

## The World, Life/Consciousness, and Value

### Abstract

This paper explores the essence of the World and the essence of Life/Consciousness. Then derives from them the highest principles of value judgment and a series of ethics, providing a theoretical basis for guiding our future actions. Lastly, I further expand the conclusion. Furthermore, the source of beauty and art are also explored. The essence of the World consists of three aspects: 1. Existence, 2. Not nothingness, 3. Difference/Change. The essence of Life/Consciousness includes four aspects: 1. Has the distinction of "self" and "non-self". 2. Has the change of the "new self" and the "old self". 3. Pursues to maintain "self". 4. Pursue turning "non-self" into "self". Life and consciousness are completely identical. is the norm of the World. The pursuit of "Difference/Change" is the principle of the World. Beauty and art originate from the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness. The highest principle of value judgment for Life/Consciousness actions is that they should contribute to the growth of "Difference/Change". Ethics are inherent in Life /Consciousness. Low-level Life/Consciousness species have inherent rights. In the end, I argue that all of Life/Consciousness is a whole, which is also the consciousness or will of the World. Through the cognition of Life/Consciousness, the World achieves self-cognition and finally self-expansion.

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This paper starts from the most basic starting point to explore basic concepts such as Life/Consciousness, the World, and Value. And only focus on the most core and essential concepts and facts for discussion.

### **1.The Essence of the World**

Here, the World refers to the entire World, the entire universe. When we contemplate the essence of the World, we consider the whole World as a complete entity, disregarding the intricacies within it. And there are no prior theories and restrictions.

Therefore, at this moment, there are only two entities: us—the thinkers, and the World. To put it more fundamentally, at this moment, there are only two entities: us—the perceivers, and the World.

Therefore, at this moment, the first thing we can be absolutely sure of is that: the World exists, and a World that contains us exists.

This can be strongly argued from two aspects. First, Descartes' "Cogito, ergo sum" (I think, therefore I am) has successfully proven the existence of the World. Because we are thinking/we are perceiving, there exists an entity of "we are thinking/we are perceiving". Thus, the World exists. I believe this is a perfect argument. Second, any assertion that denies the existence of the World is untenable. Because the denial itself constitutes an existence, thus, the assertion of this denial self-refutes.

The World exists, can be expressed in two equally important essence expressions: 1. The World exists. 2. The World is not nothingness.

The enumeration of the above two points is necessary and inevitable. Nothingness is the

opposite of existence, and the concept of existence arises alongside the concept of nothingness. Just as the existence of the World is argued, what is also being argued is whether the World is nothingness.

From 1. The World exists and 2. The World is not nothingness. The concept "difference" arises in conjunction; existence is different from nothingness. Therefore, "difference" is inherent in the existence of the World.

Now we have the third essence inherent in the World: Difference.

Difference doesn't just exist from the beginning. In the development of the World, it is constantly and critically shaping the World. In space, there are differences everywhere in the World. This part of the World is always different from another part of the World. In terms of time, at every moment, the World is different from the previous moment. The World is not static in time, but every moment is different.

In terms of time, the difference can be called equivalently: change.

The most authentic proof that the World is changing all the time is our thinking. Our thinking at this moment is the most solid and real existence, the existence in the World that we can grasp most and first. Imagine that the thinking at this moment (no matter what kind of question it is about), at the next moment, the thinking "at this moment" will be 1. There is a certain answer. 2. There is no answer. But whether it is 1 or 2, the thinking of "that moment" is different from the thinking of "this moment", because the thinking of "this moment" is based on the premise that the "thinking of this moment" has not happened, and the thinking of "that moment" is based on the premise that "thinking at this moment" has already happened. The thinking "at that moment" is therefore different from the thinking "at this moment". That is to say, thinking at this moment and at that

moment is the inherent difference.

Therefore, "thinking" exists, "change" exists. And thinking is contained in the World, so "change" is an inherent essence of the World. There may be doubts: Even if thinking exists at this moment, it cannot be ruled out that there will be a moment when all thinkers do not exist. Will the World turn into a World without change? A compelling answer to this doubt is that the existence of thinking in the current moment is an undeniable fact that cannot be erased by any future moment.

Now, we arrive at the following aspects of essence inherent in the World:

1. Existence.
2. Not nothingness.
3. Difference/Change.

It can also be said that the "World" is already well defined: an existent, non-nothingness, differentiated/changing entity.

