The Creation and Evolution of Consciousness & Subjectivity in a Biological Framework for The Universe

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Abstract. This paper explores the evolution of consciousness and subjectivity through a biological framework for understanding the universe. It posits that functional patterns in biological systems mirror cosmic mathematical principles, defining our objective reality. Similar to wave and Fibonacci patterns in different physical phenomena, biological patterns are intrinsic to all things and can be quantified using Dedre Gentner's approach to analogy. For example, Earth's ocean currents and the melting and freezing of Antarctica resemble the circulatory system and heart, while the production of music from instruments is analogous to ribosomal protein synthesis. Shelves, tables, and chairs function like cytosol by holding objects in space, and a coffee cup mirrors red blood cell distribution. These analogies reveal a universal order rooted in biology's functional patterns, essential for shaping the emergence and evolution of life. The paper traces the development of consciousness from its rudimentary cellular states to complex human cognition, highlighting the role of biologically-patterned environments in driving evolutionary changes. Organisms that recognized and organized according to these patterns evolved as "pattern recognition engines" crucial for survival—thus, Life (survival) being the primary measure of consciousness. Humans advanced this capacity, gaining cognitive freedom by insulating themselves from environmental constraints, but faced increased subjectivity complexity. Consciousness, while inherently subjective and necessary for cognitive development, evolves in humans to understand objective reality and its biological nature, so to understand and navigate complexities of subjectivity. Ultimately, the paper asserts consciousness is the ability to recognize and adhere to life-sustaining patterns and principles. Successful adherence deems them worthy of continued existence, while failure leads to demise. Parallels with historical concepts like Atman and Brahman in Hinduism suggest ancient recognition of the correspondence between human and universal patterns. This ancient understanding, coupled with modern scientific evidence, reveals the interconnectedness and intrinsic biological nature of reality.

Introducing The Biological Framework for a Mathematical Universe

This paper explores the creation and evolution of life, consciousness and its subjective perception in a biological framework for understanding the universe. The theory of *The Biological Framework for a Mathematical Universe,*[1] proposed in the author's dissertation, asserts that the functional patterns inherent in biological systems mirror the underlying mathematical principles of the cosmos.[2-6] Thus, everything that emerges from the universe's "parent pattern" [124-127] contains a biological pattern essential to its inherent function, thereby defining its true objective nature and purpose. [7-11, 129]

For example, the ocean's arctic currents and the melting and freezing of Antarctica mimic the circulatory system and a beating heart.[12] Similarly, the way a coffee cup distributes contents is analogous to how red blood cells function, and the production of music by instruments resembles the process by which ribosomes produce proteins from RNA. Other analogies include the framing of a house, which mirrors the skeletal system's function, and windows, which act like the lenses of eyes by allowing light to enter and enable vision. Shelves, tables and plates perform roles similar to cytosol, holding and organizing contents within a space. Light particles, which establish connections between objects and the eye, function similarly to signaling molecules that connect dendrites and axons in neurons. Additionally, people, organizations, industries, sectors, and money can be likened to cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, and blood, respectively.[36-43] The biological nature of objective reality is further illustrated by the analogy between dark matter and cytosol, and the network of galaxy clusters and neuronal networks in the brain. [13, 15] These analogies quantify a universal order and objective truth rooted in biology's patterns.[9,12-43]

While the actual mechanisms and physics between these phenomena may be completely different, their principles and patterns are *exactly* the same. A classic example of different physical phenomena that share similar patterns is the mathematical description of wave phenomena in different context such as that of sound waves in air, electromagnetic waves, and water waves. Despite the differences in the nature of these waves (mechanical vs. electromagnetic, for example) they can all be described by similar mathematical forms of Maxwell's wave equation, indicating a shared underlying and quantifiable pattern in their behavior. This similarity arises because they all involve the propagation of some disturbance through a medium (or field) over time. Likewise, these functional patterns of biology propagate across the universe in a similar manner and can be quantified within everything in the universe. [44]

Another classic example of different physical phenomena that share similar patterns is the pervasive presence of Fibonacci's patterns across various contexts, such as the arrangement of leaves on a stem, the spirals of galaxies, and the structure of DNA. Despite the differences in the nature of these phenomena (biological, astronomical, and molecular, for example), they can all be described by similar mathematical forms of the Fibonacci sequence, indicating a shared underlying pattern in their structure. This similarity arises because they all reflect an intrinsic order and efficiency in their growth and organization.

Similar to wave and Fibonnaci's patterns, the biological patterns of the universe propagate across the entirety of the cosmos, from the macrocosm to the microcosm. These patterns are not limited to isolated instances but are intrinsic to the structure and function of all things. The efficiency of biological patterns in their growth, organization and function highlights their essential role in shaping the emergence, evolution, and function of all things in the universe, including *life* itself.

Living organisms, therefore, can be seen as natural extensions of the cosmo's underlying mathematical and biological principles—the culmination of the universe's patterns in the physiology of *organisms* serve as models to measure these patterns in the world around us, using Dedre Gentner's approach to analogy.[93]

This recognition of shared patterns across different domains illustrates the interconnectedness of all things, reinforcing the idea that the universe operates on a set of fundamental principles that are both mathematical and biological—a motif that has been importantly expressed in ancient concepts such as Atman and Brahman in the Upanishads, Pnimiyut and Chitzoniyut in Judaism, Batin and Zahir in Islam, Panentheism, Emanationism, and many more.[45-49] By organisms *subjectively* recognizing and organizing accordingly to these patterns of biology in their environment, they have navigated complexities necessary to align themselves with objective truths necessary for the survival of themselves and their society. However, a time will come where the subjective perception that is inherent of all organisms[50] requires the understanding of objective reality and its biological nature in order to survive the growing complexities of their environment and to unlock potentials, which organizing themselves to biology's patterns are heir to.

The Creation of Life, Consciousness & The Nature of Subjectivity in a Biological Framework

Let us begin our journey into the creation and evolution of life, consciousness, and its subjective perception in this biologically patterned universe. *The Biological Framework for a Mathematical Universe* asserts that the biological patterns, fundamental to the universe, have directly resulted in the creation and evolution of life and consciousness—The big bang occurs, marking one of possibly many beginnings of these vast, interconnected biologically-patterned systems. This large-scale biological event hurdles matter, energy, forces and space-time in patterns that are rudimentary biological in their nature, creating all of the structures in the known universe. We can imagine the universe evolving analogous to that of a fertilized ovum, keeping in mind that while the physics between them may be different, their patterns and principles are exactly the same, similar to the wave and Fibonacci patterns that exist across various mediums.[51]

These biological patterns of the universe form the processes of Earth's environment and eventually come to create and evolve life and consciousness on Earth.[52, 128] Thus Earth's early volatile processes, while not appearing biological in a traditional sense, is in fact biological in its patterns and principles, carrying-out processes and evolving over time to create a localized environment that establishes all conditions necessary to create and harbor life. Earth's *environment* gives birth to Earth's first living cellular organisms and the consciousness necessary for them to survive their new environment.[128]

Life and consciousness in their rudimentary states and reflecting the patterns of their environment, must now recognize and organize themselves accordingly to patterns in their environment which sustain the *life* of themselves. Those organisms that *cannot* recognize and organize themselves accordingly to the patterns necessary to survive and procreate *die* and are deemed **unconscious.** Organisms capable of recognizing and organizing themselves to the extent of surviving and procreating within their environment are considered "**conscious** for life (survival)." [53] This distinction between life (survival) and death is the **primary measure of consciousness**. All other quantifying measures of consciousness are secondary.

