientific rather than a philosophical hypothesis. Although it is true that later writers, such as Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, a German Rationalist philosopher and mathematician, were fully aware of the force of scientific claims in this area and, nevertheless, rejected them as metaphysically unacceptable, the fact remains that the nonphilosopher finds it difficult to understand the basis on which a Leibniz rests his case. When Leibniz said that it is monads i. Has he done any scientific work to justify him in setting scientific results aside with such confidence? And if he has not, why should he be taken seriously at all? The science of ultimate reality To answer these questions, another description of metaphysics has been proposed: The contrast between appearance and reality, however, is by no means peculiar to metaphysics. In everyday life people distinguish between the real size of the Sun and its apparent size, or again between the real colour of an object when seen in standard conditions and its apparent colour nonstandard conditions. A cloud appears to consist of some white, fleecy substance, although in reality it is a concentration of drops of water. In general, men are often though not invariably inclined to allow that the scientist knows the real constitution of things as opposed to the surface aspects with which ordinary men are familiar. It will not suffice to define metaphysics as knowledge of reality as opposed to appearance; scientists, too, claim to know reality as opposed to appearance, and there is a general tendency to concede their claim. It seems that there are at least three components in the metaphysical conception of reality. One characteristic, which has already been illustrated by Plato, is that reality is genuine as opposed to deceptive. The ultimate realities that the metaphysician seeks to know are precisely things as they areâ€™simple and not variegated, exempt from change and therefore stable objects of knowledge. Ultimate reality, whatever else it is, is genuine as opposed to sham. Second, reality is original in contrast to derivative, self-dependent rather than dependent on the existence of something else. Likewise, the 17th-century Rationalists defined substance as that which can be explained through itself alone. Third, and perhaps most important, reality for the metaphysician is intelligible as opposed to opaque. Appearances are not only deceptive and derivative, they also make no sense when taken at their own level. To arrive at what is ultimately real is to produce an account of the facts that does them full justice. The assumption is, of course, that one cannot explain things satisfactorily if one remains within the world of common sense, or even if one advances from that world to embrace the concepts of science. One or the other of these levels of explanation may suffice to produce a sort of local sense that is enough for practical purposes or that forms an adequate basis on which to make predictions. Practical reliability of this kind, however, is very different from theoretical satisfaction; the task of the metaphysician is to challenge all assumptions and finally arrive at an account of the nature of things that is fully coherent and fully thought-out. It should be obvious that, to establish his right to pronounce on what is ultimately real in the sense analyzed, the metaphysician has a tremendous amount to do. He must begin by giving colour to his claim that everyday ways of thinking will not suffice for a full and coherent description of what falls within experience, thus arguing that appearances are unrealâ€™although not therefore nonexistentâ€™because they are unstable and unintelligible. This involves a challenge to the final acceptability of such well-worn ideas as time and space, thing and attribute, change and processâ€™a challenge that metaphysicians have not hesitated to make, even though it has been treated with skepticism both by ordinary men and by some of their fellow