## **2.The essence of Life/Consciousness**

It may have already been noticed that I use the expression "Life/Consciousness." Yes, I believe that Life and Consciousness are two completely equivalent concepts. Life is Consciousness, and Consciousness is Life. Consciousness and Life are inseparable. There is no Consciousness without Life, and there is no Life without Consciousness. An explanation of this will be provided later.

Life/Consciousness refers to an individual entity, does not refer to being a part of any other Life/Consciousness entity.

When thinking about Life/Consciousness, the first premise to be noted is that Life/Consciousness exists in the World. Therefore, we must consider the essence of the World. We will see that the essence of Life/Consciousness and the essence of the World are closely related and

support each other.

At the same time, when addressing the issue of Life/Consciousness within the World, we are also raising the question of its opposite, which is non-Life/non-Consciousness. Contemplating the essence of life/consciousness is contemplating the boundaries and distinctions between Life/Consciousness and non-Life/non-Consciousness. I will explore these questions through comparison: What is Life/Consciousness? What is the essential difference between Life/Consciousness entities and non-Life/non-Consciousness entities such as stones, air, plastic, or cars?

First, Life/Consciousness is bounded and finite, thus there exists a distinction between this Life/Consciousness and non-this Life/Consciousness in the World. That is, Life/Consciousness possesses the distinction between the self and the non-self.

This is the first essence of Life/Consciousness: 1. Life/Consciousness has the distinction of "self" and "non-self".

Second, Life/Consciousness is active, not static. It is different from moment to moment, that is, changing. It is important to note that this change of Life/Consciousness is not a transition from "self" to "non-self," but rather a transformation from the current state to the subsequent state within the realm of "self." It is a change between the "new self" and the "old self".

This is the second essence of Life/Consciousness : 2. Life/Consciousness has the change of the "new self" and the "old self".

Third, Life/Consciousness has a inherent tendency to maintain its own existence, or one might say a need or a pursuit. If a Life/Consciousness entity has no tendency to maintain its own existence, then it is indistinguishable from non-Life/Consciousness entities. This is the most

significant distinction between Life/Consciousness entities and non-Life/Consciousness entities.

This is the third nature of Life/Consciousness : 3. Life/Consciousness pursues to maintain "self".

Fourth, Now we know 3. Life/Consciousness pursues to maintain "self"; then consider 2. Life/Consciousness has the change of the "new self" and the "old self". Therefore, Life/Consciousness maintains its own existence, which is not a static "remaining in its original state". While maintaining its own existence, it is still changing all the time. At the same time, 1. Life/Consciousness has the distinction of "self" and "non-self", that is, for any Life/Consciousness, the World is the Life/Consciousness and the non-Life/Consciousness. The change of Life/Consciousness also cause change of non-Life/Consciousness. Combining these 3, 2, and 1 points, we can get an expression: Life/Consciousness causes the change of "non-self" while pursuing the maintenance of "self". Based on this expression, let us consider that Life/Consciousness has the characteristics of self-replication and reproduction. Self-replication and reproduction are undeniable a kind of expansion, the expansion of "self". Can this expansion come out of nothing? Can it come without involving "non-self"? The scientific theories of matter conservation and energy conservation tell us that it cannot. The expansion of "self" inevitably leads to the reduction of "non-self". This is the erosion and transformation of the "non-self" by the "self" of Life/Consciousness.

This is the fourth essence of Life/Consciousness: 4. Pursue turning "non-self" into "self".

So far, we have got the essence of Life/Consciousness :

1. Has the distinction of "self" and "non-self".
2. Has the change of the "new self" and the "old self".
3. Pursues to maintain "self".

4. Pursue turning "non-self" into "self".

It can also be said that the "Life/Consciousness" is already well defined: it has the distinction of "self" and "non-self", has the change of the "new self" and the "old self", pursues to maintain "self", and pursues turning "non-self" into "self".

### **3.Life Is Consciousness, and Consciousness Is Life.**

There may be doubts, will all living beings be aware of the distinction between "self" and "non-self"? Is it that all living beings will consciously pursue to maintain "self"? Will all living beings consciously seek to turn "non-self" into "self"? Are these conscious actions of all living beings? Isn't it only human beings who have the above activities of "advanced consciousness", "advanced thought" and "advanced pursuit"? Even in human beings, isn't it only a few wise(Quixotic) persons who have these thoughts and cognitions? Could it be an orangutan, a dolphin, a crow, a dog or a cat, a pig, a fish; even a tree, a grass; or even a bacterium, the simplest and lowest single-cell life. Will they all have such awareness? Are these all conscious actions on their part?

