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THE RESURRECTION OF THE PSYCHIC KINGDOMS

It's beginning to look like the word "psychic" (and all that it contains) is going to be a very big word in the Twenty-First Century -- perhaps its biggest.

During the year (1987) in which this book is being written, we are only twelve years from the turn of the century. But already there are distinctive signs and omens in advancing biology, physics and psychology -- to say nothing of the holistic New Age Movement itself -- that are consistently pointing towards the wisdom of unearthing mankind's long buried, long avoided, long suppressed psychic roots and foundations.

For some time now, scientists have been enriching our vocabulary with a growing long list of many neo-terms -- such as quantum mechanics, field theories, the fields of the conscious and the unconscious, universal cement, the cosmic web, infinite series, transfinite, star-wave mind-consciousness, the quantum

bridge between mind and matter, parallel universes, transfinite psychodynamics, morphic resonance, bioinformation processes, and so forth.

Each of these neo-terms represents the specialized view of their originators (all top thinkers in various scientific fields.) Each of these terms reflects an attempt to address a particular aspect of a far greater "something." The existence of this "something" is already known in fact, although its exact nature of hardly understood at all -- that there exists some sort of a "transcendent reality" that unites the all and everything of existence into one unbelievably gigantic "organism."

The key word all these neo-terms turn upon is the newly-revived word "interconnectedness," which in its new use seeks to imply that all things, events, phenomena are somehow connected up to each other. What happens in one place or to one person has, at some subtle levels, an effect on the whole of the greater organism in which all the happenings are contained.

"Interconnectedness" is one of the hottest words in use at the moment, and the new advancing frontiers of human endeavour are quietly grouping around the necessity of finding out how it is that everything is interconnected.

But if today the concept of interconnectedness is a seminal idea in its present appearance, it is also a very ancient formulation. Interconnectedness has always formed the basis of what in the past was has been called the esoteric sciences -- the

occult arts that have busied themselves with trying to perceive and study the hidden interconnected aspects of "visible and invisible" phenomena.

The general applicability of the "old" ideas of interconnectedness with the "new" emerging science-based concepts of interconnectedness has not been missed by many leading theorists. As a result, today we are beginning to see a wholesale merging of the old esoteric traditions with the new platforms that are seeking models that might help give appropriate insights in beginning to resolve the many illusive mysteries of interconnectedness.

In its full meaning, the term "psychic" equates to the term "interconnectedness," and if the fundamental issues of the psychic and interconnectedness are perceived at all it is possible to see that they are workable synonyms. A full definition of "psychic" will be given later on; but if we conceive that unless a person can participate in the interconnectedness that unites all phenomena (visible and invisible), that person likewise cannot be psychic.

In the esoteric sciences, it was not unusual to find the principles of interconnectedness being referred to as "the psychic kingdoms," and there were many of these, as we shall see throughout the course of this present book. In essence, the neo-terms that have been listed above represent modern attempts at conceptually resurrecting the materials of the psychic kingdoms,

albeit under new terms perhaps more appropriate to our age and to our thinking patterns.

It has dawned upon many modern theorists that the secrets of interconnectedness resolutely defy mere intellectual thinking and that (as the sages of old correctly perceived) one has to become somewhat psychic oneself in order to have any hope of penetrating the gigantic interconnected organism.

In our Western Judeao/Christian culture, "becoming psychic" presents special problems since the priorities for doing so have been very low within the evolving historical paradigms that have held sway for nearly two-thousand years. As a result, we are in a sense so culturally alienated from our own psychic substructures to such a degree that even if we want to get into them we are discovering we cannot.

We are finding that it is not merely a matter of "disintering" the psychic corpses of the past with the assumption that they will start functioning within our present modern intellectual frames of references. And we are also finding that we cannot "dump" our present cultural heritages with the hope that in so doing we will settle back into the primordial meanings of active psychic fundamentals. If you but think of this for a moment, you might perceive that interconnectedness probably doesn't work well along either of these two lines of effort. If all things are interconnected, you can't disconnect from one thing in order to find out something else.

The priority seems, then, to turn around discovering where we are connected to the psychic realms and where we are not, and why we are not -- which is the same as saying discovering where we are interconnected and where we are not, and why we are not.

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