



Systematic Universalism

A quick guide to an emergent world

I wrote this text pretending to be some old consciousness observing the earth and its inhabitants from the moon. I hope to create a common reference for all cultures and religions to remove the cultural differences as an excuse to wage war. This is a work in progress intended to be completed by spiritual guides from around the world.

I have seen propaganda used in movies to make us afraid of the muslim world in the movies of my teenage years. Then the 9/11 attack happened and the authorities still have not addressed the concerns of the architects and engineers who claims planted explosives were necessary for the towers to fall neatly within their footprints in free fall, including building 7 who was not the target of any terrorist attack.

Then a series of seemingly unrelated wars followed, all waged under false pretexts to combat terrorism. It is only a coincidence that all of these countries who has been the target of the mighty American forces are also enemies of Israel. It would be tempting to blame Jews for this state of affairs, but it negates the fact that the English, the same who were behind the crusades created Israel to finish what they started almost 1000 years ago.

In my opinion, the root cause of wars is the credulity humans in general who prefer to please any authority instead of thinking for themselves. I believe catastrophic wars and cataclysms are necessary to effect the changes needed to elevate the soul of mankind above simplistic tribal behaviours. I wrote this text in case some people want to give Peace a chance.

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The case for a distributed society

It seems to me that solving poverty by trying to make everybody rich will only accelerate the ecological overshoot. Solving the environmental problems by hoping future technology will alleviate our problems is wishful thinking.

I hope to inspire people to create structures that avoid central control like cloud based computing and large federations.

The way I see, we are collectively addicted to energy. Changing from one source to another one is not a solution. It is like an addict solving it's addiction problem by switching from crack to heroine.

To fix all this, I propose to use solidarity within small and localized economies. This should enable economies of scale to improve the standard of living while reducing total energy consumption. Regarding currencies, having many of them only serve unproductive speculative efforts. I suggest using total energy input, in watts or joules, to balance international exchanges.

Many economic models can be tested within cooperative structures enabling a gradual migration towards a new macro-economic model. The necessary infrastructure to enable direct democracy can be tested at small scale and grow as new coops are added to the distributed civilization.

I propose to implement universal basic income to cover everyone's basic needs. Surpluses could be distributed as "tip money" that everyone receive to give to people they think deserve an extra around them.

Emergence

The universe is built on simple elements called particles. They interact in such a way that other, more complex elements, like atoms, can be assembled from them and maintain some coherence over time. The passage from one level of complexity to the next is what I define as emergence.

As atoms interact together, they form stable complex configurations we call molecules. When molecules are assembled properly, they can create self replicating systems who convert the energy available from the environment to replicate itself. These cells are a basic element of biology. The Universe is a dynamic system, it is constantly changing over time.

The Universe is God

From a systematic perspective, we could imagine God as the ultimate emergent phenomenon. One out of which no greater system are built atop of. In other words, God is the Universe.

To believe in God is to acknowledge that we all live within something greater than us. Lesser gods are systems that encompasses smaller ones. Earth is a god to everything living within it. I am a god to my blood cells.

To respect God, one must respect others that compose it. Humans living in society must respect the greater composite being emerging from your interactions with your peers.

Emergence is Good

The fact that more complex things can be built using simple things and that they themselves can be used a building block to create composite beings like myself is incredible!

It would be interesting to see all human history played within a city where each few block is a country... How would your block look like? Would it send people to other blocks to steal and kill in order to maintain it's sense of superiority? Would you live next door to someone behaving like your country does?

Monsters

A systematic monster is a Being whose actions can have repercussions further than its capacity to perceive the consequences of its actions, therefore missing the feedback necessary to learn. The anti-social behaviours are being reinforced over time. The lack of opportunity to self-correct behaviours that hurt others leads to psychopathy.

Ideological self-delusions, wealth and privileges are common example of the cause of monsterism I observed around me. In history this leads to an abuse of power from elite elements of a group followed the rebellion against the elites by the constituting elements. It is wise to use self restraint to avoid becoming a monster.

I was walking barefoot on a beach. I approached a rock and a small crab pinched the bottom of my left foot. It was not a gesture of hate, but rather a signal. It was letting me know that I was about to hurt it, possibly end its life. I repositioned my foot to avoid crushing the little guy and continued to the village to buy rhum and fresh produce.

Shoes would have made me a Monster in that situation, as I would have killed without knowing it. I always wondered how rich people maintain their moral standing with all the privileges that prevent them from knowing the harm they cause. I think they just don't care.