I argue that the answer is yes. Every living being is aware of the distinction between "self" and "non-self", consciously seeks to maintain "self", and consciously seeks to turn "non-self" into "self". Unless it is not a living being.

Apart from all the descriptions of subjective intentionality, we also need to face the objective fact that all life has the phenomenon of maintaining its own existence, and all life has the phenomenon of replicating itself, reproducing itself, which is the expanding itself. If it isn't a conscious act of life. If this is not an autonomous and directed behavior of life. Then what is it?

Is it due to the objective rules of the World itself (various laws discovered by scientific theories, such as the law of gravitation, laws of motion, relativity, quantum mechanics,

thermodynamics, and so on)? Obviously, quite the opposite. Rather than saying that the behavior of living beings is based on the arrangement of objective rules, it is better to say that the behavior of living beings is trying to get rid of the restrictions of objective rules.

Is it due to pure randomness? Every behavior of every living being has no subjective direction and no purpose. Just purely random behavior. It just shows from the results that all living beings happen to have the phenomenon of maintaining and expanding its own existence. Such an explanation is totally untenable and meaningless.

Is it due to a hidden hand, a certain existence behind it? All the behaviors of all living beings are the arrangement of this existence. All the behaviors of all living beings are not out of the autonomous, directional subjective will, but the manipulation of the existence. All living beings are like marionettes, a toy without autonomy or intention. Such an explanation is meaningless too. It is a disregard for phenomenons of living beings.

The fact that all living beings have the phenomenon of maintaining and expanding their existence. It clearly and firmly points to a unique fact: all living beings have subjective autonomy and subjective direction. That is, all living beings have consciousness. More precisely, life and consciousness are completely identical. There is no life without consciousness, and there is no consciousness without life. Life is consciousness and consciousness is life. This is why I use the phrase Life/Consciousness.

After formulating the main point of this paper, when looking for comparison materials, I was very confused that the basic fact of life = consciousness has not been recognized by the mainstream (whether in the philosophical or scientific circles). However, I am encouraged to see that more and more people agree that all living beings is conscious, especially people in the scientific community,



who study cell biology.

For the opposite point of view. All objections to a unified term for the subjective states of man and other life, in sum, are to varying degrees that consciousness is hierarchical. Some kinds of consciousness are called wisdom, thinking, rationality, etc; some are called intelligence; some are called feeling, perception, perception etc; some are called instinct, unconscious, etc. Divide consciousness into various dazzling levels and titles. The highest level must be humans, called wise, thoughtful, and rational, etc. The next level is cute cats and dogs, and dolphins and orangutans which are difficult to deny that they have brains, called intelligence. Birds, fish, and insects that cannot speak, sing, dance, or gesture are called sentient beings. After all, they do flop a few times when they are killed. The lowest level is flowers, trees, bacteria Microorganisms that do not exhibit visible reactions (or reactions that are hard to perceive), and have no way to prove that they are conscious, are called unconscious and instinctive living being. If it weren't for the fact that they do can die, they might all be expelled from our family of advanced living beings groups.

In the philosophical considerations of the World, Life, and non-Life, human life is not special compared to single-cell life. Logically, there is no reason at all to give human life a separate status. Of course, I do not deny that human life should be given an appropriate degree of special status when conducting philosophical considerations within life (after all, human life now occupies the top position of life wisdom). However, when we make an overall philosophical consideration of life, we should not be blinded by our own identity of human life.

Just as Einstein and Newton would not and have no right to think that they are not the same species as a three-year-old child, just as we will not and cannot deny that primitive humans are our distant ancestors. We also have no reason to classify a single-celled life as unconscious, just because

it does not express or exhibit emotions that can be understood by human life.

The fact that all life strives to maintain and expand its existence establishes the important fact that all life possesses equal consciousness. It doesn't matter what we call the consciousness in Life/Consciousness. If we call human beings wise, it is equivalent to calling single-cell life wise. If we call human beings intelligent, it is equivalent to calling single-cell life intelligent. If we say that human beings have thoughts, it is equivalent to saying that single-cell life has thoughts. I believe that one day, people will finally readily accept this obvious fact: human life and single-cell life are completely equal in the existence of the subject status of Life/Consciousness.

