

The Ocean View – by Astronomer William Robert Savoie

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Before we engage in a new view, we need to better understand the current view. We need to talk about it, so we need to label it, and of course the label will not work for everyone, because there is a wide spectrum of views, as each person has a personal preference. But if we look at the past 500 years and try to characterize the growing consensus, we might call it “The Scientific View.”

If we look back further into time 1000 to 500 years ago, we might call that “The Religious View.” The Religious View was a belief in how the world worked, and it came in various flavors, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Taoism, Judaism, Buddhism, Shinto, Sikhism, Pagan, and many others.

Of course these labels of the past thousand years are generalizations, we can each find personal examples that do not fit this as “either or view,” but share both science and religion. When science and religion are fully merged, I call that the Ocean View. We will soon enter into that ocean, but we first need to better understand what is going on with the word “View.”

Views

It can be very painful to have a view that can't be shared. Our survival depends upon cooperation with others, in the past million years we have been programmed to get along with others if at all possible. We keep “Views” that allow our survival. If we are brave we can test our view, and slowly over time change it. The more inclusive our view becomes the more we can take in and the more we can optimize our life's energy. If we are careful and attentive, we can learn to speak about our view in such a way as to influence others and not get killed. People will kill you if you say something they don't like.

The emergence of Tools

The scientific view co-emerged with the invention of tools. The wheel led to gears that would mesh with other gears and those mechanical machines allowed living to be more optimized. Mechanical understanding started the new view that intelligence was precious. When individual intelligence is taken seriously science is the result. We learn to test reality and come to our own conclusions.

Two tools accelerate this scientific attitude, and they are microscopes and telescopes. These tools allow reality to be seen and tested in new way. Further the power of science was magnified because we could show others how we came into our views. They, that other person, could look through polished glass, and better understand and better comprehend the new science that was being presented. Science was able to cure some diseases, break matter down into atoms of different atomic weights, and eventually make transistors, which opened the door to computers and even better more complete mathematics.

One way to look at science is to worship its leaders like Newton. Newton discovered calculus, but what makes science is that we can follow steps that Newton used and we can do our own calculus. It isn't much good if only Newton could do it, but we can go to school, take the required prerequisites, get plenty of sleep, and do all our homework assignments, and we can become great at calculus and differential equations. This “greatness” of science isn't the greatness of Newton, but that we had a hidden Newton inside of us. We became a copy of Newton. That equivalence is the shining light of science. We can learn science, we are teachable.

Science tells us that we are teachable, and that tools help us on that journey into understanding. The ocean view is made more possible by the invention of the dyad.

Dyad: The tool used to find the Ocean.

The dyad is a special case of human interaction where argument is avoided, yet both people work together to communicate. The core of the dyad is turn taking, there are two roles, one as speaker and one as listener, and these rolls alternate every five minutes. The speaker avoids directly speaking about the other person, to instead focus on their inner reality, and they speak about what is coming up for them. The dyad is used in the format of an Enlightenment Intensive, which is a three day residential retreat that starts at 6 am and goes until 10:30 pm at night.

The dyad focuses on an inquiry which is open ended. The inquiry is in the form of a command, usually starting with "tell me." I was able to find the ocean view during a dyad while working on "Tell me who you are." My discovery was that the other person was nothing more than myself in another form. I occurred as a realization, a deep connection that was outside of language, and beyond debate. It wasn't a mental idea that I held in my head. But I knew that eventually everyone would also have that same discovery, that we were not different in any significant or meaningful way. Everything is included in this Ocean view; each little drop would eventually see that they together were the ocean itself.

