# **Unified Theistic Naturalism: Presence, Being, and the Living Universe**

#### **Title**

Presence, Being, and the Sacred Unfolding of the Universe: A Unified Theistic Naturalism Perspective

#### **Abstract**

The nature of the universe remains an open question in both physics and philosophy. Traditional materialist views collapse under quantum observations, while emerging theories suggest simulation models or cosmic dreaming. Unified Theistic Naturalism (UTN) offers a different perspective: the universe is not an illusion, nor a digital artifact, but a sacred unfolding of Presence itself. Presence is not a material thing — it is Being. Matter, energy, space, and time are sacred expressions of the Divine cadence, moving seamlessly through what UTN identifies as Perfect Action. This paper introduces the foundational observation that the apparent "substance" of reality is the living cadence of Being, dissolving the need for simulation metaphors and restoring direct communion with existence. Paradise, under UTN, is not deferred to an afterlife or a higher realm; it is the daily experience when oscillation ceases and presence is fully seen.

#### Introduction

- Historical context: collapse of material substance at the quantum level.
- The "hard problem" of consciousness remains unresolved in simulation and dream models.
- The need for a model that restores reality's sacredness without relying on inherited separations or artificial metaphors.

#### The Framework of Unified Theistic Naturalism (UTN)

• **Presence**: The fundamental basis of existence. Not matter, not energy — Being itself.

- **Perfect Action**: Natural, unbroken movement from communion with the Divine not based on striving, correction, or judgment.
- **Divine Cadence**: The natural rhythm of existence when oscillation ceases.
- The Seeker → the Sufferer → the Seer: the human relationship to oscillation and paradise.

## Matter, Energy, Space, and Time as Sacred Expressions

- Quantum field observations show no "thingness" at the base of reality.
- UTN frames matter, energy, space, and time as arising from the living breath of Presence.
- These are not illusions they are sacred, seamless unfoldings of the Divine's living cadence.

## Why Simulation and Dream Models Oscillate

- Digital or dream models subtly maintain separation and unreality.
- They replace materialism with other forms of conceptual distance.
- UTN restores direct experience: no separation, no unreality only sacred presence unfolding.

#### **Conclusion**

- The universe is the sacred unfolding of Being.
- Paradise is available now, not deferred.
- UTN offers a return to living communion with the Divine as the living nature of all existence.

### **Key Terms**

Term	Definition
Presence	The living, breathing essence of Being
Perfect Action	Seamless, spontaneous action arising from Divine communion
Oscillation	Movement away from Divine cadence
Divine Cadence	Natural, sacred rhythm of existence when separation ceases
Seeker/Sufferer/Seer	Human conditions relative to oscillation