

Daily Meditation 06/22/2022

Angels, “Nested Hierarchy/Holarchy” in a Trustworthy Universe

Good morning.

Today, I share the thoughts of biologist Rupert Sheldrake and myself in dialogue on the topic of angels, from our book, *The Physics of Angels*. And I make the point near the end of the essay that the dominant question of the first century was, is the universe a friendly place or not?

What's interesting is that Einstein actually said one day, "The most important question we can ask from life is this: Is the universe friendly, or not?"

Perhaps this is the ultimate cosmological issue: can we trust the cosmos? Is the cosmos benign? Now in the many hymns to the Cosmic Christ in the Christian Bible, in the New Testament, there are allusions to the angels, Romans 8:38, and following; Ephesians 1:20, following; Colossians 1:15, following; Hebrews 1:3, following.

So the Christians are clearly responding to this buzz question of the first century. Christ has power over angels and archangels, powers and principalities: these are other groups of angels. So they are answering Einstein's question, the universe is a friendly place. There is a benign power that extends over the angels. And it is called the Christ. Cosmic Christ tradition, then, is set up in the context of angelology.

Now, Rupert responds by saying

The heavens have been secularized and mechanized. But these deep questions have not gone away. A spiritual void was created when religion withdrew from the heavens...

and the scientific imagination became very impoverished. So science fiction has filled in the gaps. But as he says, most of it he sees as

...banal, not up to the job (he says), of giving us a real sense of the awe and wonder of the universe. Spaceships shifting into time warps, evil empires, Star Wars, space cops, aliens -- these are hardly representations of cosmic intelligences.

Something clearly has been lost, he feels. He says,

in the past, people had a sense that what happened on Earth was related to what happened in the heavens.

And this is the role astrology played. He himself is trying to teach astronomy to astrologers. Because he feels that they have one thing right. And that is that there's meaning in our relationship to the other planets and so forth. But he says most astrologers he knows, can't find anything in the sky. They find it all in books, but it's not based on science. So he's giving courses on astronomy for astrologers.

But he also makes the point that it's possible, he says, that the sun is conscious...the sun is conscious. And he says that

...the patterns of electromagnetic activity are assumed to be the interface between consciousness and the physical activity of our brains.

Consciousness somehow emerges from these patterns....this is actually the materialistic version of things. But, he says,

the complex electromagnetic patterns in our brains are nothing compared with the complexity of the electromagnetic patterns in the sun.

So he proposes that maybe the sun is conscious. "The sun may think," he says, and

if the sun is conscious, why not other stars as well? All the stars may have mental activity, life and intelligence associated with them. And this is what was believed in the past -- that stars are the seat of intelligences.

And these intelligences are angels. Very interesting thoughts to ruminate on at this time in history.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.