philosophers e. Moore, a 20th-century British thinker who has greatly influenced modern Analytic philosophy. Second, granted that there are contradictions or incoherences in the thought of common sense, the metaphysician must go on to maintain that they cannot be resolved by deserting common sense for science. He will not deny that the concepts of science are in many respects different from those of everyday thought; to take one aspect only, they are altogether more precise and sharply defined. They permit the scientist to introduce into his descriptions a theoretical content that is lacking at the everyday level and in so doing to unify and render intelligible aspects of the world that seem opaque when considered singly. The metaphysician will argue, however, that this desirable result is purchased at a certain price: The scientist, in this way of thinking, does not offer a truer description of the phenomena of which ordinary thought could make no sense but merely gives a connected description of a selected set of phenomena. The world of the scientist, restricted as it is to what can be dealt with in quantitative terms, is a poor thing in comparison with the rich if untidy world of everyday life. Alternatively, the metaphysician must try to show that scientific concepts are like the concepts of common sense in being ultimately incoherent. The premises or presuppositions that the scientist accepts contain unclarities that cannot be resolved, although they are not so serious as to prevent his achieving results that are practically dependable. Many ingenious arguments on these lines have been produced by philosophers, by no means all of whom could be said to be incapable of a true understanding of the theories they were criticizing. Leibniz, for example, was a physicist of distinction as well as a mathematician of genius; G. Hegel, a 19th-century German Idealist, had an unusual knowledge of contemporary scientific work; and Alfred North Whitehead, a pioneer of 20th-century metaphysics in the Anglo-Saxon world, was a professor of applied mathematics, and his system developed from physics and contained a wealth of biological ideas. The fact remains, nevertheless, that few if any practicing scientists have been seriously troubled by such arguments. Even if the metaphysician were thus able to make good the negative side of his case, he would still face the formidable difficulty of establishing that there is something answering to his conception of what is ultimately real and of identifying it. The notion of an original being, totally self-contained and totally self-intelligible, may not itself be coherent, as the 18th-century British philosopher David Hume and others have argued; alternatively, there may be special difficulties in saying to what it applies. The fact that different metaphysicians have given widely different accounts of what is ultimately real is certainly suspicious. Some have wanted to say that there is a plurality of ultimately real things, others that there is only one; some have argued that what is truly real must be utterly transcendent of the things of this world and occupy a supersensible realm accessible only to the pure intellect, while others have thought of ultimate reality as immanent in experience the Hegelian Absolute, for example, is not a special sort of existent, but the world as a whole understood in a certain way. That metaphysical inquiry should issue in definitive doctrine, as so many of those who engaged in it said that it would, is in these circumstances altogether too much to hope for. The science of the world as a whole Another way in which metaphysicians have sought to define their discipline is by saying that it has to do with the world as a whole. The implications of this phrase are not immediately obvious. Clearly, a contrast is intended in the first place with the various departmental sciences, each of which selects a portion or aspect of reality for study and confines itself to that. No geologist or mathematician would claim that his study is absolutely comprehensive; each would concede that there are many aspects of the world that he leaves out, even though he covers everything that is relevant to his special point of view. By contrast, it might be supposed that the metaphysician is merely to coordinate the results of the special sciences. There is clearly a need for the coordination of scientific results because scientific research has become increasingly specialized and departmentalized; individual scientific workers need to be made aware of what is going on in other fields, sometimes because these fields impinge on their own, sometimes because results obtained there have wider implications of which they need to take account. One can scarcely see metaphysicians, however, or indeed philosophers generally, performing this function of intellectual contact man in a satisfactory fashion. It might then be supposed that their concern with the world as a whole is to be interpreted as a summing up and synthesizing of the results of the particular sciences. Plato spoke of the philosopher as taking a synoptic view, and there is often talk about the need to see things in the round and avoid the narrowness of the average

specialist, who, it is said, knows more and more about less and less. If, however, it is a question of looking at scientific results from a wider point of view and so of producing what might be called a scientific picture of the world, the person best qualified for the job is not any philosopher but rather a scientist of large mind and wide interests. Only a scientist could hope to become such a superscientist. More hope for the metaphysician can be found, perhaps, along the following lines. People want to know not only what the scientist makes of the world but also what significance to assign to his account. People experience the world at different levels and in different capacities: Man is a many-sided being; he needs to understand the universe in the light of his different activities and experiences. There are philosophers who appear to find no problem here; they argue that there can be no possibility of, say, a moral or a religious vision of the world that rivals the scientific vision. In this view, morals and religion are matters of practice, not of theory; they do not rival science but only complement it. This neutralist attitude, however, finds little general favour; for most thinking people find it necessary to choose whether to go all the way with science, at the cost of abandoning religion and even morals, or to stick to a religious or moral world outlook even if it means treating scientific claims with some reserve. The practice of the moral life is often believed to proceed on assumptions that can hardly be accepted if science is taken to have the last word about what is true.

