

Universal Consciousness

It is difficult to define what consciousness truly is, and it is harder to unveil the actual mechanism behind its work. Somehow, consciousness survives and continues to survive by growing and becoming increasingly sophisticated. The concept of consciousness, to be precise, is endowed with a strange property called absolute self-awareness. Absolute self-awareness is being and remaining aware of oneself without the help of any mechanism, to be precise any biological mechanism that we call our bodies. To this end, we must unlock some of the most fundamental secrets of the universe. In their relentless search for ages and ages for that secret or that absolute awareness or consciousness or eternal tune, all the great spiritual seekers concluded that the very idea of eternal tune should always remain an idea and only an idea, as they started believing that the search for eternal tune is inextricably interlinked with their very existence. They believed that their journey toward the ultimate eternal tune was the only means of their very existence, and once the destination was reached, they ceased to exist. With age, this fear of them being annihilated with their arrival at the threshold of the eternal tune became a part of their consciousness, and ultimately their consciousness evolved to accommodate the fine particles of consciousness that are responsible for making us believe that there lies an insurmountable barrier, and we can never arrive at the doorstep of eternal tune. Ultimately, the concept of an unending eternal journey overwhelmed the idea of reaching a destination. Our reasoning remained unchanged for a long time. We have been asked to follow the beaten track without questioning. Where is the irrefutable proof of the argument that we cease to exist after reaching the ultimate destination? The highly elevated souls are wrestling with the tension between the promise and the peril of this great journey. They fear evolving, as they may render them beyond recognition. Sometimes, it works wonders when ideas from two different scientific streams overlap. Let us consider both the second law of thermodynamics and the theory of evolution. From the second law of thermodynamics, we arrive at the concept of the arrow of time. Everything changes, and this change takes place in a unique direction, from a more ordered state to something more disordered and less structured. In everyday terms, things are worn out. Weather and environment crumble stones and bricks and then reduce abandoned houses to piles of rubble. They never conspired to create a neat brick wall from debris. Physicists mathematically describe this feature using the concept of entropy. Thus, we can say that the universe has a direction and time has an arrow. However, when we look at life, we may find the

idea of the arrow of time being violated. Living things, trees, fish, and humans take simple chemical elements or compounds and rearrange them into highly ordered complex structures. Darwin's theory of evolution, to put it simply, is just a journey of a simple organism to a more complex variety and one may find it in defiance of the arrow of time. When ideas from different fields of science overlap, they may give birth to brilliant ideas. To survive, universal consciousness needs to grow and advance. This need to grow comes with a massive appetite for power. This idea of appetite for power is ever-increasing and thus behaves like other power-hungry entities. It expands, evolves, and attempts to influence everything on its path.