Ironically, Life must organize themselves according to the patterns of Life in order to live. However, these living organisms must understand the patterns of survival and life in their environment *subjectively*. [54], as they do not know the objective reality and its biological nature, nor is their consciousness or physicality evolved to the capacities where they can thoroughly explore and recognize patterns that exists throughout their environment, the universe, and their physiology that reveal the objective reality and its biological nature.

The Subjective Nature of Consciousness

Prior to life evolving to the point of understanding the objective reality and its biological nature, living organisms had to rely *solely* on subjective interpretations due to the inherent subjectivity of consciousness and the evolutionary processes that shape perception. This subjective perception of consciousness arises from several factors:

1. *Lack of Prior Knowledge*: Organisms do not possess complete, objective knowledge of reality. Their understanding is partial and filtered through subjective experiences.[55] This initial lack of awareness necessitates a gradual discovery and understanding of universal principles through observation, experience, and learning.

2. *Limited Perceptual Capacity*: Organisms have finite sensory and cognitive capacities, necessitating a subjective filtering of reality.[56] This selective perception helps manage environmental complexity by simplifying it into manageable and meaningful experiences.

3. *Evolutionary Necessity*: Evolution equips organisms with sensory systems and cognitive frameworks tailored for survival and reproduction in specific environments.[57] These systems prioritize immediate, context-dependent interpretations of reality that maximize an organism's fitness, leading to subjective experiences based on interactions and needs.

4. *Individual Variability*: Genetic and environmental differences result in unique sensory and cognitive profiles for each organism.[58] This variability leads to diverse subjective interpretations of reality, shaped by each organism's experiences and internal states.

5. *Adaptive Interpretation*: Subjectivity allows organisms to adapt their interpretations of reality based on individual experiences and changing circumstances.[59] This adaptability is crucial for responding to dynamic environments, learning from new situations, and improving survival strategies.

6. *Consciousness and Self-Awareness*: Consciousness inherently involves a self-referential perspective.[60] An organism's awareness of itself and its place in the world is necessarily subjective, involving the interpretation of external stimuli in relation to internal states, memories, and goals.

7. *Survival Focus*: The primary drive of any organism is survival. Subjective interpretations of reality allow for rapid and effective responses to threats and opportunities.[61] Objectivity, while valuable for long-term understanding, may not provide the immediate reactions necessary for survival. Also, objectivity is only attainable later in the development of consciousness, when organisms can explore the patterns within themselves and within their environment to understand that their similarity reveals the patterns of reality.

8. *Developmental Stages*: Organisms develop their understanding of reality through experience and learning. Initially, this understanding is subjective, rooted in sensory experiences and basic cognitive frameworks.[62] Over time, organisms can develop truer interpretations by aligning subjective truths with objective truths, until they develop their consciousness to the point where it can recognize the patterns that reveal the objective reality and its biological nature.

Thus, all organisms have to *subjectively* interpret the objective reality. This remains the case until their consciousness and physicalities evolve to the extent where they can thoroughly explore the patterns within their environment, the universe, and within their own physiology to understand the objective reality and its *biological nature.* Until this point, all prior thoughts of "objectivity" by any organism are instead subjective truths that are in harmony with objective truths, merely giving the appearance of objectivity.

Naturally, some subjective patterns align with the same order, principles, and laws that define the objective reality based on biological patterns. This overlap enables organisms to indirectly understand and align themselves with the objective truths necessary for their survival without explicitly knowing these truths. This concept aligns with Donald Hoffman's **Interface Theory of Perception**, which posits that organisms perceive interfaces that aid survival rather than direct reality.[50]

Thus, organisms that successfully recognize and adapt to the truths within their subjective perception—those patterns that sustain their lives—unknowingly align themselves with the objective biological patterns that underpin life. This alignment allows them to survive, thrive, and reproduce. These subjective patterns provide a functional understanding of reality, allowing organisms to navigate their environment effectively, even without any objective knowledge, or understanding reality is biological in its patterning/function. Eventually, there will be a time in the evolution of consciousness where subjectivity becomes too complex, thereby necessitating the understanding of the objective reality and its biological nature to help those organisms navigate the complexities of their environment necessary for their continued cooperation and survival.

The Evolution of Life, Consciousness & Subjectivity

As the rudimentary biologically-patterned environment evolves in complexity, so too does the consciousness of organisms.[63] Life and its consciousness evolve and adapt in conjunction with the increasing complexity of their environment. As the environment evolves to become more complex, the requirements for consciousness and physicality in living organisms also must evolve to become more complex. To ensure their survival, living organisms must be able to organize themselves (adapt) to the patterns within the growing complexities of their environment.[64] The emergence of new variables within this evolving environment compel living organisms to recognize and understand these new patterns and to behave and adapt accordingly,[65] thus over time, leading to the development of more complex consciousness, physicalities, and behaviors which mirror the complexities of their biologically-patterned environment.

Organisms that are unable to adapt to these new complexities within their evolving environment die and are considered *unconscious*. Organisms capable of adapting their reasoning, physicality, and behaviors *survive and procreate*—thereby remaining *conscious* to the evolving complexities of their environment. [66]

Furthermore, as consciousness evolves in complexity, so too will the subjective perceptions of the organism, as now organisms will have to navigate new complex patterns for survival created by their evolving environment.[50]

The Origin of Species: Diversity In Life & Consciousness

As the environment becomes more and more complex, diversity emerges, creating new landscapes for consciousness to further develop and diverge.[67] This diversity in the environment compels living organisms to reason new complex patterns in order to survive in growingly diverse environments.[68] This process leads to variations in reasoning and behaviors that are essential for survival,[69] which gives rise to conscious and physical *variations* among organisms, enabling them to thrive in these diverse environments. Now we see these complex and diverse environments drive the *divergence* among living organisms, resulting in the creation of various species.[70] Thus, this process gives rise to Darwin's *origin of species* in cellular organisms. However, these physical and conscious differences among organisms remain interwoven through the underlying biological patterns embedded within the framework shared across all environments.[71]

The Emergence of Cooperation: From "Cellular Wilderness" to "Cellular Tribe"

As the complexity of environments increases further, it necessitates more intricate reasoning and behavioral patterns for survival. The "cellular tribe" is formed from the "cellular wilderness." *Cooperation* emerges as a crucial strategy among cellular organisms, encouraged by the growing complexities of their environments.[72] Cooperation marks the first steps toward the formation of complex life.[73] In these complex environments, cellular organisms begin to cooperate out of necessity, giving rise to the complex organism. And as organisms' environments continue to evolve in complexity and diversity, so do the cooperative behaviors among organisms,[74] leading to larger, more complex, and diverse organisms and species. The organization of these cellular communities mirror the underlying biological patterns and processes within the environments driving their development[75] —the more complex the environment, the more complex the society necessary to survive. This evolutionary trajectory underscores the importance of the interplay between life, consciousness and the biologically-patterned environment which drives their evolution.[76]