**Chapter 5 : Challenges to Metaphysical Realism (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)**

*Metaphysics is the branch of philosophy that studies the essence of a thing. This includes questions of being, becoming, existence, and reality. The word "metaphysics" comes from the Greek words that literally mean "beyond nature".*

If one were to look at a tree one day, and the tree later lost a leaf, it would seem that one could still be looking at that same tree. Two rival theories to account for the relationship between change and identity are perdurantism, which treats the tree as a series of tree-stages, and endurantism, which maintains that the organism—the same tree—is present at every stage in its history. Space and time[ edit ] See also: Philosophy of space and time Objects appear to us in space and time, while abstract entities such as classes, properties, and relations do not. What then is meant by space and time such that it can serve this function as a ground for objects? Are space and time entities themselves, of some form, or must they exist prior to other entities? How exactly can they be defined? For example, if time is defined as a "rate of change" then must there always be something changing in order for time to exist? Causality Classical philosophy recognized a number of causes, including teleological future causes. In special relativity and quantum field theory the notions of space, time and causality become tangled together, with temporal orders of causations becoming dependent on who is observing them. The laws of physics are symmetrical in time, so could equally well be used to describe time as running backwards. Why then do we perceive it as flowing in one direction, the arrow of time, and as containing causation flowing in the same direction? Causality is linked by most philosophers to the concept of counterfactuals. To say that A caused B means that if A had not happened then B would not have happened. Causality is usually required as a foundation for philosophy of science, if science aims to understand causes and effects and make predictions about them. Necessity and possibility[ edit ] See also: Modal logic and Modal realism Metaphysicians investigate questions about the ways the world could have been. David Lewis, in *On the Plurality of Worlds*, endorsed a view called Concrete Modal realism, according to which facts about how things could have been are made true by other concrete worlds, just as in ours, in which things are different. Other philosophers, such as Gottfried Leibniz, have dealt with the idea of possible worlds as well. The idea of necessity is that any necessary fact is true across all possible worlds. A possible fact is true in some possible world, even if not in the actual world. For example, it is possible that cats could have had two tails, or that any particular apple could have not existed. By contrast, certain propositions seem necessarily true, such as analytic propositions, e. A less controversial view might be that self-identity is necessary, as it seems fundamentally incoherent to claim that for any x, it is not identical to itself; this is known as the law of identity, a putative "first principle". Aristotle describes the principle of non-contradiction, "It is impossible that the same quality should both belong and not belong to the same thing This is the most certain of all principles Wherefore they who demonstrate refer to this as an ultimate opinion. For it is by nature the source of all the other axioms. Cosmology and cosmogony[ edit ] See also: Cosmology metaphysics Metaphysical cosmology is the branch of metaphysics that deals with the world as the totality of all phenomena in space and time. Historically, it formed a major part of the subject alongside Ontology, though its role is more peripheral in contemporary philosophy. It has had a broad scope, and in many cases was founded in religion. The ancient Greeks drew no distinction between this use and their model for the cosmos. However, in modern times it addresses questions about the Universe which are beyond the scope of the physical sciences. It is distinguished from religious cosmology in that it approaches these questions using philosophical methods e. Cosmogony deals specifically with the origin of the universe. Modern metaphysical cosmology and cosmogony try to address questions such as: What is the origin of the Universe? What is its first cause? Is its existence necessary? Does the cosmos have a purpose? Philosophy of mind Different approaches toward resolving the mind–body problem Accounting for the existence of mind in a world otherwise composed of matter is a metaphysical problem which is so large and important as to have become a specialized subject of study in its own right, philosophy of mind. Substance dualism is a classical theory in which mind and body are essentially different, with the mind having some of the attributes traditionally assigned to the soul, and which creates an immediate conceptual puzzle about how the two interact. Idealism