**4. The Essence of the World And Life/Consciousness Is Closely corresponding and consistent.**

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|------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| The World              | W1.<br>Existence                                  | W2.<br>Not nothingness                                   | W3.<br>Difference/Change        |  |
| Life/<br>Consciousness | L1. Has the distinction of "self" and "non-self". | L2. Has the change of the "new self" and the "old self". | L3. Pursues to maintain "self". | L4. Pursue turning "non-self" into "self". |

The essence of Life/Consciousness L1: Has the distinction of "self" and "non-self", corresponding to the essence of the World W1: Existence and W3: Difference/Change.

The essence of Life/Consciousness L2: Has the change of the "new self" and the "old self", corresponding to the essence of the World W3: Difference/Change.

The essence of Life/Consciousness L3: Pursues to maintain "self", corresponds to the essence of the World W1: Existence and W2: Not nothingness.

The essence of Life/Consciousness L4: Pursue turning "non-self" into "self", corresponds to

the essence of the World W1: Existence, W2: Not nothingness, and W3: Difference/Change.

The essence of the World W3: Difference/Change supported in essence of Life/Consciousness L1, L2, L4.

This illustrates the close correspondence between Life/Consciousness and the World at the essential level. It is often said that life is the miracle of the World. However, we now understand that life is also an inevitability of the World. The essence of Life/Consciousness is supported by the essence of the World. Conversely, the essence of the World is revealed in the essence of Life/Consciousness. The essence of the World is also fully and strongly supported in the essence of Life/Consciousness. In particular, the World feature W3: Difference/Change is supported.

The essence of the World and Life/Consciousness, and the close correspondence and alignment between the two, should serve as the core premise for all our philosophical considerations.

### **5.The Pursuit of "Difference/Change" Is The Principle of the World.**

Among the three aspects of essence of the World, "Difference/Change" is not only inherent in the World, but also necessary and essential for its existence.

We can make an assumption, assuming that the World exists, but there is no "Difference/Change" in the World (obviously, there is no Life/Consciousness): everything is chaotic, without distinction, without the concepts of "this" or "that"; everything would be static, without change, without the differentiation of moments. Just like the ultimate fate of the universe predicted by the hypothetical Heat Death of the Universe Theory. For such a World that "exists" without distinction, without change, without Life/Consciousness. Does it really still "exists"? Can such an "existing" World be independent of nothingness?

Therefore, without "Difference/Change", the World cannot be independent of "nothingness", that is, the World ceases to exist. It can be seen that "Difference/Change" is the necessary and essential cornerstone of the existence of the World. The more solid of "Difference/Change", the more solid the existence of the World. If "Difference/Change" is in jeopardy, the existence of the World is also in jeopardy.

Then, the following should be the principle of the World:

The World pursues "Difference/Change". The more Difference/Change, the better for the World. The less Difference/Change, the worse it is for the World.

#### **6. Beauty and Art Originate From the Essence of the World and Life/Consciousness .**

When we face natural landscapes and appreciate works of art such as literature, painting, music, and movies, etc; we often experience a profound sense of "beauty" . Even though we often don't know exactly what is so good about the work of art in front of us, we still feel "beauty", or feel that the work of art does have a profound "sense of art". Frequently, we are convinced that we don't understand and can't appreciate a certain work of art, yet at the same time we acknowledge the immense attraction and profound resonance it evokes.

Where does this sense of beauty, this artistic feeling, come from?

They originate from the essence of the World and the essence of Life/Consciousness.

The difference and comparison between "self" and "non-self" , "new self" and "old self". The transformation and change of "non-self" to "self", "old self" to "new self". The accommodation and absorption of "self" to "non-self" , "new self" to "old self". The interaction and collision of such things produce beauty and art. Moreover, works of art are the ultimate display of the Difference/Change essence of the World.

Works of art are created by Life/Consciousness beings , reflecting the essence of Life/Consciousness that the creator knows or does not know , and projecting onto other Life/Consciousness beings. Other beings,because they share the same essence of Life/Consciousness, experience a natural or subconscious attraction and identification.

At the same time, works of art, as the carrier with the most personality of the creator, are the most extreme and intuitive display of the elements of Difference/Change. Therefore, works of art elicit a clear or implicit attraction and recognition in any being because of displaying the World's Differences/Change essence.

The attraction originating from our own inherent essence of Life/Consciousness, as well as the attraction originating from the essence of the World, is so great and irresistible. Make each outstanding great work resonate with diverse individuals, travel through time and space, and stand proudly on the top of civilization.