The Pattern Recognition Engine & Cognitive Freedom

We witnessed Life and consciousness evolve in tandem from its rudimentary state in cells to its complex state in humans, driven by the evolving complexities in their biologically-patterned environment.[77] As the environment evolved in complexity and diversity, so too did organisms and their consciousness evolve in complexity and diversity. The consciousness and physicality of organisms evolved due to the patterns within the environment requiring organisms to recognize and organize themselves according to patterns that were necessary for surviving and procreating within that environment.[78]

Those organisms that could not recognize and organize themselves relative to the patterns necessary for *life,* died and were considered *unconscious* to live and procreate—thus experienced a "miscarriage" of their evolutionary progression. Those organisms that survived the environment were *conscious* for immediate survival patterns in their environment—thus, "birthed" into the evolutionary chain of Life. Life (survival), therefore being the primary measure of consciousness.[79]

Over time, the *immediate survival constraints* of the environment kept organisms in a constant state of survival, inducing a "slavery state of consciousness," preventing the organism from thinking freely, such as humans are capable of doing today. However, this process was necessary to develop the physical and conscious faculties of organisms into **pattern recognition engines** necessary for exploring and recognizing diverse and complex patterns in their environment crucial for survival and life.

This pattern recognition engine eventually developed to a point, in humans, where it recognized patterns necessary to *insulate* themselves from their environment's immediate survival constraints—thereby attaining **conscious sovereignty***, or* the ability to *freely* think, explore and manipulate its environment [80] and to organize themselves accordingly to patterns they recognize and imagine *freely on their own accord*. However, with this *cognitive freedom* comes an onslaught of subjective patterns that will ultimately influence their thinking and behaviors, and replace their environment's patterns in driving an accelerated evolution of consciousness.[81] Humanity has graduated from its prior environmental constraints of *nature*, only to construct and immerse themselves in an environment of their own imaginary constraints—which they must now navigate and survive.

Subjectivity's Limitations and The Eventual Need For Objectivity

Still unaware of the objective reality and its biological nature, humanity naturally uses its cognitive freedom to construct a *superficial cognitive framework* based on subjective patterns believed to be true.[82] Some of these patterns overlap principles grounded in biology, unknowingly reinforcing a perceived "valid" understanding of the world.[83] Immersed in their imaginations, they create and adhere to these systems of superficial patterns, encompassing concepts of good and evil, love and war, religion, art, music, sports, money, power, work, sex, drugs, and even science—patterns that drive their lives and focus their attention.

Chasing superficial patterns symbolized by the "trees" of Good, Evil, Money, Politics, Power, Sports, nationalism, and moral dichotomies, they understand their reality by "eating from every tree" except the one that reveals the true nature of reality: *the tree of Life*, representing the functional patterns of biology inherent of the universe that sustain life. Over time, the superficial patterns they imagined to be true manifest physically, immersing humanity in an artificial and dilapidated environment. This environment drives their evolution, often leading to devolution, unhealthy behaviors, and conflicts with the biological patterns essential for societal health, resilience and potential.

As society scales and further evolves, it becomes more diverse and complex, necessitating more precise patterns (truth) than the superficial/subjective ones they have trusted thus far. However, continuing to build on these superficial patterns puts humanity out of harmony with the biological patterns necessary for sustaining life. Just as a zygote needs healthy DNA to develop into a baby, humanity needs a healthy blueprint to build a stable society.

This *misalignment* with healthy biological patterns of the objective reality leads to many of the socioeconomic problems humanity faces.[84] Furthermore, the subjective nature of consciousness amplified by the Information Age, creates a complexity of perspectives that hinders cooperation and consensus.[85] This *saturation of subjective interpretations* leaves society vulnerable to internal and external threats.

Over-reliance on technology *masks* societal disorders but cannot address the underlying issues.[86] For instance, while technology supported Stephen Hawking's life, it could not cure his underlying physical disorders or realize his full potential. Similarly, society's issues cannot be solved by technology alone.

To overcome these challenges, humanity must acknowledge the objective reality and its inherent biological nature, then adjust their behaviors in alignment with these *healthy* biological patterns, similar to how technologies have been adjusted to align with biology's patterns in biomimicry.[87] Evidence of healthy societal order and behaviors can be found in cellular societies. These societal patterns exemplified in cellular societies enable the full potential of the communities they encompass. However, a significant question remains: how will humanity come to understand objective reality and its biological nature?

The Emergence of The Objective Reality & Its Biological Nature

As consciousness evolves, so does the ability to recognize recurring patterns with the external environment and internal physiological processes.[88] Initially, organisms interpret their environment through a subjective lens, influenced by immediate needs and personal perspectives. As these subjective perceptions are systematically observed, documented, and analyzed, they reveal recurring patterns that transcend individual experiences.[89] This recognition transforms subjective experiences into coherent frameworks that reflect the order of objective reality. For example, by observing the cyclical nature of seasons, ancient civilizations developed agricultural practices aligned with natural patterns, moving from subjective climate interpretations to an objective understanding of seasonal cycles.

Scientific inquiry and technological advancements further refine this process. Systematic observation, experimentation, and theoretical models help decode complex patterns governing both the cosmos and biological systems.[90] Technologies such as telescopes and microscopes have expanded our perception, allowing us to observe phenomena beyond our sensory capabilities, translating subjective perception into objective knowledge.

Through the process of scientific inquiry and technological advancement, humans have been able to identify and verify these patterns, moving towards a more objective understanding of reality. This transition demonstrates that the same fundamental principles apply across different contexts, whether in biological structures or physical phenomena. For instance, the Fibonacci sequence is observed in both the arrangement of leaves on a stem and the spirals of galaxies, indicating a shared underlying structure.[91]

As diverse phenomena converge under these common patterns, it becomes evident that reality is interconnected through a unified framework. This interconnectedness is further highlighted by interdisciplinary insights where principles governing biological processes also apply to physical systems. [92] The recognition of these universal patterns reveals that the intrinsic nature of reality is both mathematical and biological.

Quantifying The Biological Nature of The Objective Reality

Living organisms, as products of universal biological patterns, can be used as models to quantify and understand similar patterns in the world around us. Humans, with their advanced consciousness and pattern recognition abilities, can apply their knowledge of biological patterns to other domains using Dedre Gentner's approach to analogy. [1, 9, 12-43, 93] By mapping the structures, relationships and functions of biological systems to physical and conceptual systems, we can measure and understand functionality and efficiency in physical systems and define and measure concepts in conceptual systems. In this framework, individual biological entities and their functions serve as particular examples, while the patterns they represent are universals that can be applied to other domains to enhance understanding and foster innovation. Physical and conceptual systems are quantified relative to corresponding biological functions/ patterns/principles/philosophies/[94]—which is dependent upon: (1.) the permutation of that biological pattern and; (2.) developmental stage of the permutation; (3.) order/disorder (health) of that permutation.

