THE EXPANDING CONSCIOUNESS

"The obvious is that which is never seen until someone expresses it simply."

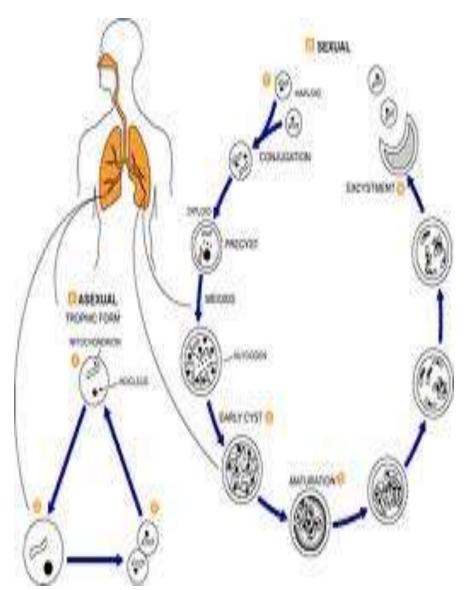
Life **C**onsciousness

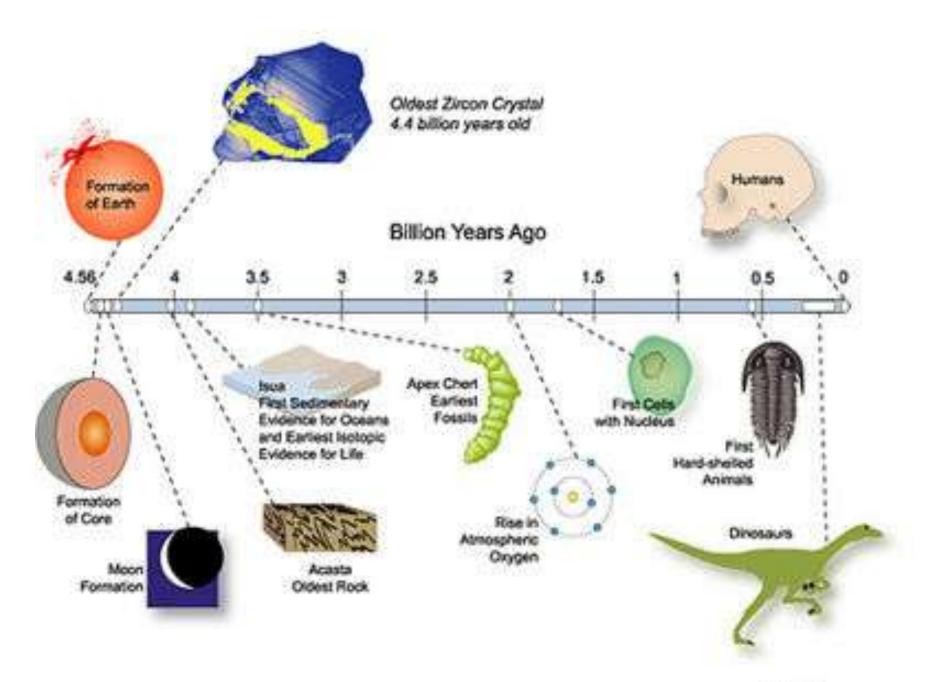
 Life and consciousness seem to be synonymous. It is obvious that without life, there can be no consciousness and on the other hand it is also true that without the most elementary concept of consciousness, there can be no life.
 What then exactly is life and what is consciousness!

