

The emergence of my worldview

I owe the worldview with which I see the world to my mother:
She taught me that life, art and faith can only be passed on through selflessness and altruism.

I learned how I view the world from my father and my brother.

From my father I learned:

- Life arises and develops through evolution.
- Knowledge also arises through an evolutionary process.
- Understanding means being able to recreate.
- There is no spiritual world independent of things.
- Steam engine, telephone and computer – the respective image of man follows the technical analogies of his time.

I took over from my brother:

- Knowledge is becoming increasingly virtual. Life is becoming increasingly virtual. He showed me this when he gave me a Commodore logo program for my C64.

My own first insight was:

- Chance is the superposition of independent chains of events. This idea came to me in elementary school.

In August 1969, I brought up two of these beliefs in religious education class. The teacher objected vigorously. There must be a spiritual world independent of objects, he said. The spirit sits in the body like a puppeteer behind its puppet. Without this dualism, there would be no resurrection.

I considered his view erroneous—but official. And so began my search for a "spirit world."

All later teachers advocated the same dualism. Those who didn't believe in it remained silent.

I turned away from religion and from then on viewed it only as a part of cultural history.

But I went from the frying pan into the fire:

The scientific-seeming socialism of the left offered itself as an alternative – without a spiritual world, but with ideology.

I abandoned my cultural background and uncritically accepted what was called "scientific

socialism.”

As a result, I lost my connection—to culture, to religion, to my own history. I spent my entire life doing the wrong things.

Fifty years later, in August 2019, something unexpected happened:

Google announced a breakthrough in quantum computing.

I read about it – and came across David Deutsch.

Deutsch, a Jew from Israel and a physicist in England, published a book in 1994: *The Fabric of Reality* (dt. *The physics of world knowledge*).

I only read it in 2019 – and was shocked:

Because his four basic assumptions were the same ones I had known since childhood:

1. Life arises through evolution.
2. Knowledge arises through evolution.
3. Knowledge and life are becoming increasingly virtual.
4. Chance is the superposition of independent worlds.

Deutsch concludes:

There is no spiritual world independent of things.

Man, world and God can become one – as the *Theosis* in the Eastern Church tradition.

The world unfolds with inner necessity – as Judaism and Christianity have testified from the beginning.

In the summer of 2019, it became clear to me:

- My teachers followed a dualism shaped by Augustine – personal, not theologically necessary.
- Original Christianity is monistic – not dualistic.
- Turning away from my religion and culture was a mistake – and it led me into a life against myself.

If I had *The physics of world knowledge* read it in 1994 – I would have understood a lot of things earlier.

To this day, the book receives little recognition. But for me, it is the most important book I have ever read.

His second work, *The beginning of infinity*, is even deeper in content – but less captivating. Both together have completed my worldview.