

## **Beyond Darwinian Evolution : Celestine Vision – A Case Study**

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### **Abstract**

This paper details on the various factors that has been instrumental to the evolution of human consciousness . He mentions how the developments that has happened in the turn of the 20th century -- chiefly the developments in the field of physics, biology and psychology, under a sociological framework, has helped man in ways beyond measure. The research focuses on how these path breaking scientific developments combined by man's heightened awareness will become instrumental in making man reach his highest and best evolved state. Also, this unfolds the underlying gaia principle working beneath the text.

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The paper is divided into two parts : first, the paper gives a detailed study on the paradigm of developmental changes that has occurred in the making of the said changes. It talks about the systems of knowledge as essential paradigms , each level leading to another to eventually culminate in a world of divine transcendence. Secondly, it tells us about the changes that is to occur as its natural consequent. - the benevolent moves and turns of the society in the material world as a result of the same and the enhanced abilities, in man, that can be told as being metaphysical in nature. Apart from this, the research answers the questions how the life enhancing functions of gaia that occurred throughout the period of history helps in the progression of life.

Among the changes that the study captures, are included, quantum physics that saw the light of the day in the dawn of the twentieth century and heralded a new era of differing perceptions and understanding of the world around. The new branch of study sparked into being with the fundamental truth validated by Maxwell and Faraday. He, in 1880, proved that “light could be best described as an oscillating electromagnetic field which distorted space as it travelled through the universe in the form of waves ( Redfield 49)”.

This thought advanced into what the world awes at as the quantum theory, the path breaking theory that changed the perception of the world. Several stalwarts in the field of science chiefly, Albert Einstein , Niels Bohr, John Bell made their monumental contributions to it. Quantum physics is the physics of the subatomic particles .The edifice of thinking based on the cartesian dualism and the newtonian world order crumbled down .

“Within this theory, the ideals of Newton and his followers began to show the first signs of cracks-- certain things which had always been taken for granted for being absolute, such as space and time, was dramatically called into question.” (Mcphee11). Again with Einstein, came a new understanding of the world that questioned the existing notions of

time and space-- the very core of nature. "Time could speed up and slow down, and an object's length could expand and contract along with the very fabric of space--time!" (Redfield 9).

As said by Einstein, "Look deep into nature and you will understand everything." (Mcphee 11) soon the quantum phenomenon was seen and studied in the various forms of life. Apart from the other developments the prodigious Redfield, talks artificial intelligence that will help man to make his existential needs automated through technology and leave man with more time to know himself. Research and thoughts have gone into seeing how the new physics has affected psychology and sociology "...and dramatically changed the conception of the outer universe we live"(Redfield 57).

Redfield gives an account of the reform movements that started the post 1950s, especially the idealism that showed a renewed interest in the early literature and rituals, and eventually dug deep into the scriptural knowledge of the ancient past and came closer to the eternal truths and several conventions and the underlying words of wisdom in them.

The radical 60's that showed as the turmoil and the edifice of the western philosophical thought met with radical shifts. "We can now see the turmoil underneath. The decade of the 1960's represented the first mass departure-- the first 'crack' in the cosmic egg, " as Joseph Chilton Pearce called it-- in the dominant secular world-view" (Redfield 2).

The spirituality convulsive and confusing 80s brought in the competition between the growing materialistic urges. The developments in the 90's helped to form a better cognition and understanding of the changing patterns of experiences to be open to the energies of life-- the new spiritual awareness that started to surface in the 1960s. The state of awareness can be exemplified by the coincidences and how they help us. Redfield portrays the same with a fine example from the story of Abraham Lincoln who once bought some old goods from a peddler only to know later on that the very same law books, would become instrumental to make his remarkable destiny..... Along with the Paradigms of changes in the scientific and the sociological arena, men started to perceive real changes in their awareness, thus.

Twined with other developments is the humanistic psychology of the 1970's, that Redfield was involved in. Another monumental change is Alexander Sheldrake's theory of life, a step beyond the mechanistic Darwinian theory of evolution. According to this theory, the life forms evolve and created through morphogenic fields that are nonlocal in nature and makes an invisible pattern. "The field evolves over time and generation of a species and not only is structured by this underlying field but amends this field as it overcomes challenges in the environment"(Redfield 63).