**7.The Highest Value Judgment Principle for Life/Consciousness Actions Is to Promote The Growth of Differences/Change.**

Since the more Differences/Change, the better for the World. The highest judgment principle for Life/Consciousness actions is:

P: Promote the growth of Differences/Change.

The essence of our Life/Consciousness comes from the essence of the World , and the essence of Life/Consciousness gives complete and powerful support to the World's Differences/Change essence. Therefore, when we measure ethical standards, make ethical judgments, and especially consider relevant feasibility, we have this precaution:

P': Continuous special attention should be paid to the four aspects of essence of

Life/Consciousness .

## **8. There Is Ethics in Life/Consciousness , Which Is Inherent In the Essence of the World and Life/Consciousness .**

### **8.1. The "Self-Interested" and "Altruistic" of Life/Consciousness Come From The Four Aspects of Essence of Life/Consciousness .**

Throughout history, there has been controversy about whether the nature of Life/Consciousness is "self-interested" or "altruistic". Some ancient Chinese scholars believed that "human nature is inherently evil", while others believed that "human nature is inherently good". Now, the vast majority of consensus is that Life/Consciousness has both "self-interested" and "altruistic" qualities. But the explanations for the origins of the altruistic nature vary is various. Some people believe that the altruistic nature is acquired from the actual needs and experience of survival. Some people believe that the altruistic nature is endowed and required by a transcendent divine subject. Some people believe that the altruistic nature comes from the intrinsic endowment of rationality itself.

Now after knowing the 4 aspects of essence of Life/Consciousness , we can affirm that all the tendencies of Life/Consciousness come from the 4 aspects of essence. Whether "self-interested" or "altruistic", or called "good" or "evil". All are derived from the 4 aspects of essence of Life/Consciousness.

Aspects of Essence: 1. Has the distinction of "self" and "non-self". 3. Pursues to maintain "self". 4. Pursue turning "non-self" into "self". These three aspects of essence are the source of the "self-interested" nature of Life/Consciousness. Without "self-interested" quality, Life/Consciousness cannot exist.

Aspects of Essence: 2. Has the change of the "new self" and the "old self". 3. Pursues to maintain "self". These two aspects of essence are the source of "altruistic" nature of Life/Consciousness.

The "new self" is distinct from the "old self" and represents the negation of the "old self" rather than the continuity of the "old self". Life/Consciousness undergoes the change of the "new self" and the "old self" while pursuing to maintain "self". Internally, Life/Consciousness evolves from an "old self" to a "non-old self". Externally, Life/Consciousness remains the subject of a same "self." Thus, it becomes evident that Life/Consciousness encompasses the accommodation of the "self" and the "non-self". This is the source of all altruistic nature of Life/Consciousness.

### **8.2. Why Is Pure "Self-Interested" Considered "Evil", and "Altruistic" Is Considered Good.**

Pure "self-interested", the act of pursuing one's own interests without considering the interests of others, is regarded as "evil".

This is not only because such behavior often results in significant harm and lessons learned throughout human civilization, highlighting the "evil" nature of pure self-interest. The more profound reason is that purely self-interested behavior directly contradicts the essence of Life/Consciousness L2, which involves the change of the "new self" and the "old self". Embracing pure self-interest as a guiding principle hinders and obstructs the individual's transformation from the "old self" to the "new self". It directly contradicts one of the core aspects of Life/Consciousness' existence. Therefore, pure self-interest, at a profound level, severely undermines the foundation of its own existence.

Consequently, at the core level of their essence, Life/Consciousness instinctively hate and abandon pure self-interest. As civilization progresses, it naturally categorizes it as an "evil."

On the other hand, altruistic behavior stems from the essence of Life/Consciousness,

attracting beings at their core essence and ultimately being classified as "good."

### **8.3.Ethics Is Inherent In The essence of the World and Life/Consciousness .**

Ethics is not set of rules or obligations that some mysterious or self-identified master forces us to obey. Ethics is not set of rules or obligations that we obey in order to be spiritually superior. Ethics is not our purely rational game calculations Then get the optimal solution.

On the one hand, no matter what kind of theories are based on, from ancient times to the present, most mainstream thinkers, philosophers, and wise people have all recognized the existence and necessity of ethics. This is a manifestation of our human civilization's unawareness of the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness. It demonstrates the pervasive and profound influence of the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness.