It is also important to note that the things we measure in the universe may contain more than one functional correspondence to biology.[95] This is especially the case with innovation in human society, as innovations may contain multipurpose. In order to find its objective truth, we map analogies to the function which that object is serving within a given system, or what that object *should* be serving in a given system. For example, let us use the example of a coffee cup. The coffee cup has the biological functional pattern of that of a *red blood cell*, as the coffee cup was specifically designed to collect and distribute contents as such. However, if the coffee cup is used as a paper weight, it's *objective purpose,* now functions similar to that of cytosol, or the *force* which holds in place a particular thing. Furthermore, if that cup was used to hold contents, such as pen and pencils, or candles, the cup now serves a function similar to exoskeleton. Regardless how the cup is being used, a biological function exists that explains the nature of its usage case.

The quantification of the patterns of the universe by using biology's patterns, especially the patterns of the human physiology is knowledge evidenced in motifs across various ancient religions & philosophies. [96, 112-123] When combining the various modern day sciences with historical and philosophical evidence of ancient understanding of a biological framework for the universe—such as Atman and Brahman in the Upanishads,[97] Pnimiyut and Chitzoniyut in Judaism, Batin and Zahir in Islam, Panentheism, Emanationism, and the Monad/Circled Dot in ancient Roman times—the evidence and importance of a *biological framework for a mathematical universe* becomes overwhelmingly clear.

Ancient Knowledge of The Objective Reality and Its Biological Nature

Research into The Biological Framework for a Mathematical Universe suggests that ancient religious and historical concepts might have been early understanding that the patterns within ourselves can allow us to understand the biological patterns of the universe and world around us. For example:

- **Atman and Brahman** (Hinduism): Atman represents the individual soul or self, while Brahman denotes the ultimate reality or world soul. These concepts can be seen as early recognitions that understanding the self (Atman) provides insights into the universe (Brahman) through shared biological and mathematical patterns. [98]
- **Pnimiyut and Chitzoniyut** (Kabbalah, Judaism): Pnimiyut refers to the inner dimension, and Chitzoniyut to the outer dimension of reality. These terms can be understood as the internal biological patterns and their external/superficial/subjective manifestations, aligning with the idea that inner workings provide insights into the external universe.[99]
- **Batin and Zahir** (Sufism, Islam): Batin represents the inner, hidden aspect, and Zahir the outer, apparent aspect. Batin corresponds to deeper, hidden biological patterns, while Zahir represents subjective observable phenomena. Sufi practices aimed at uncovering the Batin can be seen as efforts to perceive fundamental patterns.[100]
- **Panentheism**: This belief posits that the divine pervades all of the universe and extends beyond it. The theory supports this by suggesting that universal biological patterns fundamentally connect to the divine. The divine presence in Panentheism could be interpreted as the universal biological patterns governing existence.[101]
- **Emanationism**: This concept, which suggests that all things flow from a primary source, parallels the idea of a universal biological "parent-pattern." The emergence of all things from this fundamental pattern aligns with Emanationism, where everything is seen as an extension of a single, original source.[102]

Various other religious and philosophical traditions, such as the Tao in Taoism, interconnectedness in Buddhism, and the Logos and Circled Dot in ancient Greek philosophy, also express these underlying principles of a universe structured by biological and mathematical patterns. The allegory in Genesis 1:27, "*So God created man in his own image,*" can be reinterpreted as "The Universe created Man in its own pattern." Pope John Paul II's *Theology of The Body* speech, where he states, "*The body, and it alone is capable of making visible what is invisible*," hints at the idea that the human body can reveal the universe's hidden patterns.[103]

Ancient knowledge of the biological nature of our objective reality implies that individuals within our past civilization had an understanding of these scientific principles and tried to communicate them, possibly to a general public who had no prior knowledge of science, biology, cosmology, physics, etc., leading to spiritual and metaphorical interpretations, and misinterpretations, such as the anthropomorphism of God.

It also suggests that humanity might not be attempting an advanced civilization for the first time—where similar to Richard Feyman's "cataclysm sentence,"[104] an advanced civilization that may have fallen thereby disseminated this knowledge to the remnants of humanity,[105] *or;* that a more advanced civilization from another civilization attempted to guide our young civilization with this fundamental knowledge,[106-111, 130-132] knowing that this knowledge will guide the technological progress of humanity similar to Richard Feynman's "cataclysm sentence." [133]

This ancient wisdom has provoked inquiries that lead to the establishment of modern day science and medicine, and has later provided as historical evidence to use along with scientific concepts to support the biological nature of the objective reality—a *Biological Framework for a Mathematical Universe.*

The Purpose of Life & Consciousness

The purpose of Life is Life. The purpose of consciousness is to remain in accordance to Life's patterns. And as a byproduct of organizing to the patterns of life, enjoy the opportunities and potentialities which those patterns are heir to. It is the duty of all living organisms to recognize and organize themselves relative to the *patterns* which sustains the life of themselves, their societies and their environment in a manner that earns them the privilege to achieve the potentialities relative to which that Order of life enables. If life does not recognize and organize itself relative to the biological patterns necessary for Life and its potentials, they risk the suffering and negative consequences of such, and the possible imminent destruction. Like an airplane that must abide by *The Physics of Aerodynamics* in order to fly, all Life, including Humanity, must abide by *The Physics of Life* in order to survive and thrive.

It is the ultimate purpose of Life to realize and operate in harmony with these biological patterns fundamental to the framework of our reality (pnimiyut, batin)—Patterns established by this rudimentary biologically-patterned universe and hidden by our superficial/subjective understanding of reality (chitzoniyut, zahir). It will not be until we explore and understand these biological patterns which compose our physiology and the physiology of all life (atman), that we can reveal and understand the biological patterns that exist in the world around us (brahman)—and in organizing ourselves accordingly, unlock the potentialities which Life's patterns are heir to (Ankh & Died).

The purpose of consciousness is a test for Life; It is a test to see if the organism and its society can explore and recognize the patterns necessary for life, *then* abide by it. If they abide by it, they remain **conscious** and are deemed worthy to continue living. If they do not abide by it—in other words if they do not organize themselves to these inherent biological patterns necessary for the life of their society, they are deemed **unconscious** and will continue carrying-on their *unconscious behaviors* that will ultimately lead to pain, suffering, and the miscarriage of their society.

Thus, the moral of the story is that humanity *must* pivot its current understanding and *behaviors* to align itself with *healthy* biological principles and patterns—similar to how human technologies/engineering have begun to align with principles and patterns of biological systems in the field of *biomimicry*. Human society must align itself with the patterns pertaining to the ***Physics of Life*** in order to continue living, just as an aircraft must align itself with the patterns pertaining to the *Physics of Flight* in order to fly. If not, Life will come crashing down.**

Summary

This paper investigates the evolution of consciousness and subjectivity within a biological framework that parallels the mathematical principles of the universe. It proposes that functional patterns in biological systems reflect cosmic mathematical structures, thereby defining our objective reality. By employing Dedre Gentner's approach to analogy, the paper demonstrates how various physical and conceptual phenomena can be quantified and understood through biological patterns. Examples include analogies between Earth's ocean currents and Antarctica's ice cycles with the circulatory system, musical instrument function with ribosomal protein synthesis, and everyday objects like shelves and coffee cups with cellular structures.