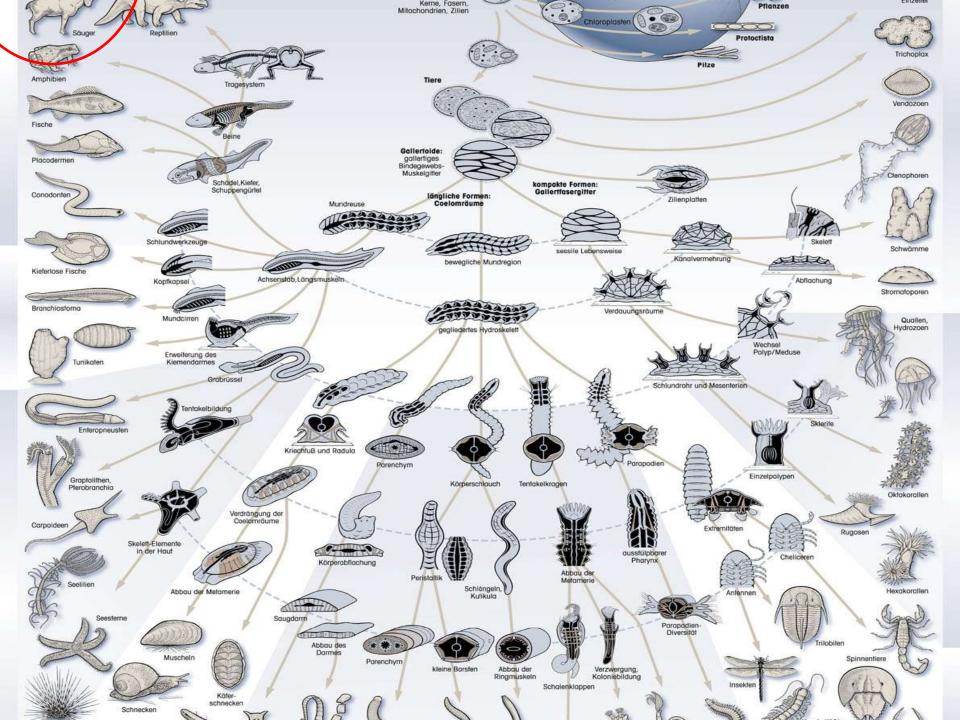


Can we know life better now?

- In our age of interplanetary travel are we nearer to knowing life than the proverbial ape, our one time ancestor? What exactly is life?
- This vital factor Life
 makes us live, just as it
 allows the
 animals, birds, fishes and
 plants to live.

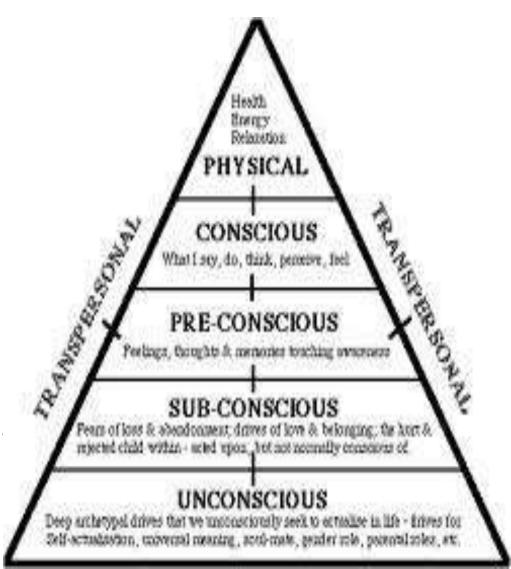






What makes man rational

- But accompanying life is what we call consciousness or awareness, which is imperceptible in the mineral kingdom, very limited in plants, less limited in the animal kingdom, still less limited in an average human being.
- This makes man rational intelligent being as compared to other entities





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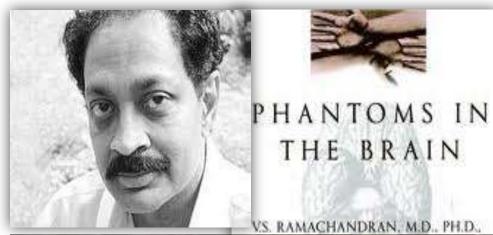
 But man thinks that in all creation, there is not a kingdom or kingdoms with consciousness as much or more advanced than is his in comparison (or as his consciousness appears in comparison) to the other lower kingdoms.