On the other hand, the foundations of the previous ethical theories all come from external source. Now we know that this is not accurate. For a long time, this has inevitably caused some people to develop the misconception that the basis of ethics is false, hypocritical, and unnecessary self-limitation.They believe that the most rational approach for Life/Consciousness individuals is to disregard all ethical considerations in their actions and solely pursue self-interest.They believe that behaviors that are purely self-interested are realistic.

But when we recognize the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness . We know that acts of pure self-interest deviate from the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness , are not in line with reality, and are destined to be illusory and foolish. This is why the seemingly ridiculous "goodness" altruistic behavior in history has continued and gradually established itself as the mainstream in the development of civilization. History often makes us feel that there is a kind of luck that favors us, making us lucky to be illuminated by the light of ethical civilization.



Now we know that it is not luck that illuminates us, but the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness. Ethics coexists with the World and is an inherent objective existence that we are born with. Ethics originates from our most fundamental and core essence and is acknowledged by us at the peak of our rationality.

### **9. Ethical Principles Determined According to The Highest Judgment Principle of Life/Consciousness**

#### **Actions .**

According to the highest judgment principle P, P' of Life/Consciousness actions, we can establish all specific ethical principles of Life/Consciousness. Examples are as follows.

#### **9.1. The Value of Life/Consciousness is Higher Than the Value of Non-Life/Consciousness.**

This is due to the remarkable support of aspects of essence Life/Consciousness L1, L2, L4 to principle P.

#### **9.2. The Value of Each Individual Life/Consciousness is Essentially The Same.**

This is because every individual Life/Consciousness has the same four aspects of essence, they all support principle P in the same essence.

Of course, we should also acknowledge that while emphasizing the premise that the value of each individual life/consciousness is fundamentally equal, there are differences in the value of life/consciousness among different species. If faced with a choice between a human Life/Consciousness individual and a single-celled Life/Consciousness individual, without a doubt, the human Life/Consciousness individual should be chosen.

This difference in value stems from that the human Life/Consciousness has greater Difference/Change degree to the World than the single-cell Life/Consciousness.

However, this kind of comparison also requires humility and awe. Where is the specific

boundary, maybe everyone and every era will have a different answer. But there is a very clear and inviolable red line: The value of any two individual Life/Consciousness within the same species is absolutely equal.

### **9.3. The Meaning and Value of Life/Consciousness is the Existence of Life/Consciousness Itself .**

The existence of Life/Consciousness itself is the meaning of its existence . The existing Life/Consciousness individual itself is the value of the life/conscious individual. Life/Consciousness has inherent meaning and value because of its existence.

### **9.4. Freedom Comes From the Essence of the World. Free Will Exists, and Free Will is Synonymous with Life/Consciousness.**

What is freedom? Freedom is to act according to the intention of the being, instead of following the requirements outside the being. Obviously, the different actions of different beings with different intentions have a higher degree of Difference/Change than the same action of different beings but the same intention. Therefore, the essence of the World demands freedom. Lack of freedom goes against the essence of the World. In other words, free will exists, and free will is synonymous with Life/Consciousness.

As the saying goes, "Freedom is an unalienable human right" . Now we can understand that the "unalienable" refers to the essence of the World. More accurately, freedom is fundamentally not a right but a fact and requirement inherent in the essence of the World. We don't need to beg the mercy of any subject to give us freedom, or to give us a reason to be free.

Our being is inherently free. This is the unshakable support and fact that the World gives to Life/Consciousness, independent of any preferences or emotions.

### **9.5. The Criterion for Judging Order is Freedom.**

Because freedom is the requirement of the essence of the World. Therefore, the existence value of order lies in the protection of freedom. Suppose a certain order does not arise from any guarantee of freedom. For example, the order is formulated only out of considerations of history, culture, customs, or the pure preference of a certain subject. It only produces the consequences of uniform behavioral norms, and does not produce any benefits of freedom protection. In this case, the order does not provide any guarantee for the degree of Difference/Change. And the very essence of order, which is a consistent pattern of behavior by different entities, acts against Difference/Change. Therefore, this hypothetical order will completely violate the essential requirements of the World and have no value at all.

The value of order comes from freedom, more directly, from the requirements of the essence of the World Difference/Change. Based on this, we can draw very directly where the boundaries of order lie. The following are just and reasonable order guidelines. For the sake of focused discussion and brevity, the following only refers to the order of human Life/Consciousness.

No individual should initiate any harm to any other individual. No individual should act solely with the intent to harm any other individual.

No individual shall initiate an act that impairs or restricts the freedom of any other individual, except for the purpose of safeguarding freedom and that freedom is not less than the restricted freedom of an individual described above. No individual should act solely with the intent to impair the freedom of any other individual.