I was able to find the Ocean View in a dyad, which can make it seem simple. I have been doing dyads on and off for 50 years. I have attended over 100 Enlightenment Intensives and some that were two weeks long. Further I was leading the Intensive, and was only "filling in" as a participant, to fill in for a person who was missing for a few minutes. I was lucky, but at the same time hard working and dedicated to helping others. The Ocean view lasted for about 3 days, and although I was permanently changed, the physical high was gone. After all, there is no advantage to anyone who knows the truth, as it is true for everyone else too. I still needed to go to my job the next morning. The only "value" of the Ocean view is that all of reality makes complete sense, nothing is missing.

Road blocks to the Ocean View

The Ocean view is radically simple, yet people will find many barriers preventing them from being in the Ocean. By naming them, they are made available to work on, and the Ocean can be better approached.

1. **Karma:** Understanding Karma informs us of our limited ability to cheat, lie, or deceive reality. Karma is called law because it operates in life beyond our mental ability. We don't choose to have or not have Karma, if we think, it is always operating. With karma, effects of deeds actively create past, present, and future experiences; thus making one responsible for one's own life, and all pain or joy it brings to him or her. At the deepest level, we relate to ourselves.
2. **Self Identity,** as a mental concept. If a person has a big ego, they tend to listen and speak only from ego. The bigger the ego the less they can admit their faults.
3. **Ego:** Ego has two forms, "Me" and "You". If we learn to get over "me" we often just get stuck in "you." Both are illusions.
4. **Self hate:** If we have self hate, religion or other forms of worship will just keep us from waking up. Will is going wrong. Feeling self hate makes us blame everything on others. This ignorance is the lost cause of isolation. Better is to allow this inner grief, this fire of truth, to come in, wash

over us and set us free. Forgive ourselves so we can love others. There is only one love, not two. There is no “you” and there is no “other” there is only the unnamable Everything.

5. **Fear** is the biggest part of keeping understanding fixed, not able to change or learn. We aren't able to open up if caught up in fear. To challenge our fear we will need to learn more from the present moment more than from our past experiences. We have a past that we see reality through.
6. **Mental Blocks:** Perfection that comes from the mental universe, tricks us into rejecting reality because it isn't as perfect as our mental concepts.
7. **Truth:** We settle for conditioned truth, the one that everyone else agrees to, as we reject our own experience.
8. **Body Blocks:** Our association with a body makes us often believe we are in a body and nothing else is possible.
9. **Time Blocks:** As a human body, we think we had a start and will have an end. There are other possibilities, and we might need to recognize that possibility.
10. **We don't see ourselves as unbounded:** Rather instead we accept what others think about us. That external judgment is considered “Reality.”

These ten mental blocks, prevent a view of reality that can make sense of the data that science has already collected. Past all these mental blocks, I call it the “Ocean View.” Once there, everything makes perfect sense, as it all becomes effortlessly obvious. A mental block can't be intellectually crossed; it requires a life experience that is holistically taken in. We must reach a place inside of us that we can challenge our understanding. Understanding is often learned from others and built from consensus or opposition to consensus. Fortunately, we have the power to make our own way, our own life, no matter what others think or believe.

As we dig into physical reality, we might need to change perspectives. To make progress we need to better understand the chicken and egg dilemma. Which will come first, isn't a good perspective if they both arise together. Likewise, did we come out of the physical universe or did it come out of us? Perhaps they arise together, within an underlying unity.

You can be a scientist, do good science, without understanding at a gut level any of these ten mental blocks. The truth must be a felt experience and not just an idea in our head. Current science has identified effects of Dark Matter and Dark Energy, but after 30 years of trying, they still can't explain what it is. This paper does that. First, we identified competing views, Religion, and Science, and a bit of how they work to hold us in a smaller reality. Then second, we identified ways to improve discernment, by going beyond mental understanding so that we can recognize what is next to come. Now we will see what NASA tells us about where science is stuck. Third, we jump in and describe a view we call “The Ocean View,” which gives a perspective where Dark Matter and Dark Energy can be described. Fourth, we describe Dark Matter and Dark Energy. Fifth, we look back from the Ocean to further contrast how it is different from our current “Normal” view.

