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How an Emergent Unitive Narrative Can Heal our Past and Transform our Future

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I'm going to be showing some of the evidence, the leading edge, scientific breakthroughs and discoveries that are really revealing what Chris was sharing with us: that unity isn't an aspiration, it is our existential reality. And of course, that's very different from what we've been told before, but it is true that this is now the case.

I'm going to share today how an emergent unitive narrative can heal our past and transform our future. We're a social species, as human beings, we've shared narratives, we've shared stories to try and understand the nature of the world and our place in it.

And to do that, we sought to embrace and reconcile both our inner and outer experiences and, as Chris said, to imbue them with meaning and purpose. Over time, our narratives have evolved as our understanding of the nature of our universe and reality and the deeper sense of that has also evolved.

And Chris referred to the gorgeous images that we're now getting from Hubble, we're now getting from the James Webb space telescopes. But even beyond those, discoveries are revealing that the appearance of our universe is not its fundamental reality. A number of scientists are coming forward to stand alongside those of us who have been saying this for some time, and the evidence is now becoming more and more compelling that this is indeed the case.

Our current narrative has been based on a secular science of solely materialistic reality and the appearance of separation. It has described a universe that's bereft of meaning and purpose, where evolution is seen to be driven by random occurrences and mutations and where immaterial mind and consciousness somehow and solely arise from material brains. And all of this now is being completely upturned.

Good scientists have always, and will always, I hope, follow the evidence. The evidence is now leading us across numerous fields of research and at all scales of existence to essentially a 180-degree turn to that perspective of materialism and separation. Instead, it's revealing a wholeworld-view of non-locally unified reality and a conscious, evolutionary universe (essentially a living universe) that meaningfully and purposefully exists and evolves. What we're seeing is a universe that actually embodies an innate evolutionary impulse to evolve from simplicity to ever greater levels of complexity, diversity, perceptions of individuated awareness, interdependence and inter-being. And ultimately and vitally, it is a living, meaningful and purposeful universe. As my friend Ervin Laszlo said, this evidence is re-enchanting the cosmos.

And I'd love to hear what Janice has to say in terms of the arts because one of the things that I know, having written *The Cosmic Hologram* five years ago and now *The Story of Gaia*, is it's not so much facts that change people, it's emotions. And there's a wonderful quote "the role of the artist is to make the evolution irresistible." I'm inviting, welcoming all artists everywhere to really feel into the existential reality of this new wholeworld-view and, and imagine and bring forward and share the wonder, the joy and the gratitude for its new and unitive narrative.

Our universe began nearly 14 billion years ago, not in the implied chaos of a big bang. It wasn't big, it was minute. And it wasn't a bang. We now know that it was extremely fine-tuned and incredibly ordered, and the simplest it would ever be. And from that first moment, of what I call an ongoing big breath, space has expanded and time has flowed forwards. Our universe, we also are now finding to be innately informed with meaningful in-formation being its fundamental stuff, and that its appearance of energy-matter and space-time emerge from deeper non-physical realms of cosmic intelligence and causation, as a meaningfully informed, conscious and living universe. Space expands

and time flows to have, to embody, to experience, to evolve to ever greater levels of complexity and diversity. Essentially though, is to understand that as it does so it exists and evolves as a unified entity. While we have bought into a hitherto paradigm of separation, we're now able to wake up. And of course, many of our beloved brothers and sisters, and especially indigenous communities have always understood this. We are inseparable. We and our planetary home, Gaia, and our entire universe are literally inseparable.

From that first moment of beginning—and we're seeing some of these glorious early images with the James Webb telescope—there was a very purposeful shepherding of the very earliest and meaningful information expressed as energy-matter eventually into stars. And in their centers, a wondrous alchemy fueled the emergence from simplicity to complexity of all the chemical elements. And all of those elements came into being through generations of stars. I sometimes describe the very early stars as a bit like rock stars. They lived hard and they died young. But my goodness me, the legacy they gave to us was wonderful, because at the end of their lives, they exploded and all of those nutrients were joyfully spread throughout the space between them.

So this slide is a James Webb image. And you see the blue of space, but then you see this brown, amazing image of what's called an interstellar dust cloud. And in that interstellar dust cloud and ones like it, we were born. Our planetary system and many, many others were born. And these clouds, they are the planetary wombs - creches . They are the birthing places of solar systems and planetary homes. And we now know that the harbingers of biological life, all of the elements, ice, and complex pre-biotic molecules and bathed by ultraviolet light, came into being in such clouds. These were the precursors to our entire planetary home, Gaia, its wonderful diversity and ultimately ourselves.

And we are part of a wondrous trinity of Gaia, our sun Sol and our moon Luna. Gaia, is the perfect distance from our star, Sol, located in the goldilocks zone and so able to be a water planet. And our moon, Luna, is perfect size to help sustain Gaia; we're almost a binary system. She keeps us stable. She nurtured us in the very early days of our planetary home, when Sol shone significantly less brightly than now to ensure that in those conditions we didn't become a frozen planet but continue to be a water planet. The three, Sol, Luna, and Gaia, form a family within a solar family of other planetary siblings.

