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The Key for Balance with Today's Interdependent World
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Collective consciousness—a collective mind and collective sensation—is the key for balance and harmony with our increasingly interdependent human society, as well as with nature on all of its other levels: still, vegetative and animate. Today, the need for our realization of collective consciousness is more important than ever before.

We have been developing toward the need for realizing collective consciousness over the generations, and today the need is expressed as accumulating crises on a global scale. To make the transformation from our individual perception, sensation and awareness to collective consciousness, we require a new form of education that can guide us on how to positively connect in an increasingly interdependent world.

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NATURE IS A UNIFIED, COLLECTIVE NETWORK

We are all parts of a collective network that binds us, however we fail to have conscious awareness, perception and sensation of this network. If we would, then we would see a completely different world and society than we do today. Gaining consciousness of this network is a developmental process that has been taking place over the generations. Scientists, philosophers and other researchers have long considered nature as a single whole. The very idea that we emerged from a single point, which continually expands, strengthens the concept of the universe's and nature's oneness.



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When we examine nature, we see clear laws in operation. If we fail to see these laws completely, either on macro or micro scales, it merely reflects our incomplete knowledge and perception. The more we discover about nature, the more we discover its absolute interconnectedness and [interdependence](#).

HUMANS ARE INTEGRAL PARTS OF NATURE

Interconnection and [interdependence](#) exist on all of nature's levels: still, vegetative, animate and human. Individual and society are no exception. We are products of nature. We didn't create ourselves, even though many of us like to consider ourselves as independent. Instead, the more we develop, the more we discover laws guiding our development, showing us more and more of nature's interconnectedness and [interdependence](#) on still, vegetative, animate and human levels. Moreover, today, the global [interdependence](#) of the most qualitative and developed part of nature—the human part—is being revealed.

THE MORE WE DISCOVER NATURE'S INTERCONNECTEDNESS, THE MORE WE NEED TO RESEMBLE IT AS A SOCIETY

The global network of human society we're seeing more and more of today is so interconnected and interdependent that, if we could somehow look at it from the side, we would see the impossibility of anyone making any independent motion in this system. Everything is included with absolute precision in this one program of evolution that shows us the absolute [interdependence](#) between us and, as we discover it, we understand that we are included within it and that requires us to act accordingly.

According to physics, an observer of an event taking place either in outer space or within the microcosm brings the observer into that event, which thus changes the event itself. Such a phenomenon also testifies to the total dependence between the various levels, in this case, between the human and the still levels of nature.

We have discovered this interconnected and interdependent network gradually over the generations, and its very discovery is part of our development. How does this work? It works such that the moment we discover this network, we must correspond to it. Otherwise, the degree of our imbalance with the network is the degree we differ from and oppose nature, and to that degree, we experience all kinds of problems. This is the cause of a general global crisis taking place in every field of human experience today: personally, socially, globally, economically and ecologically.

“Revelation of the world lies not in overcoming cosmic distances or delving deep into matter, but delving deep into one's consciousness.”

CRISIS EMERGES AS A RESULT OF OUR INCONGRUENCE WITH NATURE'S INTERCONNECTEDNESS

Therefore, for the first time in history, we have reached a multi-scale global crisis, which has intensified over the last few decades. Around 50 years ago, members of the Club of Rome began perceiving an oncoming crisis upon which they published various articles. Since then, the crisis has seeped into every aspect of human experience, with increasing pressure, conflict, stress, anxiety and insecurity that has resulted in rising amounts of depression, loneliness, drug abuse, suicide, crime, divorce, mental illness, terrorism, economic inequality and many other negative phenomena.

The problem is that we have entered into a new, interconnected and interdependent system, yet we continue trying to act as the same self-centered beings we were in the past, and thus we are not balancing ourselves with the new conditions nature presents to us. At this juncture, changes need to take place in us as people. Until such a transformation will take place, the crisis will continue to worsen.

Therefore, we live in an era of a great dilemma: on one hand, we discover our global interconnectedness and [interdependence](#) more and more, yet on the other hand, we fail to understand how much we differ from and oppose it.

OUR CONGRUENCE WITH NATURE'S INTERCONNECTEDNESS WILL RESULT IN OUR DISCOVERY OF ANOTHER DIMENSION

The question thus arises, how can we begin to match the degree of interconnectedness and [interdependence](#) we are revealing in nature?

If we would reach such a balance, we would see that the sum of all our efforts and actions to positively connect would invite an additional force that we cannot access in our current individual modes of operation. This different kind of additional power is a force dwelling in nature, a force that we can tap into if we connect in the way that nature is connected. By doing

so, we would as if invite new wisdom and thoughts from from a higher dimension, gaining the ability to perceive and sense beyond time, space and motion, because through our joint effort, we would enter into a degree of congruence with nature's interconnectedness and [interdependence](#).

If we could gather a group of people who would truly make this “click” with nature, i.e. that the group's members would ascend to such connection with each other as is required by the collective network, then they would find themselves actively pioneering the shift into the next dimension toward which nature is developing all of humanity.

TRUE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHEN WE SHIFT CONCERN AWAY FROM OUR INDIVIDUAL BODIES TOWARD OTHERS

According to our current developmental point as humans in this system, we are on the animal level of existence, and nature is pushing us to realize the human level of existence. At the animal level of existence, we have concern solely for our own individual bodies. If we could shift our concern away from our bodies to concern for society as a whole, then we would discover a whole new dimension of collective wisdom, intelligence, attainment, and experience a harmonious and happy life in balance with nature.