postulates that material objects do not exist unless perceived and only as perceptions. Panpsychism and panexperientialism, are property dualist theories in which everything has or is a mind rather than everything exists in a mind. For the last century, the dominant theories have been science-inspired including materialistic monism, Type identity theory, token identity theory, functionalism, reductive physicalism, nonreductive physicalism, eliminative materialism, anomalous monism, property dualism, epiphenomenalism and emergence. Determinism and free will[ edit ] See also: Determinism and Free will Determinism is the philosophical proposition that every event, including human cognition, decision and action, is causally determined by an unbroken chain of prior occurrences. It holds that nothing happens that has not already been determined. The principal consequence of the deterministic claim is that it poses a challenge to the existence of free will. The problem of free will is the problem of whether rational agents exercise control over their own actions and decisions. Addressing this problem requires understanding the relation between freedom and causation, and determining whether the laws of nature are causally deterministic. Some philosophers, known as Incompatibilists, view determinism and free will as mutually exclusive. If they believe in determinism, they will therefore believe free will to be an illusion, a position known as Hard Determinism. Proponents range from Baruch Spinoza to Ted Honderich. Others, labeled Compatibilists or "Soft Determinists", believe that the two ideas can be reconciled coherently. Adherents of this view include Thomas Hobbes and many modern philosophers such as John Martin Fischer. Incompatibilists who accept free will but reject determinism are called Libertarians, a term not to be confused with the political sense. Robert Kane and Alvin Plantinga are modern defenders of this theory. Natural and social kinds[ edit ] The earliest type of classification of social construction traces back to Plato in his dialogue Phaedrus where he claims that the biological classification system seems to "carve nature at the joints". In his essay The Analytical Language of John Wilkins, Borges makes us imagine a certain encyclopedia where the animals are divided into a those that belong to the emperor; b embalmed ones; c those that are trained; According to Quine this notion is closely related to the notion of similarity. Philosophy of mathematics There are different ways to set up the notion of number in metaphysics theories. Platonist theories postulate number as a fundamental category itself. Others consider it to be a property of an entity called a "group" comprising other entities; or to be a relation held between several groups of entities, such as "the number four is the set of all sets of four things". Many of the debates around universals are applied to the study of number, and are of particular importance due to its status as a foundation for the philosophy of mathematics and for mathematics itself. Applied metaphysics[ edit ] Although metaphysics as a philosophical enterprise is highly hypothetical, it also has practical application in most other branches of philosophy, science, and now also information technology. Such areas generally assume some basic ontology such as a system of objects, properties, classes, and spacetime as well as other metaphysical stances on topics such as causality and agency, then build their own particular theories upon these. In science for example, some theories are based on the ontological assumption of objects with properties such as electrons having charge while others may reject objects completely such as quantum field theories, where spread-out "electronness" becomes a property of spacetime rather than an object. For example, they may postulate the existence of basic entities such as value, beauty, and God respectively. Then they use these postulates to make their own arguments about consequences resulting from them. When philosophers in these subjects make their foundations they are doing applied metaphysics, and may draw upon its core topics and methods to guide them, including ontology and other core and peripheral topics. As in Science, the foundations chosen will in turn depend on the underlying ontology used, so philosophers in these subjects may have to dig right down to the ontological layer of metaphysics to find what is possible for their theories. For example, a contradiction obtained in a theory of God or Beauty might be due to an assumption that it is an object rather than some other kind of ontological entity. Relationship of metaphysics and science[ edit ] Prior to the modern history of science, scientific questions were addressed as a part of natural philosophy. Originally, the term "science" Latin scientia simply meant "knowledge". The scientific method, however, transformed natural philosophy into an empirical activity deriving from experiment, unlike the rest of philosophy. By the end of the 18th century, it had begun to be called "science" to distinguish it from philosophy. Thereafter, metaphysics denoted philosophical enquiry of a non-empirical character into the

nature of existence. For example, any theory of fundamental physics is based on some set of axioms, which may postulate the existence of entities such as atoms, particles, forces, charges, mass, or fields. Stating such postulates is considered to be the "end" of a science theory. Metaphysics takes these postulates and explores what they mean as human concepts. For example, do all theories of physics require the existence of space and time, [10] objects, and properties? Or can they be expressed using only objects, or only properties? Do the objects have to retain their identity over time or do they change? Is the distinction between objects and properties fundamental to the physical world or to our perception of it? Much recent work has been devoted to analyzing the role of metaphysics in scientific theorizing. Since [13] [14] "he showed the ways in which some untestable and hence, according to Popperian ideas, non-empirical propositions can nevertheless be influential in the development of properly testable and hence scientific theories. These profound results in applied elementary logic David Hull has argued that changes in the ontological status of the species concept have been central in the development of biological thought from Aristotle through Cuvier, Lamarck, and Darwin. Whitehead is famous for creating a process philosophy metaphysics inspired by electromagnetism and special relativity. In the eighteenth century, David Hume took an extreme position, arguing that all genuine knowledge involves either mathematics or matters of fact and that metaphysics, which goes beyond these, is worthless. He concludes his *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* with the statement: If we take in our hand any volume; of divinity or school metaphysics, for instance; let us ask, Does it contain any abstract reasoning concerning quantity or number? Does it contain any experimental reasoning concerning matter of fact and existence? Commit it then to the flames: Although he followed Hume in rejecting much of previous metaphysics, he argued that there was still room for some synthetic a priori knowledge, concerned with matters of fact yet obtainable independent of experience. These included fundamental structures of space, time, and causality. He also argued for the freedom of the will and the existence of "things in themselves", the ultimate but unknowable objects of experience.