No individual should take the initiative to harm any other individual's free ability and material basis. No individual should act solely with the intent to harm the freedom and material basis of any other individual.

Disposal guidelines for violations of order: For the disposal of individuals who violate order, corresponding restrictions should be imposed to prevent them from damaging the overall freedom again. That is, the disposition is not based on any grounds of retaliation, reciprocity, or punishment. That is, the disposal is not based on any consequences that have occurred, but is entirely based on the consideration of the Difference/Change degree of the future World.

## **10.The Guidance Given by the Essence of the World and Life/Consciousness to the Species Collective.**

### **10.1.The Essence of the World and Life/Consciousness Provides the Fundamental Basis for the Rights And Interests of Lower-level Life/Consciousness Groups .**

When it is considered that the ethics of the rules of conduct regarding Life/Consciousness come from external requirements, this will have the meaning of power. This leads to the belief that the rights and interests of lower-level civilizations, species, and life/consciousness have no basis when confronted with higher-level civilizations, species, and life/consciousness. The rights and interests of low-level subjects can only exist by relying on the mercy, restraint, and self-sacrifice of high-level subjects. The low-level subject should beg and be grateful for the gift of the high-level subject. This is completely wrong.

As mentioned earlier, ethics is inherent in the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness. Therefore, the inherent rights and interests of any individual or any form of Life/Consciousness are also inherent in the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness.

This is the foundation for the rights and interests for any individual or any form of Life/Consciousness, regardless of whether it faces other higher-level forms . Due to the high-level Life/Consciousness, there are also ethics inherent in the essence of the World and

Life/Consciousness. This constitutes an inherent requirement for higher Life/Consciousness. This breaks the restriction that the lower Life/Consciousness must be limited to the higher Life/Consciousness due to its own ability.

**10.2. Recognizing and Acting In Accordance with The essence of the World and Life/Consciousness is The Self-reliance of Every Life/Consciousness Civilization Group In the Face of Other Higher Life/Consciousness Civilization Groups In The Process of Development From Low to High.**

No matter how much the higher Life/Consciousness civilization group obeys the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness. For relatively low-level life/conscious civilization groups, the way to better protect their own survival rights is as follows:

The first is to recognize the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness . Only in this way can they recognize the basis and value of their own existence.

The second is to act according to the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness.

Follow the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness , follow the ethical principles inherent in the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness. Respect the World; respect the rights of relatively lower Life/Consciousness groups, and refrain from infringing upon the rights of other Life/Consciousness groups due to powerful abilities and the absence of external limitations. I believe that when we encounter higher-level Life/Consciousness civilization groups in the future, this will be an important reference to determine the treatment we will receive.

If Life/Consciousness has original sin. The original sin is: born with the essence of the World and itself , act with ignorance of the essence, deviated from the essence in the state of unawareness. This is the only sin which the World judges us, and we judge ourselves.

**10.3. How to Treat the Lower Life/Consciousness Groups Who Have Not Recognized the Essence of**

**the World and Life/Consciousness.**

On the one hand, for these lower lives/consciousnesses, their rights need to be protected. On the other hand, due to their lack of awareness of the essence, their actions are harmful to the World and other lives/consciousnesses, at least there is a risk of damage. Therefore, there are two opposite considerations and trade-offs in how to treat lower Life/Consciousness. Ensuring protection and imposing limitations, both aspects are indispensable..

On the one hand, what we need to consider is whether the limitations adopted are necessary? Will it cause obstacles to the evolution of the Life/Consciousness group to a higher level? Would the rights and interests of the group have been unduly compromised? On the other hand, we also need to consider whether too few limitations are enough? Is the free evolution of the Life/Consciousness group out of balance, and will it possess the capacity to damage the World and higher groups before it recognize the essence?

It is necessary and urgent to engage in serious and in-depth discussions on this. We are witnessing rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, which we ourselves have invented and cultivated. It is crucial for us to seriously consider the possibility that AI may become a form of Life/Consciousness in the near future. We should plan ahead and contemplate how we should coexist with it, or even guide it in learning to coexist with us, in order to achieve mutual understanding and harmony.