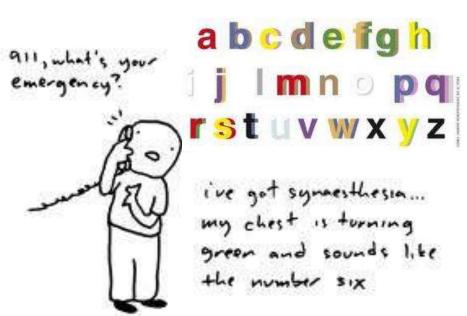




But consciousness is not the boss

 Yet consciousness alone does not make man a Divine or special Being. There is another subtle, vital principle in man which, when it is able to function within man, makes of him a special or divine Being – we can say that man is the vital principle and has consciousness, life and a physical body, just as a man may 'have' a house, furniture and a car.

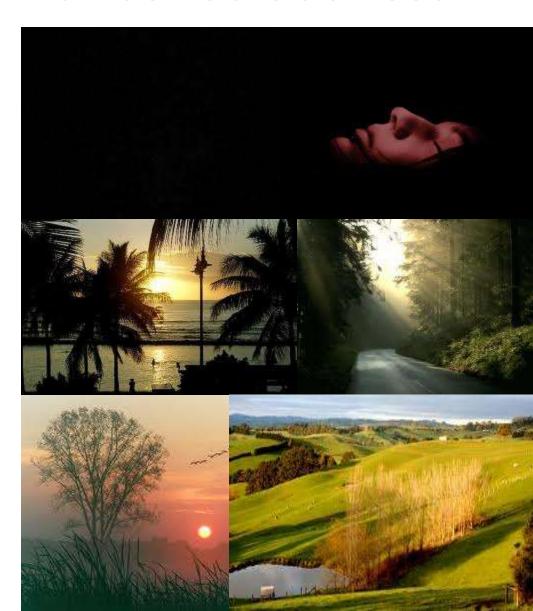






Consciousness x unconsciousness

- Supposing we were to live in a world of perfect darkness. Now suppose, that we come into possession of light equal to one candle power. Even so, we should be able to differentiate between light and darkness. If hits one candle power of light be not there and only darkness existed, then we could never distinguish between light and darkness.
- In the same way, we sleep at night; our consciousness (by comparison to other standards) is one candle power during our waking hours! However, if we were always asleep, we could understand what consciousness is. Are we actually conscious for sometime, however short the duration, or are we completely asleep and always so?

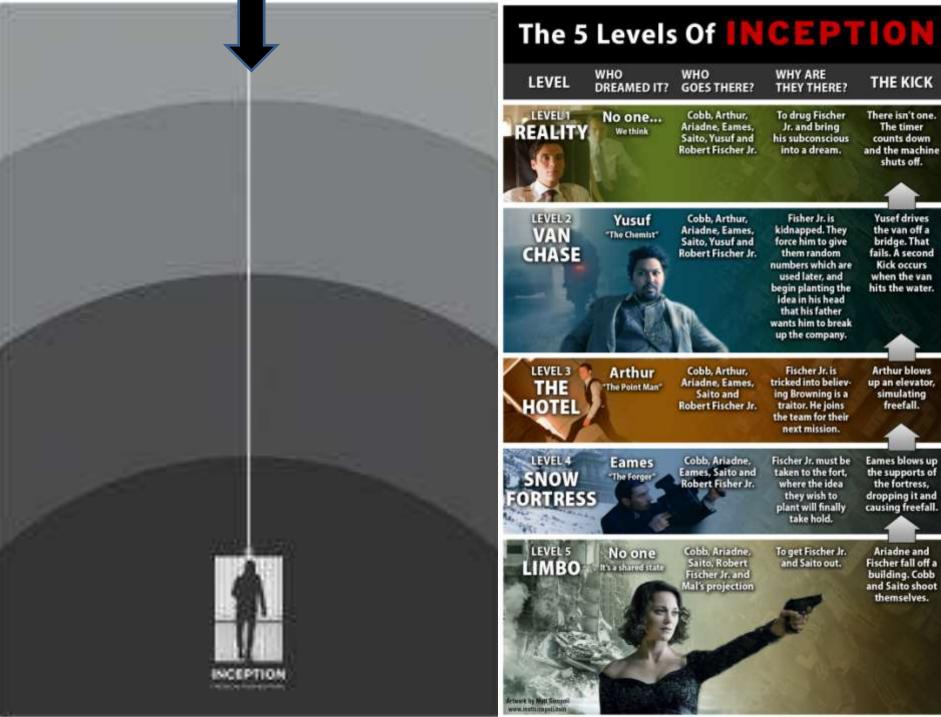


As doctors we have little clue of Sleep process?