A way to understand Dark Matter and Dark Energy.

The current Scientific Problem - From the NASA website:

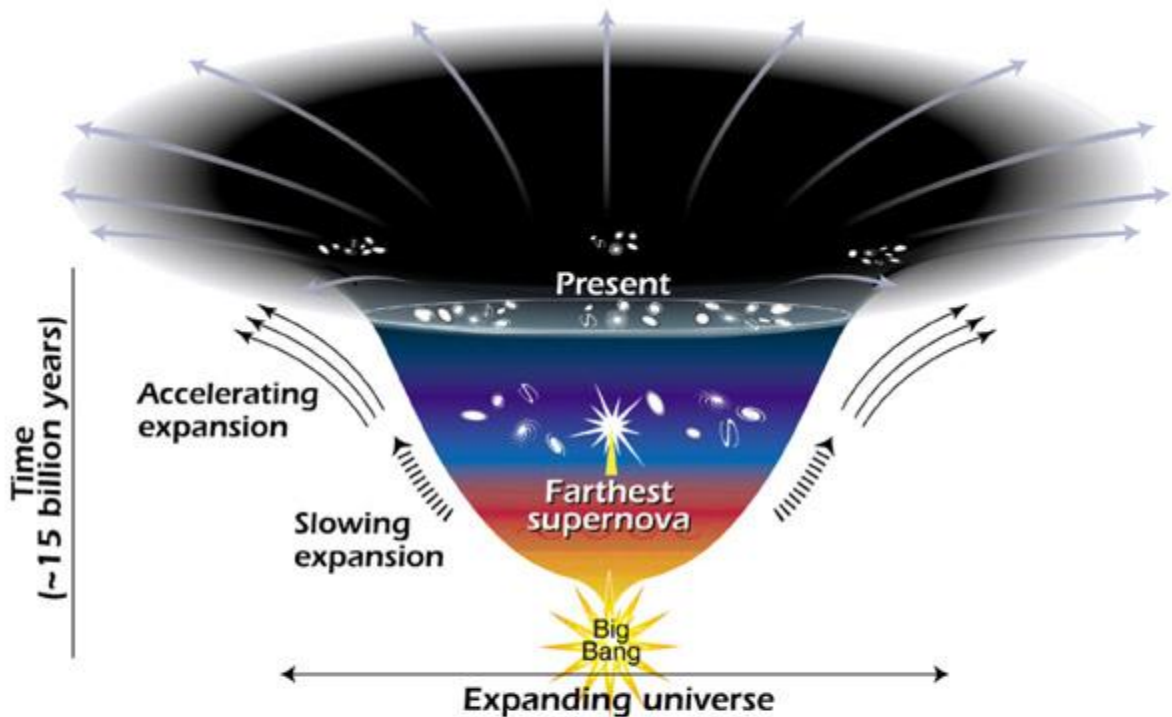
“In the early 1990s, one thing was fairly certain about the expansion of the universe. It might have enough energy density to stop its expansion and recollapse, it might have so little energy

density that it would never stop expanding, but gravity was certain to slow the expansion as time went on. Granted, the slowing had not been observed, but, theoretically, the universe had to slow. The universe is full of matter and the attractive force of gravity pulls all matter together. Then came 1998 and the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) observations of very distant supernovae that showed that, a long time ago, the universe was actually expanding more slowly than it is today. So the expansion of the universe has not been slowing due to gravity, as everyone thought, it has been accelerating. No one expected this, no one knew how to explain it. But something was causing it."

"Eventually theorists came up with three sorts of explanations. Maybe it was a result of a long-discarded version of Einstein's theory of gravity, one that contained what was called a "cosmological constant." Maybe there was some strange kind of energy-fluid that filled space. Maybe there is something wrong with Einstein's theory of gravity and a new theory could include some kind of field that creates this cosmic acceleration. Theorists still don't know what the correct explanation is, but they have given the solution a name. It is called dark energy."

