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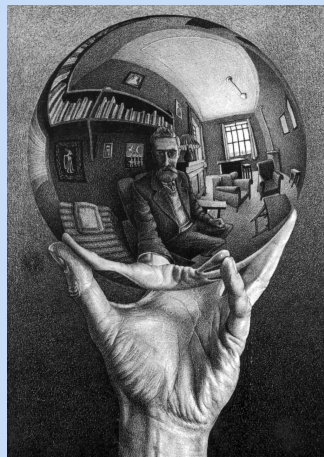
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***Materia Prima: The Nature of the First Matter in the Esoteric and Scientific Traditions***

## What Is Consciousness Studies?



Consciousness Studies is a new, rapidly evolving, highly interdisciplinary field that includes psychology, philosophy, physics, sociology, religion, dynamic systems, mathematics, computer science, neuroscience, art, biology, cognitive science, anthropology, and linguistics. In the early 1990s, most scientists considered consciousness taboo, but by the early 2000s many considered it the most important unsolved problem in science. Consciousness is also a key issue in the ongoing dialogue between science and religion. The dominant view of consciousness in the hard sciences is materialist and reductionist. This view



**TAKE OUR POLL!**

What do you believe is the true nature of consciousness? (You may choose more than one.)

**Result of a high number of connections in the brain or machines.**

**Arises through quantum effects in the neuronal microtubules in the brain.**

**Present throughout the universe at various levels.**

**A force of nature that originated in the Big Bang singularity.**



The alchemists believed that no transformation—whether in the laboratory, in the body, or in the soul—could succeed without the presence of a mysterious ingredient known as the *Materia Prima* (First Matter). Nothing was more important to alchemist's work than this energetic essence, which they believed could be extracted from any substance and actually rendered tangible and visible. This paper examines the nature and properties of the elusive First Matter. We will look at how the alchemists exposed it, accumulated it, and worked with it to accomplish the regeneration of the substance at hand. We will explore how the concept of the First Matter evolved in both the scientific and esoteric traditions to become a fundamental, although often unrecognized, tenet of both modern Hermeticism and modern physics.

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has had important successes, but it also faces important unresolved problems. For example, biologist Francis Crick wrote to his audience, "You're nothing but a pack of neurons" in parody of Lewis Carroll. But most people, including those in Consciousness Studies, and even in neuroscience, think there is much more to human life than can be seen at the level of neurons.

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## Computers and Monads



In 2002, software engineer Jeffrey Snover was trying to reconcile the Unix operating system (based on editing text files) with Microsoft's Windows API system, (based on manipulating files of data known as "objects"), so that two different applications could "talk" to each other.

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**Arises in the brain and leaves when the brain dies.**

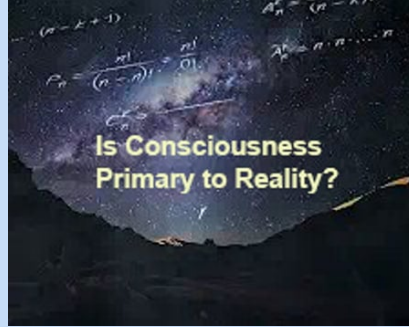
**Part of a holographic universe of just One Mind.**

**Broadcast into our brains from a transmitting source outside the universe.**

**Brain selects different realities from a multiverse of possibilities.**

**Effects the quantum level of reality to create the physical world.**

Your choice is recorded when you see the "Thanks for Your Response" message. Close the window to return to the *CS Newsletter*. We'll let you know the results of this ongoing poll in future issues.



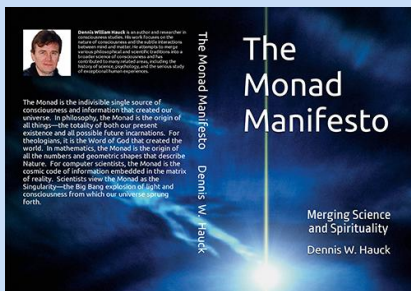
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## Is Consciousness Fundamental to Reality?

Is consciousness a fundamental aspect of reality? This 40-minute documentary follows the recent return of “panpsychism” as a respectable theory in philosophy and science. The work of consciousness researcher Philip Goff and other modern scholars is featured as the narrator guides us through the development of the view of the primary role played by consciousness in the universe. The concept of “Cosmopsychism,” which is the idea of one consciousness (or One Mind) being refracted into individual minds, is one of its basic premises. This is a compelling and clear exposition on the frontiers of human potential and the deeper reality we all sense but cannot prove.

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## The Monad Manifesto: Merging Science and Spirituality



### FEATURED REVIEW *Publisher's Weekly* (5/16/2022)

Linking the realm of the mind to the concept of a universal soul and the ancient yet still provocative notion that consciousness itself is something of the Prime Mover of existence, Hauck’s impassioned treatise draws deeply on the histories of philosophy, religion, and physics to argue “The focused awareness

you feel right now reading this page—that spark of consciousness you take for granted—is more mysterious and powerful than anything you will ever read in any book.” That’s the first chapter’s grabber of a first line, an arresting introduction to concepts that are quite literally heady—Hauck links, with passion and some persuasive power, the elusive truth of what happens in our minds to the Pythagorean concept of the “monad,” the “single, indivisible source” that creates reality—or, as Ibn Sina posited a millennium ago, “the infinite mind” that creates “intellect and self-awareness in individuals.” Call it God, the Big Bang, the universal soul, or whatever else. The *Monad Manifesto* argues not that it’s any one thing that we can comprehend, but that it’s something we can sense, and feel an intimate connection with, especially as we come to understand “the fundamental role consciousness plays in the creation of cosmic reality”—that consciousness is more fundamental even “than matter, energy, space, or time.” Hauck grounds these searching, complex arguments in the cogent examinations of the Monad-related thought from Ancient Greece and Egypt, in Gnostic teachings, the *Tao Te Ching*, Jainist spiritualism, Buddhism, and the work of philosophers and scientists up to the age of relativity and beyond. But his message, for all that, is practical, a call for humanity to shine “with inner light.” He pleads, “Stop ignoring the subtleties of existence because they are beyond your comprehension!” Chapters on mediation and Monadic experiences are richly detailed and inviting.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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Consciousness Studies