**Chapter 6 : metaphysical perspective – Deeper understanding of various aspects of life and spirituality**

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Comment When you think about spiritual laws of the universe, your mind may go straight to the Law of Attraction. However, it turns out that there is a whole network of interconnected laws that can impact on every aspect of your life. When you have a solid sense of these spiritual laws, you develop a clearer picture of your own place in the world. This guide will explore and summarize all twelve of the laws, helping you to understand how they influence you and showing how your awareness of them can lead to positive change. You may feel lost, frustrated and confused about your purpose. In contrast, people who live their lives with an awareness of the interconnected laws typically report feeling more confident, productive and reflective than ever before. While there is advanced personal work you can do with respect to each law, even starting out with this general grasp of the different laws may make a noticeable difference to the way you feel.

**The Law of Divine Oneness** The Law of Divine Oneness is the foundational law, according to which absolutely everything in our universe is interconnected. In other words, every choice, word, desire, and belief you have will also have an impact on the world, and on the people in your life. Sometimes this impact will be immediate and obvious. At other times, it may take a while to manifest, or you may never even discover that it has occurred. Try to think of yourself as part of everything around you to live in accordance with this law. We are all one, and awareness of this makes us more powerful as well as more empathetic.

**Law of Vibration** According to the Law of Vibration, every particle in the universe is in constant movement and constantly carries energy. This applies to enormous parts of the universe, like the planets and stars. However, it also applies to the chair underneath you or the table where your computer sits. In addition, everything has its own specific energy frequency. High energy particles are naturally attuned to other high energy particles, and the same is true for those that have low energy. If your goal is to live a more productive and full life, consider what you would need to do to heighten your energy frequency. Did you know you can harness the power of the subconscious and transform your life? The key idea here is that patterns repeat throughout the universe, and that prominent patterns can also be found repeating on a very small scale. For example, think of the popular example of the spiral pattern that reappears in a huge number of places in the galaxy. Look for patterns in your own life and in your thinking, and notice how they repeat elsewhere in the world. As you do so, consider the kinds of pattern changes you might be able to make, and how those will create change on a large scale.

**Law of Attraction** As you likely already know, the Law of Attraction tells us that like attracts like. So, in order to have the things you desire in life, you have to work out how to vibrate on the same frequency as these things. The more general lesson here is that being positive, proactive and loving attracts more of the same into your life. Meanwhile, pessimism, fear, and lethargy will lead you to generate more negative experiences in all aspects of life.

**Law of Inspired Action** Law of Attraction practitioners regularly say that they wish they had known about the Law of Inspired action at an earlier stage! These two laws are tightly bound together, and the Inspired Action law tells us that we must actively pursue our goals. Many people think that visualizing a goal and developing a positive attitude towards it will be sufficient to exploit the Law of Attraction. However, you also have to take inspired steps towards that thing that you want. Specifically, keep in mind that high vibrations can trigger improvements in low vibrations.

**The Law of Cause and Effect** One of the most straightforward laws of the universe, the Law of Cause and Effect tells us that all actions have a corresponding reaction. You will already know this, of course, when it comes to the physical aspects of the world. Your spiritual life can impact the world around you, causing positive or negative reactions. Similarly, your physical environment can impact on your spirituality, whether for good or for ill. Ask yourself what types of relationships you see between the spiritual and the physical, and how you might want to change them. This is similar to the Law of Attraction, but with a focus on the idea that compensation can come in many forms. However, depending on how you have lived, your vast amount of wealth could lead to a worse life rather than a better one. Essentially, you reap what you sow. This law reminds you to be careful about how you treat others, and indeed the planet.