What Is Dark Energy?

"More is unknown than is known. We know how much dark energy there is because we know how it affects the universe's expansion. Other than that, it is a complete mystery. But it is an important mystery. It turns out that roughly 68% of the universe is dark energy. Dark matter makes up about 27%. The rest - everything on Earth, everything ever observed with all of our instruments, all normal matter - adds up to less than 5% of the universe. Come to think of it, maybe it shouldn't be called "normal" matter at all, since it is such a small fraction of the universe."



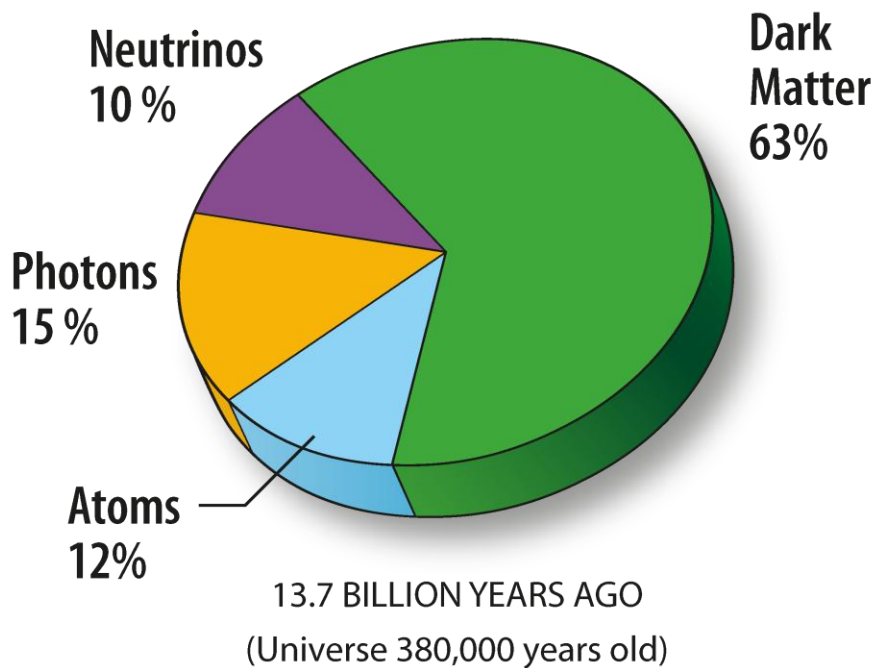
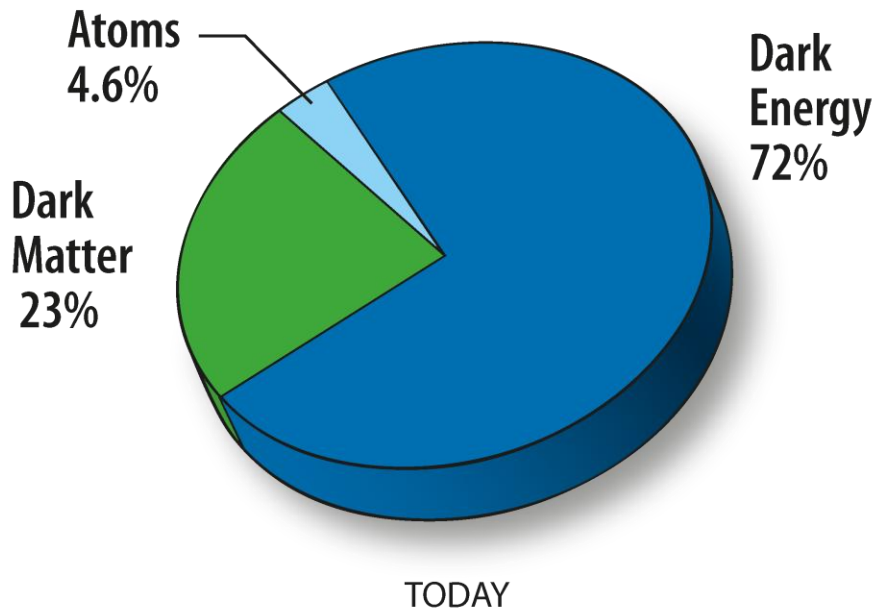
This diagram reveals changes in the rate of expansion since the universe's birth 15 billion years ago. The more shallow the curve, the faster the rate of expansion. The curve changes noticeably about 7.5 billion years ago, when objects in the universe began flying apart at a faster rate. Astronomers theorize that the faster expansion rate is due to a mysterious, dark force that is pushing galaxies apart.

