Systematic



Universalism

The emergent universe explained

This is my humble attempt to create a universal moral framework. Its goal is to provide a neutral moral guidance, free of cultural references. The objective is to help create the conditions for Peace.

By removing the cultural pretexts to wage wars, it will be more difficult to convince people that it is acceptable to kill each other for the benefit of others or to propagate an idea.

The symbol on the cover features symbols from multiple faiths within an gear with 42 teeth. It is by no means an attempt to restrict other symbols, they are simply the cultures I know. I encourage people to create their own symbols.

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Emergence

The universe is build on simple elements called particles. They interact in such a way that other, more complex elements, like atoms, can be created from them. When we pass from one level of complexity to the next, we call that emergence.

As atoms interact together they form molecules of various shape based on their unique topology. When molecules are assembled properly, they can create self replicating systems who convert the energy available from the environment to replicate itself. We call these cells. They are the basic element of complex biology.

When individual cells follows a common set of instruction, a large complex system can arise from it. As long as its coherence is maintained, the composite being that emerges from the interactions is considered as living.

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 neurons to form the core of through learning and observation. This set of cultural identity, beliefs and knowledge is what

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.

Systems and emergence are the building blocks of systematic universalism. I use a philosophical definition to help me think of things as of emergence and systems to explore neutral definitions of morality.

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 lies to its citizens, it could be considered selective blindness. National secrecy is selective memory. These are signs of a sick being, not a healthy one. One could make the case that modern national states are abominations.

God

Universe.

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.

Good

Diversified complexity.

In my mind, what is Good is emergence itself. 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!

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 living world we live in. Given that version of Good, I would suggest that protecting the weak is Good, that having multiple languages is Good,

Greed

Energy hoarding.

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.

Within a capitalist economic system, this same behaviour is called success. When capitalists are successful, it is called wars of agressions. When done at industrial scale, greed can completely destroy ecosystems and every living being that depends on it.

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.

Intelligence

Sensing with memory.

Complex 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. Al 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.

Life

Life is the junction between the curiosity of the universal consciousness, as imagined by Erwin Schrödinger, and the deterministic physical world.

Everything is important.

Nothing is sacred.