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Relativity The Law of Relativity is all about the neutrality of things when seen in isolation. So, no particular person, experience, emotion or action is evaluated as good or bad until you look at it in comparison with something else. By keeping this law in mind, you remain conscious of the fact that there are always multiple perspectives on anything that happens to you. Trying to slip into these alternate perspectives can make you more grateful, and can also show you where you can make improvements in life. Consequently, when you go through something difficult, it will be this thing that helps you truly appreciate the good developments to come. By regularly reminding yourself of this, you can improve your resilience in troubled times. In particular, it refers to the fact that all things come in cycles. You can see this in nature, e. Law of Gender Finally, the Law of Gender has very little to do with biological sex. Rather, it refers to the fact that there are two major types of energy. You can think of them as masculine and feminine, as yin and yang, or as anima and animus. We all contain a certain amount of both energy and must find a way to achieve a balance between both types if we are to live authentically and happily. Think about the role each type of energy appears to play in your life, and whether there is an excess or a deficit of either. But did you know you can harness the power of the subconscious and transform your life using this practice? In this powerful free video, Dr. Within this incredible program you will gain access to: The Secret Mirror 3. You will be able to see Dr. Step By Step Video Demo sessions! Private Facebook Group Mastermind Access. And more, including over 8 hours of video content. Are you ready to learn the 3-step formula to remove the abundance blocks from your subconscious mind and finally unleash your full potential? Then, [click here now](#).

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It is a pleasure to be able to share with you all yet another blog this week. This can be seen in the ease with which technology is available and how interaction with the newest inventions can drastically change our lives. Now we live in times where you can literally stay indoors all day for as long as you want without even having to go outside for anything. With home jobs, many people run their own businesses from home or even work from home for big cooperations. Once finance is taken care of, I guess food is the next reason to step out. There are many restaurants and food outlets that will deliver to your doorstep and they are just a few clicks away. Ok, you can do your grocery shopping online now or even have people do it for you and deliver to your house. The question is where am I going to with all these? There is no doubt that, we have come a long way and a lot of things have been done to improve our lives and make living easier. Celebrities of our day and age may have also contributed to the epidemic of consumerism. Up till this point, I would have still been okay with this type of paradigm if the masses who try to imbibe it could actually afford it. We have people driving cars that are not paid for, living in large houses with huge mortgages, struggling paycheck to paycheck all to impress others. A nation in debt and people who are unsatisfied with life. One would think that with the amount of stuff people have in Western countries that they would be happier, but on the contrary not so much. I use social media to connect with family, loved ones and acquaintances that matter in my life, and also as a casual form of distraction when I need to. There was a time when social media was just that; a medium to socialize. Not anymore I guess, as today it has become a platform for business, advertising, networking, bullying, self-aggrandizement etc. People have the utmost right to share whatever they feel they want to share about their personal life on social media, be it their finances, love life etc. If one feels like in order to feel validated they have to share their checks online each time they get it, then fine. The question is to what gain is that? I guess we all also have the option of ignoring whatever we feel is not helping us grow by not even commenting on this kind of pics etc. Truth be told, remember the last time you had a good laugh at a really good joke among friends, in that time and space, did you remember to pause, stop, record the joke and you laughing and then share it? This is because, when one is truly enjoying a moment that is beautiful and genuinely fulfilling, you are too absorbed in it to remember to document it. We can pretend that we are fine and happy, and try to make others think so too and even get them to believe our lies. What we cannot do is believe our own lies, because sooner or later we will snap out of it and reality sets right back in. In the last few years, we have had a number of celebrities who were found dead from suicide, and one would wonder why they took their own life considering how much money, fame, prestige, and things they had. Many of us would have traded places with some of these celebrities in a heartbeat were we asked to do so. Long story short, we all need money to do basic stuff. Having ones finance in order is essential to living a comfortable life, at least. Consumerism and over accumulation is, however, a disease that has become viral now. It is okay to be content with what we have, it is okay to desire more as long as we can actually afford it and it adds value to our lives. I hope this points someone in the right direction. Till next week, read, share and follow for more.