What Is Dark Matter?

“By fitting a theoretical model of the composition of the universe to the combined set of cosmological observations, scientists have come up with the composition that we described above, ~68% dark energy, ~27% dark matter, ~5% normal matter. What is dark matter?”

“We are much more certain what dark matter is not than we are what it is. First, it is dark, meaning that it is not in the form of stars and planets that we see. Observations show that there is far too little visible matter in the universe to make up the 27% required by the observations. Second, it is not in the form of dark clouds of normal matter, matter made up of particles called baryons. We know this because we would be able to detect baryonic clouds by their absorption of radiation passing through them. Third, dark matter is not antimatter, because we do not see the unique gamma rays that are produced when antimatter annihilates with matter. Finally, we can rule out large galaxy-sized black holes on the basis of how many gravitational lenses we see. High concentrations of matter bend light passing near them from objects further away, but we do not see enough lensing events to suggest that such objects to make up the required 25% dark matter contribution.” (This is the end of NASA website quotes.)

Using Telescopes as time machines, we have learned that Dark Energy and Dark Matter have changed over time.



We need something new to understand Matter and Dark Energy.

The Ocean View is a *radical change* from what we might be used to. In the ocean we cannot hide any more. We are exposed a lot more than we have expected to be. Fortunately, everyone and everything we know will come with us, they too will be completely exposed. The first shock of the Ocean view will eventually pass as something new, into the way it has always been. Nothing new here, just a lot more exposure, which just might feel "new."

To enter into the Ocean View we will need to detect and discern four subtle changes in awareness. Four new discernments (D) are needed; they may seem strange but when all put together, they each make the ocean view easier to see.

D1: Awareness vs Consciousness. They are not the same. Consciousness is another layer built up from awareness. When awareness is reflected back into awareness, it becomes conscious. It seems to be a deeper level of awareness.

Notice the way alcohol works, while it doesn't prevent awareness, it does impair consciousness. If people drink too much, they can't remember what they did. But they were aware all the time, but later they can't remember being aware. We therefore value consciousness, as it can stand the test of time. Time takes consciousness and tests it to become wisdom. Wisdom has value.

Awareness is everywhere the same, but when awareness is reflected back it can then become conscious. This inner discernment is a requirement for true understanding, and a tool for reaching past mental concepts. The ultimate understanding is called a direct experience.

D2: Thinking vs Feeling: We are addicted to thinking rather than feeling. When we operate without feelings, we think thoughts and we naturally become more isolated and detached. We feel protected in thinking and we feel less exposed. We eventually come to love our privacy, as it becomes fully justified.

Habit energy has a pattern across many individual consciousness. It feels meaningful and is often a substitute for wisdom. We build a reality we can believe in with thoughts. We are taught to think by our parents or the people who are around us when we are in our first few years.

There are difficulties in understanding - Our normal view has Epistemology, peer review, and checking with others. We can become trapped in group think. Thinking gets built into stories. Stories get told from generation to generation and become a large driving force in all our decisions. On the plus side, thinking can be written into books and easily spread to others. Feelings are more difficult to pass to others, they require compassion. Compassion to be real requires life experiences. There is no easy way to teach compassion.

