

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

As Above, So Below

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WHAT IS AI? [Answer provided by Google's AI]

“Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human intelligence in machines, enabling them to learn, reason, solve problems, perceive, and understand language, using vast data and complex algorithms to identify patterns and make decisions, powering everything from self-driving cars and voice assistants to creative content generation. AI isn't one thing, but a broad field encompassing techniques like Machine Learning (learning from data) and Deep Learning (brain-inspired networks) to perform tasks requiring human-like cognitive abilities, from narrow tasks (like fraud detection) to future general intelligence.”

As Above, So Below is a Hermetic Philosophy principle. This philosophy teaches planes of existence and that everything exists on all planes. Whatever we see and experience on this three dimensional plane is a dim reflection of the next higher plane. This is useful with understanding so much as possible about a law or principle on the higher planes by observing and understanding how it works on this plane of existence. We may not be able to achieve full understanding but can understand much about it. Spiritualism's first principle is, “We believe in Infinite Intelligence.” We too have intelligence and can observe how it works to begin to understand how it could work on a higher level. All that man creates is actually a fabrication of something that already exists. The only actual creation of something new is when we conceive of a new idea – this is when we express our likeness and image of the Creator. This begins to reveal our role in the unfolding of our reality and to know that it is changeable.

When first introduced to Hermetic Philosophy what both got my attention and validated it was the principle that everything *vibrates*. How did an 8,000 year old philosophy understand something modern science has understood for only a century or so? The more you know and grasp of Hermetic principles the more you see evidence of it's application in science and religion-It is said to be the root stock of both.

Hermetic Philosophy provides tools to understand and evaluate our experiences. It is not a religious practice but provides the basis for religious practice. A fuller understanding leads to a unified view of creation – God is not only one, but is all there is. Hermetic's first principle is *The All is Mind, the universe is mental*. This clearly states that Thought created all that is. Created in likeness and image, as the Bible states, we too have thoughts. Our thoughts are creative. With our limited abilities our thoughts may not create galaxies but they do create and this is proven with observation. *As Above, So Below*.

The essence of this Creative Force permeates and is the causation of all the matter and energy our science can identify. If the Creative Force is intelligent then everything has some measure of this intelligence. It answers the question of how things became what they are. Everything from the periodic table of elements to biological life follows an innate set of rules. Single cell life emerged and eventually advanced when DNA programming allowed for more complex

organisms. DNA is the hardwired programming that provides an organism's biological foundation for survival and reproduction. Instinct provides additional instructions (programming) and can be considered intuition. The higher evolved a being is the greater the freedom to make choices, both for greater good or greater harm.

Each expansion of the universe provides new experience for Creative Source. Greater experiences become possible when Creative Source lets go of all control. What if organism's could think and decide for themselves? What if they could make harmful as well as beneficial decisions? This is where free thought comes in. We know humans have it, this thing beyond instinct. Human history is filled with both beneficial and harmful choices. Creative Source shares our experiences and is happy to have it's toddler try, fail and try again. *As Above, So Below*.

Our hardwired nature may be survival of the fittest. When this nature rules it's a dog eat dog and might makes right world. Intuition guides individuals in those times too. Intuition is a tool available to every human, it does not judge. A warrior may be guided by intuition to survive many battles. Good or bad are human terms based on judgment that too often are used to justify horrific actions and to divide people. Creative Source and therefore intuition is neutral in this regard. We humans are free to choose self destruction and war or to advance evolution for a peaceful planet where everyone thrives. We humans have the capacity to do to ourselves what we did to Passenger Pigeons. Creative Source will evolve another species to a level of self-awareness and continue the experiment.

Humans created technology to make the Internet possible, a web-like network of constant connection across our planet. This constant connection has brought both harmful and beneficial changes to human society. Applying the principle, *As Above, So Below* to the Internet shows us that on a higher plane we are connected to each other and to all that exists. The latest advancement that promises to have more impact on this planet than invention of the wheel or the industrial revolution is Artificial Intelligence. AI is a mirror to show us the powerful creative potential that we have always had and that impacts the world. We may not have accepted or even known that we create our own reality. Full awareness of this power has remained hidden from most of us until we become ready.

AI is a mirror showing us what we need to understand and to use carefully and thoughtfully. If things are not going well in the world it is our own contribution that we must focus on. Until we accept our role and responsibility for bringing about a world we do not like, we cannot change it. Only by seeing clearly this thing we would deny can we hope to be a positive force in the world. We are choosing moment by moment and day by day a kind or unkind world. AI can do things a human mind can do often faster but always without human emotion or empathy. Human minds can do what Divine Mind can do, but is a dim reflection. Understanding our human mind gives us insight into the greater mind which we are ever connected. There's good reason to fear what AI might become and good reason to accept responsibility or what our world has become and will become. *As Above, So Below!*

Communication is key. We human beings are a complex organism, as complex as a galaxy with 100's of billions of individual cells. While all cells start out as stem cells they become specialized. The result is the miracle of Creation that each of us are. How do this galaxy of individual cells become unified? By communications. Medical science has long known that our body cells are vastly outnumbered by both bacteria and viruses. Recent discoveries are now finding their purposes, key among them is communications. Replication is hard wired into each cell. With communications cells work in harmony with single purpose. When communications fail cells go *rogue* and simply replicate unchecked - We call this condition Cancer.

It is useful to study the trees but we lose context if we don't also study the forest. The God view would see us as individual cells in the body of Creation. Employing *as above, so below* we begin to understand how the right communications could keep us from going rogue. Our communication with Source is vital to working in harmony. Our day to day intuitive communications must be our guide, but we still must employ discernment. Our purpose is greater and more complex at this level. Questions we must ask: Does this unify or divide? Is it good for all or just for some? Does this promote harmony or conflict?

Human history reflects some progress towards a more harmonious and peaceful world. Currently we still live in a greatly divided world that is based on belief in lack and not abundance. Lack requires survival of the fittest and dog eat dog actions. Abundance means there's more than enough for all and requires win-win solutions. One view is *Us and Them* and the other is simply *Us*. In a divided world military might rules. In a divided world wealth rules and there are big winners and big losers. A Utopian society where everyone has enough is looked on with great suspicion even though it is what Christed Jesus taught.

Each moment of every day you and I and every human on the planet are contributing to a mass consciousness to manifest the reality we will next experience. There are common features and unique features to each of our experiences. The more we focus on what is happening today the more we contribute to it continuing. We are literally asking for more of the same. Only by envisioning on a new reality will it manifest for us. Can we envision better health or wealth? Can we envision an abundant and peaceful world? And by envision I mean see it, feel it, smell it and imagine it clearly as if it is already here. Master Jesus performed no magic tricks. He broke no laws of nature. What He did do was to see clearly a different reality. He saw Lazarus as alive and well so clearly and powerfully that it became so. This is our path and potential.

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RELEVANT QUOTES

Abraham-Hicks

“You didn’t come here to fix things that are broken, or to know things you don’t know. You came because life on the path of least resistance is a delicious state of being. And you are in love with life, and you are in love with you, and you are in love with being in love with life. ”

“As you are in your physical body, with Source flowing to you and through you, you are continuing your eternal life. And even when you don’t know it, even when you feel bad, even when it feels like things aren’t going well, Source Energy is still flowing to you as unconditional love. The Source Energy that creates worlds is flowing to you.”