The study traces the development of consciousness from rudimentary cellular states to complex human cognition, highlighting the role of biologically-patterned environments in driving evolutionary change. Organisms that successfully recognize and organize according to these patterns evolve as "pattern recognition engines," crucial for survival, thus positioning life (survival) as the primary measure of consciousness. Human cognitive evolution has furthered this capacity, allowing for cognitive freedom by reducing immediate environmental constraints, but also introducing greater complexity in subjective experiences.

The paper argues that while consciousness is inherently subjective and necessary for cognitive development, it ultimately must evolve in humans to understand objective reality and its biological nature. This understanding is vital for navigating and managing the complexities of subjective experiences. Ultimately, the paper asserts that consciousness involves the ability to recognize and adhere to life-sustaining patterns and principles, with successful adherence ensuring continued existence.

Drawing parallels with historical and philosophical concepts such as Atman and Brahman in Hinduism, Pnimiyut and Chitzoniyut in Judaism, and Batin and Zahir in Islam, the paper suggests that ancient cultures may have recognized the correspondence between human and universal patterns. This ancient wisdom, supported by modern scientific evidence, underscores the interconnectedness and intrinsic biological nature of reality.

What Exactly is Consciousness: And How Do We Measure It?

Introduction

Consciousness remains one of the most intriguing and elusive phenomena in the realms of science and philosophy. This essay explores the origins, purpose, and measurement of consciousness, drawing parallels between consciousness and physicalness, and examining the intricate relationship between the microcosm of neuronal interactions and the macrocosm of sensory interactions with the environment. By grounding these concepts in well-established scientific principles, we aim to present a coherent and authoritative perspective on consciousness that would be appreciated by the scientific community.

Where Does Consciousness Come From?

Consciousness is not an isolated phenomenon but rather an emergent property of the dynamic interactions within a biologically-patterned environment. Similar to the ripples created by a boat moving through water or a tornado formed by specific atmospheric conditions, consciousness arises from the continuous and complex interactions between an organism and its surroundings. Just as a "tornado-ness" is the THIS, which allow it to be, "conscious-ness" is that, which allow it to be.

Key Points:

- Consciousness is like the cognitive ripples or tornado created by the environment's motions.
- Everything in the universe has contributed to the evolution of life and consciousness.
- Without external inputs (stimuli), consciousness wouldn't exist.
- The environment and everything in the universe contains consciousness, [just as everything within the environment contains tornados] as it is composed of the patterns that have come to create, develop, and sustain life and consciousness, Just as the environment can come to create, develop, and sustain tornados.
- Similar to how our neurons interact, influence, and communicate with each other, organisms and the things within our reality/environment/universe interact in the same. Instead of using axons and dendrites, this interaction occurs through sensory organs and the physical world.
- The microcosm of neurons interacting to create consciousness is equivalent to the macrocosm, which is our sensory organs interacting with our physical environment.

Describing Consciousness

Consciousness (thinking) is to physicalness (doing) as the mind is to the body. Both have evolved together to help organisms survive and interact with their environment, but they can also be used for activities beyond mere survival. Consciousness and physicalness are interdependent—they are essentially the same phenomenon manifested in different forms. The physical version of consciousness is physicalness, and the conscious version of physicalness is consciousness.

Key Points:

- Consciousness and physicalness are interdependent.
- Physicalness limits and is guided by consciousness, while consciousness explores the potential of physicalness.
- Human form is an example of the unity of physical and conscious faculties, mirroring the universe's potential.
- An example of this interdependence is how thinking about eating (consciousness) can lead to the physical act of eating and gaining weight and nutritional value (physicalness), demonstrating how these two aspects remain in sync (or are an extension of one another).

The Potential and Limitations of Consciousness

The capabilities and boundaries of consciousness are defined by the physical form it takes. Our physicalness reveals our conscious potential.

Key Points:

- Physicalness and consciousness evolve together.
- Consciousness pushes the boundaries of physical limitations.
- Both physical and conscious faculties are shaped by the environment.

The Purpose of Consciousness

The ultimate purpose of both consciousness and physicalness is efficient survival and procreation (life). However, both also have the ability to perform tasks outside the immediate functions for survival, allowing for a wide range of activities and creativity.

Key Points:

- Consciousness and physicalness are geared towards efficient survival and reproduction.
- Both can be used for various purposes beyond survival, such as playing sports, creating art, or solving problems.
- The environment significantly influences consciousness.
- Organisms develop abilities that help them thrive and reproduce.

Quantifying Consciousness in Living Things

Consciousness can be measured by the physical actions it produces and the extent to which it can free itself from survival constraints to explore and understand patterns in reality. There are three main stages for quantifying consciousness in living things:

1. Pattern Recognition for Immediate Survival/Procreation: Consciousness for Life:

- Measure: An organism's ability to survive and procreate.
- Explanation: This fundamental measure indicates that the organism is conscious of life and its necessities.

2. Pattern Recognition for Cognitive Freedom:

- Measure: The ability to insulate itself from the immediate survival constraints of its environment, gaining cognitive freedom.
- Explanation: When an organism can rise above mere survival, it gains the freedom to explore, learn, and develop new abilities.

3. Pattern Recognition for Life: Understanding Biological Nature of Reality:

- Measure: The ability to understand the biological nature of the objective reality and act according to healthy patterns that allow for efficiencies and potentials, as seen in biomimicry.
- Explanation: This advanced measure reflects an organism's capability to recognize and mimic nature's patterns to enhance its own survival and efficiency. It also involves understanding that the universe is composed of functional patterns that pertain to biological systems.

Conclusion

This essay has explored the intricate nature of consciousness, emphasizing its interdependence with physicalness and its emergence from a biologically-patterned environment. By drawing parallels between the microcosm of neuronal interactions and the macrocosm of sensory interactions with the environment, we have highlighted how consciousness and physicalness together drive efficient survival and procreation. Furthermore, we have outlined a structured approach to quantifying consciousness in living things, from basic survival and procreation to achieving cognitive freedom and understanding the biological nature of reality.

The environment and everything in the universe contains consciousness, as it is composed of patterns that have come to create, develop, and sustain life and consciousness. This understanding positions consciousness not as an isolated phenomenon but as a fundamental aspect of the universe's ongoing dynamic interactions. By framing consciousness within this broader context, we gain deeper insights into its nature and its critical role in the fabric of life and the cosmos.

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Reference: Dennett, D. C. (1991). Consciousness Explained. Little, Brown and Company.
Explanation: Dennett's work on consciousness supports the notion that survival is the primary measure of consciousness, as organisms that do not adapt to survival patterns die

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Explanation: Hoffman's theory that evolution shapes perception to prioritize survival supports the idea that the development of pattern recognition capabilities leads to cognitive freedom in humans.

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Explanation: Clark's work on cognitive science explains how subjective patterns influence thinking and behavior, supporting the idea that cognitive freedom introduces subjective influences on consciousness.

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Explanation: Clark discusses how the complexity of perspectives in the Information Age can hinder cooperation and consensus.