All these theories contribute to our thinking that the universe is responsive and that the universe --the biotic and the abiotic components forms a unit whole. Also phenomena that is occurring inside is nothing but the principle of gaia working through us. The study shows that the process of interaction is for betterment of life and is a process that keeps continuing. Redfield speaks of the constant evolution by giving several referents: the

experience of luminosity that certain things can appear to be more attractive when compared to the other alternatives, which, he says is the way the intuitive mind helps one to find answers and choose among the several options one has. Not only is synchronicity understood in the said way, but also in several other ways manifestations, such as coincidences, that involve understanding our past in the perspective of the present. There are several other ways too. Also, Redfield has brought in the various types of energetic interactions among mankind and also with nature. " ... as we stay on the synchronistic path, we are able to live at ever higher states of energy" ( Redfield 181). This is further corroborated while he speaks on the various interplay of energies. " ... if we are open to the full potential of the transpersonal awareness, we must become conscious and integrate both the female and male aspects of our higher selves (Redfield 160)." This understanding has percolated from the new physics, Quantum Physics, that helped in understanding that there is basically no fundamental particles as such. There arises the revelation that matter is hollow and is energy at its best interactional strategies. This also shows how malleable is energy-- it can be turned in accordance to our thoughts and intentions to shape it in a desired manner. Capturing this subtle energy as shown by the eastern mystics and the control over the mental energies singh testimony to this.

A keen analysis of the text reveals the results that the state of awareness has brought. This can be analysed in two ways: first, man's benevolent measures done in the secular world. and the enhancement of human life that can be understood when we see it from metaphysical angles. This part of the research shows the energetic interactions that the modern scientific research has brought to light. Show us the several questions in life.

The changes show how the energetic changes made has helped to understand better their esoteric and material manifestations are shown here.

The study tells about the esoteric experiences that borders on the realms of real and the unreal. First of all the present research show that everything in this world is connected and the universe we see is dynamic interplay of energy, which includes even thoughts. One can alter reality by changing thoughts. This coincidence redfield foresees a generation who are more aware and can see meaning in coincidences and synchronicities. Further, he says that "They see everything in great detail and experience their lives being judged not by others, but by themselves. mankind, in the words of Redfield, becomes "united with a larger divine intelligence" ( 191). Further, man will be able to access afterlife dimensions -- a dimension beyond the earth realm-- in deep meditation. This experiences can be of help in understanding and perceiving one's purpose and goal in life. Redfield asserts the possibility of having life review, a glimpse of what one done or accrued throughout his life time. This shows how near death experiences help in several ways. The heightened sense of awareness will in certain ways help to reach a transcendental state of afterlife and help to reach the information required for their reaching the goals in the present birth. ..." The Life review is one of the most fascinating aspects of the near-- death experience. Usually, individuals report envisioning their whole lives flashing before their eyes, not so much like a movie but as a holographic representation." ( 191) Redfield calls this review as the 'birth vision'.

This part of the research includes the author's vision of a beautiful future of mankind who has realised the spiritual reality and the moves they are taking in the civil world for universal benevolence by intervening and getting at the root of every social problem.

The increase in the state of awareness is realised in several ways such as man's secular thoughts and in his way of understanding his fellow beings. This stage of the study shows how the world vision will help to even out the flaws and corrupt practices and restore peace. An understanding of the meaningful lessons from one's birth vision, and the realisation of the synchronicity and the connectedness of the minds will make man , solve various world problems. First and foremost , the problem of hunger and poverty remains a pressing problem. There are existing government programs which "... will never work as a safety net" ( Redfield 30) . World vision brings us to the roots of the problem, and "... a situation fueled by fear , under education, and a failure to take advantage opportunities that come in one's way" ( Redfield 220). HOSE INDIVIDUALS AND HELPING of those individuals and helping them.

Next comes the problem of crime rates , that too will be reduced to minimum when people will synchronistically start working towards uprooting the same.

Environmental pollution, one of the biggest pressing problems and "the illegal dumping of wastes in rivers" will be caught by someone who by intuition will reach at the spot and work on the particular issue. "and ready to sound the alarm." Also, the pressing issue of indiscriminate destruction of the forest reserves will be addressed. Man in several ways is progressing towards benevolent moves. protecting forest reserves , old cathedral forests those that have fallen in the hands of corrupt governmental agencies and timber companies. The world will reach a state of stability when the almost bare forests will be regrown.

The World Vision with its new spiritual awareness , will individuals form groups that would help them to know about people affected by terrorist activities and separatists .

In the field of business , the ethics will return to its fullest form . "Planned obsolescence will be replaced by an ethic of making products that will last a lifetime(, Redfield 227).

The research shows us that, there is a total transformation of culture. "As greater number of people increase their energy , These will be the energy levels expected in the culture, the life spans will begin to lengthen dramatically ." The existential needs will be met by automation and man will live in home that a will be inexhaustibly powered.

Eventually the means of production and distribution too will show ethics and the capitalists won't be able venture to control man . He sees the expanding economies ; planned obsolescence will be replaced by an ethic of making products that will last for longer, thus the capitalism won't eclipse man's personal growth. Similarly the research shows societal growth , wherein every profession shows the legal systems and the judiciary will see a very high growth .

The gaia theory, put forward by James Lovelock that sings of the very nature of the existence that makes the living and the nonliving components of the earth interact with each other in order for the evolution of life to progress. Redfield's analysis adds a new

perspective to the significant events of the world. He shows history as succeeding levels or paradigms that man has crossed in order to reach the present world of universal transcendental knowledge and experience.

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