- We do not understand even today what sleep is. We have another state in which we are not aware or conscious of our body even though awake. In deep sleep we are not conscious or aware of our relation with other people, our health or ill-health, even our own body; in short, we are in oblivion. Nothing exists, neither we, nor God, nor the world. Yet when we get up we say, "I slept wonderfully.
- How time flies. To think I had eight hours of sleep! Seems as if I went to sleep only a moment ago."
- If we were in oblivion how could we say, "I slept wonderfully?" What is that state of consciousness? Who testifies to it? and who is this 'I' that slept and who is that 'I' that testifies, or is, or was, conscious of the fact?







THE KICK

There isn't one. The timer

counts down and the machine shuts off.

Yusef drives the van off a bridge. That fails. A second Kick occurs when the van hits the water.

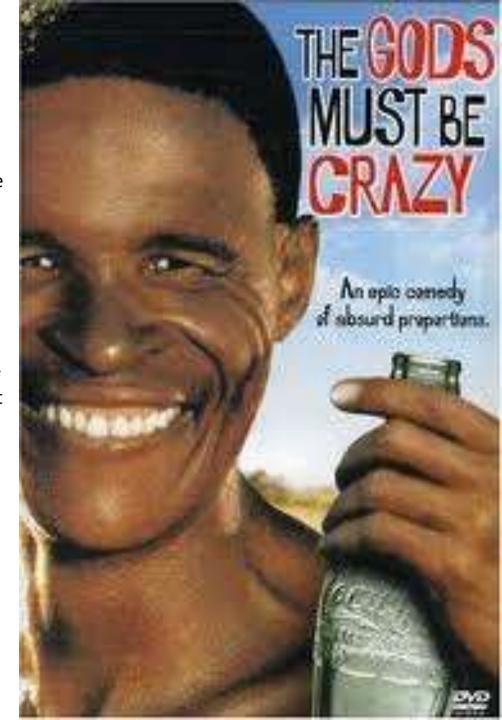
Arthur blows up an elevator, simulating freefall.

Eames blows up the supports of the fortress, dropping it and causing freefall.

Ariadne and Fischer fall off a building. Cobb and Saito shoot themselves.

Body becomes the boss

- During deep sleep, the body had its own type of consciousness; for it continued breathing regularly. The circulation of blood, the beating of the heart, the digestion of food and even turning on our side in sound sleep, all continued.
- What is this state of consciousness within? When we are not aware of our body as in deep sleep, it is life that makes the body exist. That state when you are not dependent on your five senses is the state of the vital principle. It lives by its own inherent capacity independent of any material or physical laws or the consciousness of circulation, breathing, etc.
- It is the inherent consciousness in matter of all forms and grades due to the prevalence of the substance Life in all creation. All creation therefore breathes from those taking in very short breath to those taking a very long breath-and everything moves, rotates, circulates in all the various realms of creation.



Why do we keep going out and out and out?

- It is not due to want of consciousness 'beyond our Earth', but want of observation and the means to observe beyond our Earth, that we presume there is no life or consciousness in interstellar space.
- It is this rate of flow of life, it is this 1.rate of flow of consciousness,
 2.it is the state of the vital principle
 3.in its original state as in deep sleep, or
 - 4. as identifying itself with the physical body in what is known as the waking state together with the inherent different levels of consciousness that makes men different from each other.

 Circumstances, environment nor heredity could be the sole cause.





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Who is awake?

 Take this thought for serious thinking. "What is sleep and who keeps awake to carry on the vital functions during sleep?"

