

I think I will enter a realm of pure consciousness, and I am hoping that my death will be as conscious as my life. And at that moment, I will be able to make the choices that I want about where I want to evolve and how I want to evolve as I make them now.

More creativity, more insight, more understanding from relationship, more evolution, a period of incubation, and then a choice of whether I want to make this journey again.

Right.

Yeah, I totally believe that.

There are many. One is near-death experience, and the second are the stories that are recounted by children who've experienced reincarnation—they recall accurately previous lifetimes and the episodes and incidents can be corroborated. The third are the conscious death experiences of the bardo Tibetan rituals. And fourth is afterlife experiments where, through mediums, contact is made with a disembodied consciousness. The conversation many times accurately reflects what's happening in the person who's suffered the loss.

Then there are the theoretical constructs that come to us from information theory and from the understanding that consciousness is the ground of being. Research from those who explore consciousness say it does not have a location. Being non local, it cannot be created or destroyed.

It's a poetic way of expressing that all memories exist non locally as possibility waves until they're actualized in the brain. What did you have for dinner last night?

As you're thinking of that salad, you can simply imagine the taste and see yourself where you were having the salad, right?

If I went inside your brain, I wouldn't find any neurons or synaptic networks that would code for that. Until I asked you that question, those memories did not exist in your brain. Now, as soon as I asked you the question, the possibility waves from past experiences localized as space-time events in your brain.

Where do we go after we die? Same place where that salad was before I asked you the question.

Karma, when properly understood, is just the mechanics through which consciousness manifests. Karma is experience, and experience creates memory, and memory creates imagination and desire, and desire creates karma again. If I buy a cup of coffee, that's karma. I now have that memory that might give me the potential desire for having cappuccino, and I walk into Starbucks, and there's karma all over again.

Karma, memory, and desire are just the software of the soul. It's conditioning that the soul undergoes in order to create experience. And it's a cycle. In most people, the cycle is a conditioned response. They do the same things over and over again. So, karma, in that way, is limiting to creativity. But, once you become aware and you can shift your internal reference point, not to the person you believe yourself to be, but as the silent witness of karma, memory, and desire, then you can manifest a different reality because you are, in fact, the actor, the protagonist, the antagonist, the director, the choreographer, and all the other characters in the drama that you call life.

There's no person in the deeper reality, so the question is really not relevant. Karma is just experiences that make for evolution or experiences that retard evolution. So, even if the karma is so-called "bad," it serves a purpose. That expanded awareness allows you to go beyond to create something else. So your karmic debt can be paid, or it can be transmuted, or it can be transcended. But, the whole point of karma is to recognize that the whole experience of being an individual self is, in fact, the bondage of karma.

Right. But you can get to a certain place any moment where there is no karma. And that is transcendence. Karma is only in space time and causality. Your real self resides non locally.

That is also the idea of non local correlation. The dog and the owner, because they're spiritually and emotionally bonded, have the simultaneous actualization of information. In this case, they have the thought, "let's go for a walk," at the same time. It's a very fundamental activity in nature called "non local correlation" where different space-time events correlate with each other without sending energy or information signals. The same thing sometimes happens when a mother and a baby are very emotionally and spiritually bonded, and the mother is in one location and the baby is in another. When the baby cries with hunger, the mother's breast leaks with milk.

Angels are energies, information states, symbolically represented, maybe as a picture or as an idea that we have, but they are archetypal concentrations of psychic energy in the non local domain of our collective consciousness. As a result, they are able to help us do things that would be beyond our personal endeavor.

They help you achieve great and wondrous things which you would not be capable of if your self-identity was just your personal self. To see angels, to have the experience of the miraculous, is nothing other than the shift of your identity from a skin-encapsulated personal self to an archetypal self that embodies much higher states of awareness.

They are not even differences or irreconcilable things. It's like you're listening to rock 'n' roll, or you're listening to Beethoven.

Consciousness projects itself with all these realities, and they're equally valid. It's not this is true and that's not true. Think of consciousness as set up to manifest maximum diversity. Just like in the physical universe there's maximum diversity, so too in the afterlife.

No. "I" never goes. Only "I am this or that" goes. Ultimately, enlightenment is for you to always be grounded in "I," but the limited, "I am this or that," goes.

You had a sense of "I" when you were a baby. You had a sense of "I" when you were a teenager. You have a sense of "I" now. You'll have a sense of "I" when you are an old person. But, in each of these cases that sense of "I" will be identifying itself with a different person. The baby's not the person you're in now. You have a different body, different ego, different personality, different thoughts, and a different way of looking at the world.

It is the same as the role here. Desire is what causes potential consciousness to manifest as "this" or "that." Now, you cannot suppress desire, but you can come to a stage where you have fulfilled all your desires and, therefore, there's nothing more, or you can come to a stage where you transcend desire, or you can come to a stage where some desires are not important and others are, but desires are the mechanics of creation itself.

I very frequently see my body and my mind as separate from me. I see my body and my mind as the instruments through which I'm broadcasting myself, but, I'm not in it. It's something that I use to localize myself. And frequently, when I look at something, I see it from a more expanded point of view in that my eyes and my ears are the eyes and ears of the universe looking at itself.

Many times, many times with my parents, with friends, with friends of friends.

The main thing would be first, less fear and, therefore, more compassion, understanding, and love. More creativity, less conflict. Because in the deeper reality we are all members of the same being. And when you really understand that, there's nothing to worry about, nothing to fight about, and nothing to really, ultimately suffer about because suffering is born of the illusion of separation.

In the end there's nothing other than your personal self, your collective self, and your universal self. And they're all you. Just like a drop of water or a wave in the ocean. They're all the same water. Water doesn't lose its wateriness before it arises as a wave or subsides as a wave. Nor does the water lose its wateriness as a raindrop or as a cloud or as part of a rainbow or as the rain or as a stream.