**Chapter 8 : The 12 Spiritual Laws Of The Universe And What They Mean**

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This does not necessarily imply that he intended metaphysical to be used in its true sense, in that he was probably referring to a witticism of John Dryden , who said of John Donne: He affects the metaphysics, not only in his satires, but in his amorous verses, where nature only should reign; and perplexes the minds of the fair sex with nice speculations of philosophy, when he should engage their hearts, and entertain them with the softnesses of love. Cowley has copied him to a fault. The metaphysical poets were men of learning, and, to show their learning was their whole endeavour; but, unluckily resolving to show it in rhyme, instead of writing poetry, they only wrote verses, and, very often, such verses as stood the trial of the finger better than of the ear; for the modulation was so imperfect, that they were only found to be verses by counting the syllables The most heterogeneous ideas are yoked by violence together; nature and art are ransacked for illustrations, comparisons, and allusions; their learning instructs, and their subtilty surprises; but the reader commonly thinks his improvement dearly bought, and, though he sometimes admires, is seldom pleased. Cowley himself, John Donne and John Cleveland , which is hardly sufficient for such a blanket condemnation. John Dryden had already satirised the Baroque taste for them in his Mac Flecknoe and Joseph Addison , in quoting him, singled out the poetry of George Herbert as providing a flagrant example. For him it begins with a break with the formerly artificial style of their antecedents to one free from poetic diction or conventions. It was from the use of conceits particularly that the writing of these European counterparts was known, Concettismo in Italian, Conceptismo in Spanish. The European dimension of the Catholic poets Crashaw and Southwell has been commented on by others. The use of conceits was common not only across the Continent, but also elsewhere in England among the Cavalier poets , including such elegists of Donne as Carew and Godolphin. Another striking example occurs in Baroque poems celebrating "black beauty", built on the opposition between the norm of feminine beauty and instances that challenge that commonplace. But English writing goes further by employing ideas and images derived from contemporary scientific or geographical discoveries to examine religious and moral questions, often with an element of casuistry. Stylistic echoes[ edit ] Long before it was so-named, the Metaphysical poetic approach was an available model for others outside the interlinking networks of 17th century writers, especially young men who had yet to settle for a particular voice. The poems written by John Milton while still at university are a case in point and include some that were among his earliest published work, well before their inclusion in his Poems of He had yet to enter university when he contributed a poem on the death of Henry Lord Hastings to the many other tributes published in Lachrymae Musarum The choice of style by the young Milton and the young Dryden can therefore be explained in part as contextual. Both went on to develop radically different ways of writing; neither could be counted as potentially Metaphysical poets. Nor could Alexander Pope , yet his early poetry evidences an interest in his Metaphysical forebears. Among his juvenilia appear imitations of Cowley. While comprehensive, her selection, as Burrow remarks, so dilutes the style as to make it "virtually coextensive with seventeenth-century poetry". Eliot did much to establish the importance of the school, both through his critical writing and by applying their method in his own work. Alvarez was commenting that "it may perhaps be a little late in the day to be writing about the Metaphysicals. The great vogue for Donne passed with the passing of the Anglo-American experimental movement in modern poetry. Since the s, therefore, it has been argued that gathering all of these under the heading of Baroque poets would be more helpfully inclusive. In Alvarez proposed an alternative approach in a series of lectures eventually published as The School of Donne. This was to look at the practice and self-definition of the circle of friends about Donne, who were the recipients of many of his verse letters. They were a group of some fifteen young professionals with an interest in poetry, many of them poets themselves although, like Donne for much of his life, few of them published their work. Uncertain ascriptions resulted in some poems from their fraternity being ascribed to Donne by later editors. Among them were Lord Herbert of Cherbury and his brother George, whose mother Magdalen was another

recipient of verse letters by Donne. Eventually George Herbert, Henry Vaughan and Richard Crashaw, all of whom knew each other, took up the religious life and extended their formerly secular approach into this new area. A later generation of Metaphysical poets, writing during the Commonwealth, became increasingly more formulaic and lacking in vitality. What all had in common, according to Alvarez, was esteem, not for metaphysics but for intelligence. It begins with the rough versification of the satires written by Donne and others in his circle such as Everard Gilpin and John Roe. Later it modulates into the thoughtful religious poems of the next generation with their exclamatory or conversational openings and their sense of the mind playing over the subject and examining it from all sides. On the death of Donne, it is natural that his friend Edward Herbert should write him an elegy full of high-flown and exaggerated Metaphysical logic. Henry Wotton, on the other hand, is not remembered as a writer at all, but instead for his public career. Though the poems were often cast in a suitably Metaphysical style, half were written by fellow clergymen, few of whom are remembered for their poetry. Among those who were Henry King and Jasper Mayne, who was soon to quit authorship for clerical orders. They also served as courtiers, as did another contributor, Endymion Porter. In addition, Carew had been in the service of Edward Herbert. He had friends within the Great Tew Circle but at the time of his elegy was working as a researcher for Henry Wotton, who intended writing a life of the poet. A life of George Herbert followed them in And once the poetic style had been launched, its tone and approach remained available as a model for later writers who might not necessarily commit themselves so wholly to it. Later additions[ edit ] Late additions to the Metaphysical canon have included sacred poets of both England and America who had been virtually unknown for centuries. John Norris was better known as a Platonist philosopher. The work of Edward Taylor, who is now counted as the outstanding English-language poet of North America, was only discovered in