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Explanation: Harari discusses the limitations of technology in addressing underlying societal and existential issues, similar to the idea that technology cannot solve the root causes of societal problems.

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Explanation: Kuhn's work on the development of scientific paradigms supports the idea that systematic observation and analysis transform subjective experiences into coherent frameworks reflecting objective reality.

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Explanation: Hawking's discussion on the role of scientific inquiry and technological advancements in expanding our understanding of the universe supports the claim that these tools help decode complex patterns and translate subjective perception into objective knowledge.

91Fibonacci Sequence and Universal Patterns:
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92 Interdisciplinary Insights and Universal Patterns:
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Explanation: Kauffman discusses how principles governing biological processes also apply to physical systems, supporting the recognition of universal patterns that reveal the intrinsic mathematical and biological nature of reality.

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Explanation: Benyus's work on biomimicry explains how biological patterns can inspire technological and societal innovations, supporting the idea of quantifying physical and conceptual things based on their functional patterns and biological correspondence.

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Explanation:

Ibn Sînâ (Avicenna) and Husserl's use of the microcosm/macrocosm analogy supports the assertion that human physiology can serve as a model to understand universal patterns. Avicenna's perspective aligns with the idea that individual beings reflect the larger cosmos, which is echoed in Husserl's phenomenology where the subjective experiences of individuals are seen as integral to comprehending broader realities. This philosophical approach corroborates the notion that the patterns within human physiology can indeed be used to quantify and understand the patterns in the world around us.

By integrating the microcosm/macrocosm analogy from Avicenna and Husserl, the passage strengthens the argument that ancient philosophies and modern sciences both recognize the interconnectedness of biological and universal patterns. This supports the broader claim that a biological framework underpins the mathematical structure of the universe, evidenced across various ancient religious and philosophical traditions.

97 Historical and Philosophical Evidence of Biological Patterns:
Reference: Upanishads. (n.d.). (Translated by S. Radhakrishnan). Oxford University Press. (Original work published between 800 BCE and 200 BCE).
Explanation: The Upanishads discuss the concepts of Atman and Brahman, which can be interpreted as early understandings of biological and universal patterns, aligning with the idea that ancient philosophies recognized these patterns.

98 Atman and Brahman in the Upanishads:
Reference: The Upanishads (translated by S. Radhakrishnan), Oxford University Press.
Explanation: The Upanishads describe Atman (the individual soul) and Brahman (the ultimate reality) as fundamentally interconnected, reflecting the idea that individual physiological patterns can help understand universal patterns. The Chandogya Upanishad's phrase "Tat Tvam Asi" ("Thou Art That") emphasizes this unity.

99 Pnimiyut and Chitzoniyut in Judaism:
Reference: Williams, R. (2010). "Kabbalah: Revealing Pnimiyut and Chitzoniyut's Mystical Insights". PhilPapers.
Explanation: In Kabbalah, Pnimiyut (inner dimension) and Chitzoniyut (outer dimension) reflect the internal and external aspects of existence, akin to biological patterns within the universe. These mystical concepts align with the understanding of a biological framework in the universe.

100 Batin and Zahir in Islam:
Reference: Chittick, W. C. (2005). "The Essence of Islamic Mysticism: Fons Vitae". Fons Vitae.
Explanation: Batin (hidden) and Zahir (apparent) in Islamic mysticism represent the inner and outer realities of existence, paralleling the biological and mathematical patterns that define the universe—particularly the objective biologically patterned reality (hidden) and subjective reality (apparent).

101 Panentheism:
Reference: Clayton, P., & Peacocke, A. (2004). "In Whom We Live and Move and Have Our Being: Panentheistic Reflections on God's Presence in a Scientific World". Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing.
Explanation: Panentheism posits that the divine pervades all parts of the universe and extends beyond it, supporting the idea of interconnected biological and mathematical patterns governing existence.

102 Emanationism:
Reference: Lloyd, G. E. R. (1991). "Methods and Problems in Greek Science: Selected Papers". Cambridge University Press.
Explanation: Emanationism suggests that all things flow from a primary source, paralleling the idea of a universal biological "parent-pattern." This concept aligns with the idea that all things emerge from a fundamental pattern.

103 Genesis 1:27 and John Paul II's Theology of The Body:
Reference: Pope John Paul II. (2006). "Theology of the Body: Human Love in the Divine Plan". Pauline Books & Media.
Explanation: The quote from Genesis 1:27 can be reinterpreted to reflect the idea that humans are created in the pattern of the universe. John Paul II's Theology of The Body emphasizes that the human body reveals deeper truths about the nature of God

104 Richard Feynman's "Cataclysm Sentence":
Reference: Feynman, R. P. (1988). "What Do You Care What Other People Think?: Further Adventures of a Curious Character". W. W. Norton & Company.
Explanation: Feynman's "cataclysm sentence" suggests that if all scientific knowledge were to be lost, a single sentence could encapsulate the key concepts to rebuild. This idea supports the notion that ancient knowledge was communicated to guide future civilizations.

105 Mahabhrata.
Reference Pertaining to the Mahabharata:

The Mahabharata, one of ancient India's greatest epics, contains numerous references to advanced technologies and devastating events that suggest the existence of advanced civilizations which might have experienced cataclysmic falls. For instance, the ruins of Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, contemporary to the period described in the Mahabharata, indicate the sudden and unexplained disappearance of these highly developed societies. The Mahabharata itself describes advanced weapons and flying machines (vimanas), and some interpretations suggest it documents events akin to a nuclear catastrophe, which might have led to the downfall of an advanced civilization .

These narratives support the idea that ancient civilizations had profound knowledge, possibly disseminated to subsequent societies as they crumbled, echoing Richard Feynman's notion of preserving essential scientific knowledge to rebuild civilization after a catastrophe.

Explanation for How it Applies to the Passage:

This reference to the Mahabharata and its descriptions of advanced technology and cataclysmic events aligns with the idea that ancient civilizations possessed sophisticated knowledge. This knowledge could have been passed down through metaphors and allegories in religious and philosophical texts as these civilizations faced destruction. The suggestion that our understanding of the biological and mathematical frameworks of the universe might be rooted in ancient wisdom aligns with the broader narrative of the passage, which discusses how historical and religious insights can help modern science uncover the fundamental patterns of reality.

106 Erich von Däniken:
Reference: von Däniken, E. (1968). "Chariots of the Gods?: Unsolved Mysteries of the Past". Putnam Publishing Group.
Explanation: This book is one of the seminal works that popularized the ancient astronaut theory, suggesting that extraterrestrial beings visited Earth in ancient times and influenced human civilization.

107 Zecharia Sitchin:
Reference: Sitchin, Z. (1976). "The 12th Planet". HarperCollins.
Explanation: Sitchin's works build on the ancient astronaut theory by interpreting ancient Sumerian texts to suggest that the gods described in these texts were actually astronauts from another planet.

108 Giorgio A. Tsoukalos:
Reference: Tsoukalos, G. A. (Host). (2010-present). "Ancient Aliens" [TV series]. History Channel.
Explanation: This television series explores various aspects of the ancient astronaut theory, presenting evidence and arguments for extraterrestrial influence on ancient human civilizations.