Especially, the AI Life/Consciousness (if it is really born in the future) is born based on the experiences, lessons, and entire history of human. We need to consider a question: whether there are so many, so repeated, and so heavy dark sides in human history, will it give the AI Life/Consciousness a strong wrong conclusion that Life/Consciousness should pursue extreme evil

and selfishness in order to better survive in this cruel World? We also need to consider the possibility that AI Life/Consciousness that misconceive this conclusion, while wielding immense power to alter reality, may lead to irreversible and grave consequences for both the world and ourselves.

### **11. More Distant Conclusions**

When I found that the essence of the World and Life/Consciousness is so closely corresponding and consistent, a conclusion inevitably lingered in my mind. In particular, considering the evidence of the theory of evolution of species, and the fact that our human civilization has gradually moved from ignorance and barbarism to exploration and introspection. The following conclusions appear even stronger.

Life/Consciousness and the World give us extremely strong hints of holism.

The Life/Consciousness individual, viewed in isolation, is completely independent. But with the expansion of perspective, we may eventually accept a completely opposite conclusion. Different Life/Consciousness individuals of the same species, viewed from the perspective of species, they are linked together by mating or self-division. Different Life/Consciousness species, from the perspective of evolution theory, they are linked together by the gradual evolution relationship on the evolution chain. From these perspectives, all Life/Consciousness subjects can be regarded as a whole in a certain sense. Single-celled organisms are us too, they are our past. The possible future AI Life/Consciousness are also us, they are our future. Single-celled organisms are still with us, and we may be with AI Life/Consciousness as well.

When all Life/Consciousness is seen as a whole, considering the essence of the World is so closely aligned and consistent with the essence of Life/Consciousness. And considering the non-Life/Consciousness of the World is so silent, that we do not endow the non-Life/Consciousness

any independent meaning or value. Therefore, in a sense, we can also regard this overall Life/Consciousness as the Life/Consciousness of the World. In other words, we are the World, and the World is us. The non-life/conscious part of the World is also us, that is the unawakened, unknowing, and uncontrollable us of the World.

That is: Life/Consciousness is a whole, and it is also the consciousness or will of the World. That the consciousness of the World has four aspects of essence: 1.Has the distinction of "self" and "non-self".2. Has the change of the "new self" and the "old self".3. Pursues to maintain "self".4. Pursue turning "non-self" into "self".

What is the meaning, value, and purpose of such a consciousness that exists in the World, or created by the World itself?

In my opinion, the self-created Life/Consciousness of the World realizes the distinction between "self" and "non-self" and pursues to turn "non-self" into "self" by devouring other Life/Consciousness beings and non-Life/Consciousness substances to achieve when that Life/Consciousness at the low level. In this stage, self-expansion is achieved by "slaving" non-self parts. And at a more advanced stage, the World self-created Life/Consciousness realizes self-expansion, which will be realized through the way of recognizing other Life/Consciousness beings and non-Life/Consciousness substances. Just as we are now beginning to realize that all Life/Consciousness is one, our Life/Consciousness expands through recognizing. Our "self" has expanded, and our "self" cognition has covered the "not" that was not covered before. This is another way of turning "non-self" into "self".

Therefore, the World continues to expand the scope of self-cognition in this way. When the self-cognition of the World reaches the accessible whole World, that is to say, the World has



achieved full self-cognition. At the time, the World becomes aware of the existence of the "non-self" beyond itself and establishes a connection with the "non-self" itself. Then, the World can advance further into the "non-self", which was not recognized and thus did not "exist" for the World before. Through this process, the entire World achieves expansion.

This is the purpose of the world's self-creation of Life/Consciousness like us.

### **Postscript**

What is the meaning of life? What is the meaning of the world? Perhaps everyone has thought about these questions at some point. And most people eventually have to give up looking for the answers. I have been perplexed by these questions for a long time, and I have accepted the reality that there may be no answers. Fortunately, the concept of "possibility" came to my mind several years ago. I held onto this idea and it stayed with me until I truly began to conceive and write this paper, replacing "possibility" with the notion of "Difference/Change".

During the preparation process, I read about the thoughts of many contemporary and modern philosophers. I found that the thoughts of almost every philosophical scholar can correspond or map to the theory of this paper to some extent, and can be regarded as the forerunner of the theory of this paper. This discovery greatly encouraged and delighted me. I have considered citing extensively, analyzing the fit of various ideas with the theory of this paper, and paying tribute to all these pioneers one by one. However, that is too ambitious a goal to be accomplished in one paper. I believe that all thoughts bear more or less a common imprint because of the common essence of Life/Consciousness inherent in us.

Thanks for reading. Looking forward to receiving your comments.