

Conscious Conception, A Quantum Collaboration

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You think because you understand one you must also understand two, because one and one make two. But you must also understand “and.” --Rumi

I invited the panel and the audience to widen our conventional perception of what happens in the “simple” process of the fertilization of the ovum by the sperm, and consider the possible implications for human conception of cutting-edge findings from various scientific fields on such subjects as quantum physics, cell biology, and the effects of “directed intention” on microbes, human cells, and biochemical reactions in the body.

A fundamental basis of quantum physics is that the “simple” act of observation changes the nature of a physical system. The discovery of this principle led all of the founders of modern physics—Einstein, Heisenberg, Schrodinger—to “think deeply about the strangely privileged role of human consciousness.” I shared research in which machines (both digital and mechanical) can be directly influenced by the focused thoughts (intentions, or “consciousness”)... and that “remote biological systems”—in other words the heart or respiration rate of a person in the next room or the next county—can be influenced by another person’s focused thoughts. An overarching theme of this panel was the implications for conception of what Dean Radin calls “the inescapable conclusion that as the mind moves, so moves matter.”

Paleontologist and Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin came to believe that evolution was both a scientific and a holy process, steeped in what he called “orthogenesis,”—the divine, evolutionary drive of all things toward increased complexity and consciousness. For millenia it has been taught in ancient spiritual traditions, and was written thousands of years ago in the Vedas, that the moment of conception is of the greatest importance for the life of the individual... that the moment of conception both captures and reflects lifelong the nature and dimensions of the consciousness of the couple... and lays that portrait down as a gossamer watermark... intangible, yet a lifelong, fundamental organizing principle, underlying everything else—including DNA and later environmental influences. The panel was to explore the idea of conception as a moment of unlimited potential & possibility... where we might become co-creators with Life, collaborating in the ever-higher-reaching levels of Teilhard’s holy and scientific evolution, and lifting up the entire human family to higher levels of health, peacefulness and true success.

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