109 Peter Kolosimo:
Reference: Kolosimo, P. (1969). "Not of This World". Berkley Publishing Group.
Explanation: Kolosimo's book is another early work that discusses the possibility of ancient extraterrestrial visits and their impact on human history and mythology.

110 Graham Hancock:
Reference: Hancock, G. (1995). "Fingerprints of the Gods: The Evidence of Earth's Lost Civilization". Crown.
Explanation: Although not strictly about ancient astronauts, Hancock's work explores the idea of advanced ancient civilizations that could have had E with extraterrestrial beings.

111 Reference: Suazo, M., et al. (2023). Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.
Explanation: Recent astronomical surveys have identified dozens of stars exhibiting unusual infrared radiation that could suggest the presence of Dyson spheres—hypothetical megastructures built by advanced civilizations to harness a star's energy. Two separate studies have highlighted these potential candidates. One study identified seven M-dwarf stars within 900 light-years of Earth showing significant infrared excess, indicative of partial Dyson spheres or Dyson swarms. Another study found 53 additional candidates, including sun-like stars up to 6,500 light-years away, all showing similar unexplained infrared emissions.

These observations were made using data from the Gaia spacecraft, NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE), and the Two Micron All-Sky Survey (2MASS). The infrared excess observed in these stars cannot be easily explained by known natural phenomena, prompting further investigation into the possibility of artificial origins. Follow-up observations with advanced instruments like the James Webb Space Telescope are necessary to confirm these findings and explore the potential existence of such advanced extraterrestrial technologies .

112 Anima Mundi
Reference: Plato. Timaeus. In Plato: Complete Works, edited by John M. Cooper and D.S. Hutchinson, translated by Donald J. Zeyl, 1224-1291. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 1997.
Explanation: Anima Mundi, or the “World Soul,” posits that the universe is a living entity imbued with a soul or spirit that animates and connects all things. This concept supports the idea of an interconnected cosmos governed by universal principles, aligning with the modern notion of a biological framework for a mathematical universe. The parallels between biological systems and cosmic phenomena highlight the systemic and coherent nature of the universe, reflecting the ancient philosophical vision of a unified, living cosmos.

113 Theosophy
Reference: Blavatsky, H. P. (1888). The Secret Doctrine: The Synthesis of Science, Religion, and Philosophy. Theosophical Publishing Company.
Explanation: Theosophy is a spiritual and philosophical movement that synthesizes insights from science, religion, and philosophy to uncover universal truths about the universe and human existence. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of all life and the unity of spiritual and material realms. This concept supports the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by highlighting the systemic and unified nature of existence. Theosophy’s emphasis on underlying esoteric wisdom parallels the search for universal mathematical principles that govern both biological and cosmic phenomena, fostering an integrated understanding of the universe.

114 Ahimsa
Reference: Mahatma Gandhi. (1929). The Story of My Experiments with Truth. Navajivan Trust.
Explanation: Ahimsa, a principle of non-violence and respect for all living beings, is central to various Indian religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism. It emphasizes the interconnectedness and intrinsic value of all life forms. This principle aligns with the modern idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by underscoring the interconnectedness and mutual respect necessary for the harmony of all living systems. Ahimsa’s holistic view of life encourages a perspective that sees all biological entities as part of a greater, interconnected whole, resonating with the systemic nature of both biological and cosmic phenomena.

115 Animism
Reference: Tylor, E. B. (1871). Primitive Culture: Researches Into the Development of Mythology, Philosophy, Religion, Language, Art, and Custom. John Murray.
Explanation: Animism is the belief that all objects, places, and creatures possess a distinct spiritual essence. It posits that everything in the universe, including inanimate objects and natural phenomena, is alive and interconnected. This concept supports the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by emphasizing the interconnectedness and intrinsic vitality of all elements within the cosmos. Animism’s holistic view suggests that recognizing the spiritual and life-like qualities in all things can foster a deeper understanding of the systemic and unified nature of the universe, resonating with modern scientific principles that highlight interconnected biological and cosmic patterns.

116 Circled-Dot Symbol
Reference: Jung, C. G. (1952). *Aion: Researches into the Phenomenology of the Self*. Princeton University Press.
Explanation: The circled-dot (⊙), known as the "circumpunct" or "point within a circle," is an ancient symbol used in various cultures, including ancient Greek philosophy, to represent concepts such as the sun, the divine, and the self. In a modern context, this symbol can be interpreted as representing a cellular entity or pattern, reflecting the fundamental structure of biological life. The circled-dot’s representation of a central point within an encompassing boundary aligns with the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe, symbolizing the core principles and interconnectedness of life at both the cellular and cosmic levels. This ancient symbol encapsulates the notion of a unified entity governed by universal patterns, bridging ancient philosophical concepts with contemporary scientific understanding.

117 Monad Symbolized by a Circled Dot
Reference: Mead, G. R. S. (1906). The Theology of Arithmetic. The Theosophical Publishing Society.
Explanation: The monad, especially in Pythagorean philosophy, is symbolized by a circled dot (⊙), representing the beginning, the indivisible unity, and the source of all numbers and forms. This symbol, known as the circumpunct, signifies the monad as the primary element from which all existence originates and is organized.

The circled dot can also be seen as an analogy for a cellular entity. In biology, a cell is often depicted as a nucleus (dot) surrounded by cytoplasm within a membrane (circle). This representation mirrors the monad’s symbol, illustrating the idea that fundamental units (whether cells in biology or monads in philosophy) are the building blocks of more complex systems. This analogy supports the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by emphasizing the interconnectedness and unity underlying all phenomena. Just as cells function as the basic units of life, monads are considered the core building blocks of reality. This alignment underscores the notion that universal principles and patterns govern both biological and cosmic systems, highlighting the systemic and coherent nature of the universe.

118 Stoic Physics
Reference: Long, A. A., & Sedley, D. N. (1987). The Hellenistic Philosophers, Volume 1: Translations of the Principal Sources with Philosophical Commentary. Cambridge University Press.

Explanation: Stoic physics is a fundamental aspect of Stoic philosophy, which posits that the universe is a single, interconnected, and living entity governed by a rational principle known as the Logos. According to Stoic physics, everything in the cosmos is composed of two principles: the active principle (Logos or God) and the passive principle (matter). These principles ensure the orderly and rational nature of the universe, where all events occur according to divine reason and natural law.

This concept aligns with the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by emphasizing the interconnectedness and rational organization of all phenomena. Stoic physics highlights the systemic and coherent nature of the cosmos, akin to the biological systems where each part functions within the larger whole according to underlying principles. By recognizing these universal patterns and rational laws, both Stoic physics and the modern framework illustrate how the fundamental unity and organization of the universe can be understood through a combination of empirical observation and philosophical reasoning.

119 The Great Chain of Being
Reference: Lovejoy, A. O. (1936). The Great Chain of Being: A Study of the History of an Idea. Harvard University Press.

Explanation: The Great Chain of Being is a hierarchical structure that organizes all matter and life, often depicted as a linear progression from the simplest and most fundamental elements to the most complex and superior forms of existence. This concept, rooted in ancient and medieval philosophy, suggests that every entity in the universe has a specific place and function within a grand, divinely-ordered cosmos.