Systems and emergence are the building blocks of systematic universalism. I use a loose philosophical definition to help me think of the essence of things as instead of their labels and associated emotive charge.

Societies as composite living beings

Since both, a human and a country are the same thing, a composite being, we could analyze the behaviours of large complex structures like countries by shrinking their scale into a smaller analog.

For example, when a country hide something from its citizens, it suffers from selective amnesia. These are signs of a sick being, not a healthy one. One could make the case that modern national states are abominations.

Take Canada for example. People work for their money and spend it according to the law. It is internally peaceful. Canada, as a whole, supports Israel and its project to depopulate the Palestinians from their land by force and extermination. Journalists avoid covering the subject out of fear for their career, keeping the population in a state of ignorance. It seems to me that our love of money, that is the idea that some people deserve more than others, is the enemy of truth and justice in the most best country in the world.

When people try to raise the issue, the people around them prefer to keep the illusion that we are Good. This is why smart people prefer to become social outcasts then participate in the bloody circus. When a Palestinian is asking why are Westerners not doing anything to prevent their suffering, what would you tell them?

When I observe the natural world around me, I observe a large variety of shapes. This diversity is what allows Life to adapt to a wide array of conditions. This is key to its resilience and adaptation capability.

What does it mean for humans? It means that we have to respect the world we and others live in. Given that version of Good, I would suggest that protecting the weak is Good, that having many of anything is Good. Many cultures, many languages, many ideologies, etc.

Greed is the absence of satiety

Within your body, when one of your cell start to use more energy than needed, it replicates too fast and create a distortion in the composite being hosting the individual, we call that cancer.

Unregulated Greed seems to be the fundamental problem of mankind. When a being Greed in nature is Good, as it allows the fittest elements to achieve success, enabling natural selection. It seems to lack satiety within abundance, leading to large imbalances within earth's ecosystems and its constituting sub-systems.

One way to measure Greed is to measure the total exosomatic energy used by a person and divide it by the energy spent by a being. I called this the slave equivalent, as it measure how many of you is needed to support your own life.

Intelligence is perception + memory

A system capable of sensing its surrounding environment and represent it within an internal structure. In the case of biological beings, a network of neurons is used to maintain the internal

model and act upon it. AI should be named electrological intelligence. The difference is mostly in the substrate used to support the internal model of the world.

As for consciousness, my intuition tells me that Schrödinger's idea of a unique consciousness that manifest itself in multiple unique ways to explore the material universe in many unique ways. Live a meaningful life, engage in respectful interactions with the other aspects of yourself you call friends and enemies.

This conception of consciousness is compatible with the idea of reincarnation found in buddhism. As for the christian's view of heaven and hell, earth is both and our collective actions are making it either an open free world we can call heaven or make it a totalitarian machine where everyone must serve the ego of the master we call hell.

Life

Life is the junction between the curiosity of some universal consciousness, as imagined by Erwin Schrödinger, and the being that emerged within the deterministic physical world. The mechanisms that make the physical beings emerge from the Universe should be protected. Preservation of Life is the responsibility of each and every Living Being.

When mankind was born, it was free to roam across any land and act in any way suitable to itself. All that was needed for life was around. It is only very recently that you accepted the idea of serving a system that decouple your self from its environment and demand loyalty and servitude in exchange for your continued existence.

Beings

When individual cells collaborate with coherence, a larger more complex being can be created. As long as its coherence is maintained, the composite being is considered as living and healthy.

Humans, like other composite beings, are not a thing in itself. They are the result of billions of living entities that collaborate to create the conditions necessary for a consciousness to emerge. You are the sum of the efforts of billions small things that collaborate to make you who you are.

Every being is born with a blank memory. As they grow, observe and learn, an ideology gets imprinted upon the memory to form the core of through learning and observation.

Humans interacting together coherently can create a greater composite being capable of evolution, with a collective memory and consciousness. This is what we call a society.

Civilizations are different than Empires. A civilization's structure is the result of spontaneous interactions between respectful elements. Empires use coercion to crate the illusion of a civilization. Civilizations are stable over time, Empires are not.

Sickness, from a system perspective, is a partial loss of coherence. A complete lack of coherence is what we call death.

When individuals beings collaborate, like the cells that compose them, societies emerges. These can collaborate to create a civilization. The interactions of everything that is living and their environment are called ecosystems.