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THE NEEDED SHIFT IN HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS [\[Video\]](#)



Dr. Michael Laitman's speech at the World Wisdom Council meeting in Tokyo, Japan, "Creating a New Civilization" – November 2005.

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CRITICAL MASS [[Video](#)]



Prof. Ervin Laszlo talks with Dr. Michael Laitman about the need for a critical mass of people to affect positive global change.

“We stand before a consciousness revolution, whether we want it or not. As consciousness changes, we’ll perceive/attain world in a new way.”

Collective Consciousness FAQ

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COLLECTIVE UNCONSCIOUS AND COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS?



The collective unconscious unites all of humanity and unconsciously transforms our civilization into a single body. The development of human society has gradually reached a blind alley, and a process of withdrawal and degeneration has begun.

In general, a new stage in the development of society happens on a more instinctive and unconscious level during revolutions and crises. This is because the higher force that drives humanity toward development is beyond our reach—it is nature's force of love and bestowal above our individual perceptions and sensations, and from us to that force—there has been the power of the collective unconscious.

The world is tired of despicable and alienated attitudes. In a time of turmoil, a dead end, or crisis, a powerful force always arrives and, which through suffering, forces humanity to take a step forward into the unknown. In our era, after the transition to the new situation, the collective unconscious will be replaced by a collective consciousness that strives and aims toward resembling nature's force of love and bestowal, which is the higher level.

WHAT IS THE COLLECTIVE MIND FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE WISDOM OF KABBALAH?



It cannot be that the mind is not collective because we are in a system of mutual connection called “*Adam*.” This system includes all of our states within it that are called “worlds.”

Therefore, the mind is a sum of wandering signals that fill the system of connection between separate elements, people or souls.

Of course, there is what is revealed to the souls and what is not yet revealed. Therefore, we can discuss the subconscious since there are four levels of revelation in each one of us and only the last level gives us total conscious existence, meaning that all the previous levels reside in the subconscious level.

If they come from us, then we can manage them; if they come from above, then we practically don’t feel them. There is, however, a possibility to foresee them. This is not fortune telling, but some prescience, some actions that cause the appearance of reason, that give us an idea of the subconscious, the inner mind.

WHERE IS MY “SELF” IN RELATION TO COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS?



Question: *One of the main laws of nature is the law of conservation of energy. If nothing disappears, then presumably we also do not disappear. What happens to our consciousness when we die?*

Answer: In nature, nothing disappears but passes from one state to another. There is no such concept as “disappear.” Therefore, consciousness

passes from one form to another, from one carrier to another—if it exists within us at all!

It can be said that consciousness doesn't exist within a person, that it is around him, or maybe even in a completely different dimension, in another space. Our brain is kind of a modem that picks up the general consciousness to the extent that it needs to realize itself at the moment.

Question: *There is a collective consciousness, and there is an individual consciousness of each person, that which I pick up from the collective consciousness. It turns out that individual consciousness continues to live on?*

Answer: Yes. Nothing disappears. It only changes its structure, design, just as our body decomposes into basic elements.

Remark: *I would really like to remember my own self.*

Answer: Your “I” exists in the consciousness, not in the physical body. Consciousness per se is information. Informational connection exists beyond time and field. It permeates the entire universe. Information does not disappear, it can only change its medium. And we can not say for sure in what form and where it exists. This is the way wisdom of [Kabbalah](#) views it.

Remark: *I support the idea that consciousness is a global phenomenon. Therefore, the individual consciousness is like a small holographic copy that picks up certain things from the collective consciousness. In this case they are truly connected. However, physics does not yet discuss what happens after death.*

Answer: The wisdom of [Kabbalah](#) teaches that nothing else exists. Our bodies and the whole corporeal world are only an illusion. This world is

called “an illusory world” and is considered nonexistent. Everything else exists in the consciousness.

HOW CAN WE EXPAND OUR CONSCIOUSNESS?



Question: *What does it mean to rise above your consciousness and which path leads to it? Basically, can we influence the scope of our consciousness by simply wanting to expand it?*

Answer: Of course we can! What we have is animal consciousness. It serves our physical bodies, therefore it is on the animate degree. All of our thoughts are directed toward food, sex, family, and wealth. Some people also desire fame, knowledge, and power. That’s all a person has in this world.

What does our so-called higher consciousness come down to? What do we occupy ourselves with and what are we serving? We pursue such low goals! It’s not even worth it.

The wisdom of [Kabbalah](#) (“[Kabbalah](#)” from the Hebrew word “receiving”) talks about receiving higher consciousness, about expanding it in order to make oneself Human. “Man” or “Adam” in Hebrew means similar to the Creator and this is what our consciousness should be aimed at: becoming similar to the Creator.

This is not easy, it’s difficult. However, when a person sets this goal, when he is in the proper environment, then everything can be achieved with relative ease. In any case we will continue to wander through life until we attain the goal. Such is the law of nature.

Let’s make it quick, easy, and simple and we’ll attain the most wonderful state!

FURTHER READING ON THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS POSTS IN DR. MICHAEL LAITMAN'S PERSONAL BLOG

- [The Classical Wisdom Of Kabbalah And The Evolution Of The Urgently Needed Planetary Consciousness](#)
- [New Life #905 – A Spiritual Conscience](#)
- [Connection of Kabbalah and Science](#)
- [The Technology Of The “Wisdom Of The Crowd”: A Unified Image](#)
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