**Chapter 9 : The Astrology of Meeting "The One" - The Spiritual Eclectic**

*male and female aspects of our soul, of Jewish aspects of our soul (Divine ideas or spiritual consciousness), of gentile aspects of our soul (worldly thoughts, thoughts pertaining to the external, or thoughts that function through the senses).*

To experience sexual congress after death, several conditions must exist. This presentation will cover Color Healing, and my color healing system of colors associated with divine qualities as embodied by Angels. Color healing is a vibrational energy healing modality, also known as energy medicine. Mind-body-spirit benefits of laughter. Laughter is the best medicine. A most gracious and penetrating grief brought me into relationship with my higher self; to the knowing of spirit in all aspects of my life; to the exquisite communion with and guidance from angels, faerie, elementals, the loving energies and essences of the natural world. Indeed, everything is speaking to us! Read More Nora Ruebrook When the invisible and visible worlds speak to each other what language do they speak? Once the flow of synchronicity is recognized the first portal to consciousness occurs. Nearly all who have experienced NDEs experience after-effects. Although these after-effects are common, they are not well understood, have not been broadly examined and are only now becoming part of the conversation. This means the 1st-person 3rd-person barrier access to content of other minds! Read More Lee Lawrence Neuroscience of Prayer: A Meta-Analysis and More Presentation: Studies relating to prayer have been difficult to validate due to the many influencing variables and the intangibility of consciousness. Thus, most research has been correlation studies comparing prayer with expectation of result such as healing. Physicist Wolfgang Pauli was well known for the negative effects he had on electronic equipment, and when people have unexplained effects on electronics, it has come to be known as the Pauli Effect. Software testers and developers often relate anecdotes about people who break computer systems and! Read More Marsha Walters Conscious Connection with the Unified Quantum Field Description: The recent rise in spontaneous healings and dramatic shifts into higher states of consciousness raises questions concerning the relationship between the unified quantum field and human consciousness. We show how basic quantum field principles could explain interactions between human consciousness and the quantum field. Evidence for Life after Death Presentation: Near-death experiences NDEs imply that there is a trans-material, transcendent aspect to human beings. NDErs frequently describe a transition between the two realms. We propose that the physical and the transcendent or spiritual realms are both real. Bob Trowbridge Overcoming Limitations: The Amazing Power of the Mind with Rev. Bob will talk about the many ways in which human beings have overcome impossible limitations, including some of his own experiences. There will be exercises designed to help the attendees overcome some of their limitations and open themselves to a grander vision! Read More Jim Beichler Spirituality and consciousness in light of their physical context: What is it like for awareness to be aware of itself? How can consciousness itself be observed from a witness perspective? And how can this be done, not just individually, but in a group? She will speak about how you can develop your own psychic abilities and how to connect with loved ones who have passed, as! Larry Burk Speaker Transforming Symptoms and the Healthcare System: The price we pay for this attitude goes far beyond the disturbing death rate above. The biofield is an organizing energy field of life within and around the body considered important for bioregulation and healing. Some components of the biofield can be scientifically measured. What is a modern-day parapsychologist? Physicists, Psychics, Psychologists, Independent Researchers, Professors, Authors, or just people who have extraordinary experiences and want to learn more. I would say that in some form or fashion we are all parapsychologists. At some point in our life we have pondered the question what happens! Elizabeth Rauscher Speaker Bio: Rauscher is an American physicist and parapsychologist. In Rauscher co-founded the Berkeley Fundamental Fysiks Group, an informal group of physicists who met weekly to discuss quantum mysticism and the philosophy!