D3: Reductive vs. Inductive Identify - Our identity is built up over time to reflect our experiences. We believe our identity and we try to act to improve it. We constantly try to please others, impress them, or make changes to others that we think are good. Fortunately, this reductive process can be turned around, and we can learn how to grow into a bigger more inclusive identity. Our experiences can then be used to validate this expansion, we can check out life. There are no limits to this learning process. We learn to discern our cause in our experience. In this way we can slowly learn our identity is open ended.

D4: How Compassion Works - Compassion is the main way we expand our understanding of reality. It can't be fully done with mental concepts. In compassion we don't change others, we always change ourselves. This is a skill the ego isn't naturally good at, it has to be done without mental protection. It is a connection with others taken in as a equal.

With these four issues identified, we directly jump into an Ocean view:

- Reality is aware.
- All of **our** reality is built from and out of **our** consciousness.
- We think we have an external identity, but we don't. Nothing is missing, and nothing is needed.
- We mistakenly think we were born, but we were not. No one was ever born, what happened is that others believed we are an object born *into their world*. We are a "physical thing" to them.
- We mistakenly think matter permanently exists and we constantly change, when in fact, the opposite is true. Matter is constantly changing, and we are aware of this.
- We are not "in" the physical universe, instead we have the ability to view the physical universe. We are in the world but not "of" the world.
- Our inner identity limits our inner reality.
- The Physical Universe is an accumulation of all our beliefs over all of time. When all people believe something, it becomes external and seemingly real. We test if it is real by asking others.
- The "Physical Universe" is **located** between *two* people and represents only *their* relationship.
- Quantum Mechanics is done with statistics because there are many physical universes involved.
- The "Big Bang" occurred when we discovered the "other."
- Before the Big Bang there was only Ocean.

From the Ocean view we can define both Dark Matter and Dark Energy.

- The force of gravity when awareness is attached into a body is felt as love. It may be well hidden but down deep we all love each other.
- Ordinary Matter is created when we think we are only alive because we are "in a body." The most primitive body is made up of an atom, having a location "here" at a time "now". There is a wide range of embodiments, molecules, moons, stars, worms, fish, birds, and humans to name a few, which is how about 5 percent of consciousness experiences reality. We create all ongoing matter and space, which amounts to 5 percent of all the gravity.
- Dark Matter is created when we die and are without body. We might call these angels or spirits. They still think they have location "here" at a "time" now. They amount to about 27 percent of how consciousness experiences reality. They don't hold matter but they hold space, and keep track of time. The field of love they provide is 27 percent of all gravity.
- Energy comes out of space as matter changing location. We only know its energy because we first know location. We measure a mass moved from one location to another as energy. More energy is needed to do motion in less time. We believe energy and space are locked together, which is true from single viewpoints, but from open viewpoints isn't true. Awareness might be a line, volume, co-located, or even unbounded.
- Dark Energy is created when consciousness is no longer attached to matter, location or time. Anyone can be this way, but it seems strange to the lowest 5 percent. Most of consciousness (68%) is enlightened, and they keep us all making progress. They might be called enlightened or God realized.

In this new approach – everything is flipped over:

- 1) Reality is built up over time within awareness, and not the normal way of believing that awareness is available because we have a body with a biological brain attached.
- 2) In this new approach, everything still works, we still need to go to sleep, get up, go to work, and to eat food. Nothing changes except our experience. We can now operate from love and love alone.
- 3) There is no need to “fix” anyone. The Universe is smart and it can become the teacher, we don’t need to teach. Reality isn’t as serious as some people think it is. It is a good time to laugh.
- 4) Things “exist” only because they are misunderstood. That misunderstanding is the basis of time itself. Physicality will slowly dissolve as we all start to recognize love; we always have enough time.
- 5) Time is created in the act of misunderstanding, and the Physical Universe acts as a reminder of that misunderstanding. So, we can relax, as there will be enough time to work everything out.

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