## THE SCIENCE OF CONSCIOUSNESS CONFERENCE 2023

May 22-28, 2023, Taormina, Sicily, Italy

### [CONFERENCE PROGRAM](#)

The [Science of Consciousness \(TSC\)](#) conferences have been held annually since 1994, alternating yearly between Tucson, Arizona in even-numbered years, and other locations around the world in odd-numbered years. TSC locations have included Italy, Denmark, Japan, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Hong Kong, India, California, Switzerland, and Finland. The 29th annual TSC will return to Italy, to beautiful Taormina, on the island of Sicily, May 22-28, 2023, organized by Italian professors Riccardo Manzotti (IULM U), Antonio Chella (U Palermo) and Pietro Perconti (U Messina). TSC 2023 Taormina will be co-sponsored by the Center for Consciousness Studies, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Stuart Hameroff, Director. The first overseas TSC Conference in 1995 was on the island of Ischia, near Naples, Italy, organized by Cloe Taddei-Ferretti. We are excited to be returning to Italy. Abstracts may be submitted for oral concurrent talks, or posters. The next Science of Consciousness Conference will be in Tucson, Arizona, April 22-26, 2024.

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## ASSC Annual Conference

June 22-25, 2023, New York City

### [CONFERENCE PROGRAM](#)

The [Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness \(ASSC\)](#) is an academic society that promotes rigorous research and coordinates annual conferences directed toward understanding the nature, function, and underlying mechanisms of consciousness. The ASSC includes members working in the fields of cognitive science, medicine, neuroscience, philosophy, and other relevant disciplines in the sciences and humanities.

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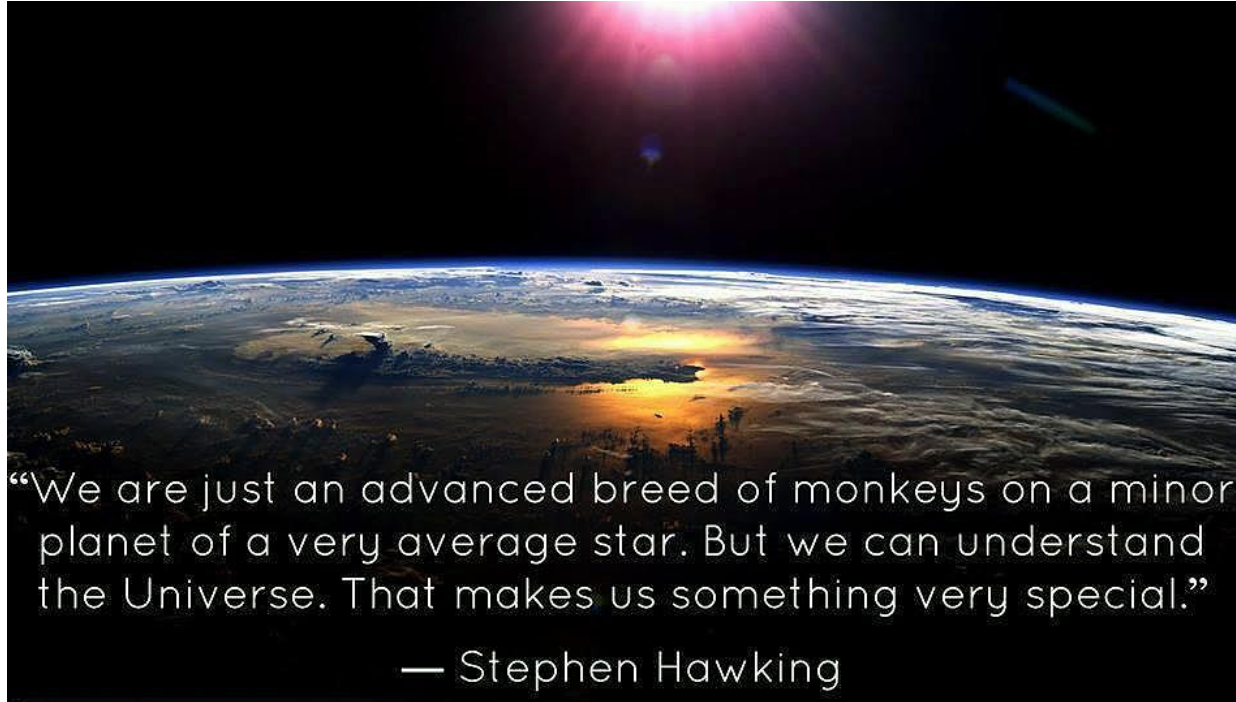
The [Academy for Spiritual and Consciousness Studies \(ASCSI\)](#) aims to offer an arena where those with an interest in the study of consciousness and the fringe sciences can gain access to articles, links and other research to educate and interchange ideas in the zone where spirituality and scientific research interface. Our main event of the year is our annual conference. We feature a wide range of exceptional speakers presenting subject matter that appeals to both scholars and the general public. At the academy we wish to provide a venue for those who wish to publish, the Academy prints two publications, *The Journal for Spiritual and Consciousness Studies* and *The Searchlight*, available to those

with paid memberships to ASCS. No new conferences have yet been schedules by this organization. View the [CONFERENCE PROGRAM](#) from the last conference.

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