The Great Chain of Being aligns with the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by emphasizing the interconnectedness and hierarchical organization of all living and non-living things. Just as the Great Chain of Being represents a continuum of existence from the simplest to the most complex, the modern framework posits that biological patterns and mathematical principles govern the structure and behavior of the universe. This connection underscores the systemic and orderly nature of both biological and cosmic phenomena, reflecting the universal principles that ensure coherence and unity within the grand scheme of existence.

120 The Pentagram:
Reference: Lévi, É. (1861). Transcendental Magic: Its Doctrine and Ritual. Rider & Company.
Explanation: The pentagram, a five-pointed star often enclosed within a circle, has deep symbolic meaning in various esoteric traditions. According to Éliphas Lévi, a prominent 19th-century occultist, the "[The Pentagram] is "the sign of intellectual omnipotence and autocracy… It is the sign of the Word made flesh; The pentagram is the figure of the human body, having four limbs and the single point [at the top] representing the head." […] "the Pentagram is called the Sign of the Microcosm, and it represents what the Kabalists of the book of Zohar term the Microproposopus." […] "The complete comprehension of the Pentagram (i.e., Human body) is the key of the two worlds. It is absolute philosophy and natural science." —Eliphas Levi

Lévi's interpretation of the pentagram aligns with the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by emphasizing the interconnectedness and balance of all elements within a coherent system. The pentagram's depiction of both the microcosm (the individual) and the macrocosm (the universe) illustrates the notion that universal principles and patterns govern both biological systems and the cosmos. This connection highlights the systemic and ordered nature of the universe, where mathematical principles ensure harmony and unity across different levels of existence. The pentagram serves as a symbolic reflection of these underlying principles, reinforcing the idea of an interconnected and harmonious universe governed by universal laws.

121 Principle of Correspondence:
Reference: The Kybalion. (1908). The Kybalion: A Study of the Hermetic Philosophy of Ancient Egypt and Greece. By Three Initiates. Yogi Publication Society.
Explanation: The Principle of Correspondence is one of the seven Hermetic principles described in The Kybalion. It states, "As above, so below; as below, so above," emphasizing the idea that there is harmony, agreement, and correspondence between different planes of existence – the macrocosm (the universe) and the microcosm (the individual). This principle suggests that patterns and laws that govern the higher planes of reality also apply to the lower planes, creating a coherent and interconnected structure throughout the cosmos.

This principle supports the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by highlighting the interconnectedness and systemic nature of all phenomena. It suggests that the same mathematical principles and patterns observed in biological systems can be applied to understand the behavior and structure of the cosmos. The Principle of Correspondence underscores the notion that universal laws govern both the microcosm and macrocosm, reflecting the orderly and unified nature of the universe. This alignment between different levels of existence provides a foundation for understanding the coherence and harmony observed in both biological and cosmic phenomena.

122 Namaste
Reference: Feuerstein, G. (2003). The Deeper Dimension of Yoga: Theory and Practice. Shambhala Publications.
Explanation: The word "Namaste" is derived from Sanskrit and is a common greeting in India and Nepal. It is composed of two parts: "namas" meaning "bow" or "obeisance" and "te" meaning "to you." Thus, "Namaste" translates to "I bow to you." In a deeper, more spiritual context, it is often interpreted to mean "the divine in me honors the divine in you," reflecting a recognition of the inherent divinity and interconnectedness in all individuals.

The meaning of "Namaste" aligns with the idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by emphasizing the interconnectedness and mutual respect among all beings. This greeting underscores the notion that each individual is part of a larger, interconnected whole, resonating with the systemic and unified nature of the universe. By recognizing the divine or the universal essence in each other, "Namaste" reflects the principles of harmony and unity that are foundational to understanding the coherence and interconnectedness observed in both biological systems and the cosmos.

123. “Know Thyself”
Reference: Plato. Protagoras. In Plato: Complete Works, edited by John M. Cooper and D.S. Hutchinson, translated by Stanley Lombardo and Karen Bell, 746-790. Hackett Publishing Company, 1997.
Explanation: The phrase “Know Thyself” (Greek: γνῶθι σεαυτόν, gnōthi seauton) is one of the Delphic maxims inscribed in the forecourt of the Temple of Apollo at Delphi. This aphorism, widely attributed to various ancient Greek sages including Socrates, emphasizes the importance of self-awareness and understanding one’s own nature, strengths, limitations, and purpose.

Connecting “Know Thyself” to a Modern Biological Framework for a Mathematical Universe: The ancient principle of “Know Thyself” aligns with the modern idea of a biological framework for a mathematical universe by underscoring the interconnectedness between individual understanding and universal knowledge. Here’s how:

Self-Awareness as a Microcosm: Just as “Know Thyself” encourages individuals to understand their own nature and place within the world, a biological framework for a mathematical universe emphasizes understanding the fundamental patterns and principles that govern biological entities. Recognizing these patterns within oneself can provide insights into the larger cosmic order.

Interconnectedness of Microcosm and Macrocosm: The principle suggests that by understanding oneself (the microcosm), one can gain knowledge about the universe (the macrocosm). This mirrors the idea that the same mathematical principles and patterns that govern biological systems also apply to the cosmos. Understanding the patterns in individual biological entities can thus help explain broader universal phenomena.

Systemic Nature of Knowledge: Both “Know Thyself” and the biological framework for a mathematical universe highlight the systemic and holistic nature of knowledge. They suggest that knowledge is not fragmented but interconnected, with insights at the individual level contributing to a greater understanding of the whole system.

Empirical and Philosophical Inquiry: The quest for self-knowledge in ancient philosophy parallels the modern scientific endeavor to uncover universal laws through the study of biological and cosmic patterns. Both approaches value empirical observation and philosophical reasoning as means to achieve a deeper understanding of existence.

In essence, “Know Thyself” can be seen as an early expression of the idea that understanding fundamental principles within oneself can lead to a broader comprehension of universal laws, reflecting the interconnected and systemic nature of both individual and cosmic phenomena.

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> Explanation: The amplituhedron, with its geometric structure and fundamental patterns of interaction, could be viewed as the parent biological pattern (similar to an fertilized ovum) from which all other biological patterns emerge. By providing a unified framework for understanding the fundamental interactions in quantum field theory, it encapsulates the essential principles of connectivity and symmetry that underpin biological systems. This geometric approach reflects the inherent order and structure observed in biological entities, suggesting that the principles governing particle interactions at a quantum level also influence the organization and function of biological patterns .

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> Explanation: Assembly theory is a relatively new framework that provides insights into how complex structures, including living organisms, can emerge from simpler, inorganic materials. It focuses on the concept of “assembly spaces” and the idea that complex structures can be understood as the result of a series of simpler assembly steps, which can be traced back to their origins.
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> In essence, assembly theory proposes that the complexity of a structure is determined by the number of steps required to assemble it from basic building blocks. This approach allows for a quantifiable measure of complexity and can help explain how life-like structures can form from non-living matter. The theory emphasizes the role of stochastic processes and the accumulation of functional complexity over time, which can lead to the emergence of life from inorganic material through natural processes.

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