Gaia was the name given to the Earth goddess, as some of you I'm sure will know, by the ancient Greeks who saw her as a living being. James Lovelock, a pioneering planetary scientist, realized many decades ago that she is a completely interdependent planetary system. And although Jim would not probably have gone as far to acknowledge the innate sentience of Gaia, we're now realizing that our planetary home is a living planet, being within a living Universe. And she too has evolved over the last four and a half billion years. Again, continuing the universal emergence from simplicity to complexity, the birth of biological children, eventually to ourselves, and all of her atmosphere, her hydrosphere - her waters, her geosphere of rocks and minerals, and of course her biosphere are completely interdependent and evolving as a co-evolutionary dynamic partnership.

And the whole journey from simplicity to this complexity, has been one of collaboration on many different levels. And when those great leaps have happened, from single cell to multi cellular, to ecosystems, to human beings, to all that we have brought forward, all of which is part of the whole that has been guided meaningfully, purposefully, and in cooperative relationships.

Our human future of potential flourishing, is calling for us to now literally embody Gaia's wisdom to co-operate, to synergize, to link up and lift up, to realize that we are absolutely embedded in her web of life.

And more than human beings, we are Gaians. And if we can grow up, as Ken Wilber said, and show up and clean up – knowing that we'll talk about the healing that's needed as we awake from the illusion of separation. Because our worldview of separation in many ways have driven a world of

suffering, whereas a wholeworld-view of unified reality and its unity expressed in diversity supports a world where peace is a natural outcome rather than conflict, where justice and fairness and inclusion are natural outcomes and behaviors. And where its unitive narrative that it enables to be articulated can underpin and frame such transformational change.

So even more than star dust our history goes even further back. The hydrogen in our bodies is almost as old as the Universe, and we embody its distributed and non-local intelligence. To just summarize at this point, mind and consciousness aren't something we have, they are literally what we and the whole world are. Our Universe is a great and finite thought of an infinite and eternal cosmic mind.

I'm sharing this from a perspective of breakthroughs and evidence. This is what the evidence is showing us. This is what ancient wisdom teachings have always told us. What spiritual traditions and teachings and experiences have revealed to us. And our Universe exists to evolve. As a meaningfully in-formed and holographically manifested entity, its appearance is a projection of consciousness. Everything in existence has meaning and purpose. *We* have therefore innate meaning and purpose as it's microcosmic co-creators.

The question for us, today and ongoing is what do we choose now? This understanding, this new and unitive narrative, is also helping us and vitally because of the evidence that is being discovered, to naturalize mystical experiences, multidimensional engagement and communication, archetypal realities and communications, and coherent group consciousness. It is showing us the empowerment of coming together in love. In love. As simple as that, when we begin to think and feel and speak from this understanding of inseparability, of unity in diversity. Our group consciousness, because we are inseparable and we are vibrational beings, heightens the possibilities of what we can inspire and transform, as Gaians, to such new adventures and wonders.

In a sense, beyond conscious evolution is conscious (r)evolution and beyond the ego me-empowerment is our collective we and all empowerment. And beyond change, this offers us an opportunity for transformation. And I would suggest beyond wellbeing, this is a journey, a remembering of our whole being. And beyond unity and diversity and inclusion is our belonging. We don't need to ask permission. We belong as Gaians in a living and evolutionary universe.

So I would suggest that this can help us heal our dismembered psyche. This can help us heal our disease of separation. And there's much to do and to share, and explore and come together to allow that, to embody that. But what this also does in terms of perhaps inviting us forward, it invites us to act local. And it matters because we relate, we belong, we involve, and it really calls us into the joy and the excitement of regeneration and sustaining. It invites us to link up and lift up together.

There is the old saying, "act local, think global." Well, at wholeworld-view we've added our little nuance to this, which is "act local, feel global" because we look after what we care about, we care for what we relate to, and we and Gaia are inseparable, we are Gaians. But then we've added a third which is "think cosmic." And it matters because we are co-evolutionary partners of our entire Universe. We are its microcosmic co-creators.

So we are being invited, it seems to me, with our conscious, (r)evolutionary opportunity to step up and step into that role that the whole Universe is asking of us.

A unitive narrative is articulated to invite, to really welcome that stepping forward and linking and lifting up and to invite us into an embodied wholebeing that is founded in hearing inwardly the wisdom of our hearts. And there's one key point here about the complementarity of feminine and masculine attributes, relatedness and perspectives, to co-create the synergies within and between us. Its unity guides us into a wholeness of the inner and outer being and doing of our lives.

And I'll finish by paraphrasing Teilhard de Chardin, who was a mentor of a beloved friend of mine, Jean Houston. Teilhard said a hundred or more years ago now, "Someday we shall harness the

energies of love, and then, for the second time in the history of the world, humanity will have discovered fire.” I would suggest that someday is here and now. This is what a unitive narrative speaks to. And as we wake up to the radical reality of a unitive narrative and the wholeworld-view evidence that underpins and frames it, in turn, the unitive narrative can underpin and frame our service to conscious evolution and transformational change. I would suggest that also as a species, we might discover and, perhaps for the first time, who we really and truly are, and who we can evolve to become.