

The Roving I:

common ground for atheist, believer,
and everyone in between

Appendix

By now you get the picture

...I am trying to paint. I call it The Theory of Integral Consciousness. You can call it anything you like. It goes like this:

There is a single source of undifferentiated consciousness that permeates all known and unknown universes and is constantly evolving into numerous aspects of itself.

As a human being, when you feel your very existence, when you say "I am," you are touching this core that is shared by all. When you realize your uniqueness, when you describe the things that set you apart, you are celebrating the diversity it creates.

Whether you approach this reality from the external material diversity or the internal spiritual unity doesn't matter. Whether you call it science or religion doesn't matter. Whether you think of it as supernatural or just the way things are doesn't matter. What does matter is that we, as human beings, exist at the meeting ground of the two. We are able to understand and experience its nature. And when enough of us recognize this reality and live it as fact, humanity will at last usher in a world of Perpetual Peace and Universal Understanding. Till then our survival is an iffy thing at best.

The Roving I has attempted not only to share my insights and understandings on this most basic and critical subject, but to lead you,

the reader, to the doorway of this next evolutionary manner of viewing and experiencing reality and help you step across the threshold. Hopefully, you've had at least one...



...moment along the way and found yourself on the other side.

What follows are three additional writings from my past, differing approaches to explaining, illuminating, describing and discussing this very same reality. Why three approaches? Why not? People are different. What appeals to you may turn off another. What leads someone else to see the light may leave you completely in the dark. None is right and none is wrong. None is better nor worse than the others.

Different religions must thrive, science must continue to search for answers. Yet we must always keep in mind that absolute truth, absolute reality is a holistic combination of all of the above, inclusive of every possibility and probability we can imagine. You may not resonate with all of what follows, however, hopefully, at least one of these will resonate with you.

The first piece is a paper I initially gave at a conference of the International Society for Universalism in Orlando, Florida back in 1995. It is an academic presentation fueled by logic, filled with footnotes, and designed to appeal to university professors and intellectuals. Some of the body of *The Roving I* was taken from here, so if you think you have read some of this before, you have... only without the footnotes and big words. I recommend this writing on Integral Consciousness specifically to those of scientific mind, atheists, academicians, logicians, rationalists, and accountants.

The second piece is taken from a tape of a Sunday morning lecture I gave at the Cultural Integration Fellowship in San Francisco in 2005. It is lighter and breezier in tone and other than some note cards to keep me on course wasn't even written down. Most of the people in the audience

were members of the Fellowship, so it was almost like preaching to the choir, and in an attempt to bring something new and unique to my presentation, I related it to doing various postures in a yoga class. This approach, which also includes some of what you have just read, should appeal to those who feel as well and as profoundly as they think, agnostics, psychologists, meditators, yogic practitioners, those into Eastern religions, and most Californians.

The third work, *Tale for the New Millennium*, is quite possibly my favorite piece of writing. I wrote it maybe twenty or twenty-five years ago in a fit of blubbery emotion and even though my knowledge and understanding has progressed since then, I still get choked up whenever I reread it. It contains my first take at a number of ideas and concepts that made it into *The Roving I*. I told myself at the time that it would be the last chapter in a book I would write someday, and here it is. I feel like a proud papa. *Tale* is fantasy, is fiction, is logic, is feeling, it's the most heartfelt writing I have ever produced and was most definitely inspired in its origin. I recommend it for everyone, especially artists, musicians, psychics, devout believers, dreamers, lovers, and anyone who looks to the future with hope.

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