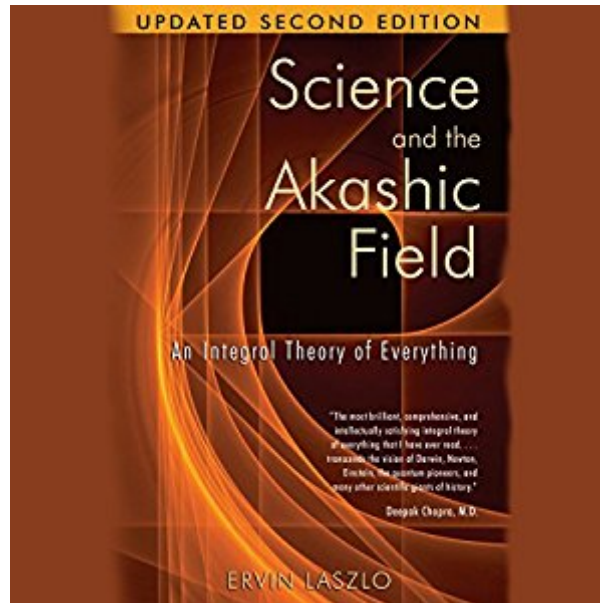


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Presents the unifying world concept long sought by scientists, mystics, and sages: an integral theory of everything Explains how modern science has rediscovered the Akashic field of perennial philosophy New edition updates ongoing scientific studies, presents new research inspired by the first edition, and includes new case studies and a section on animal telepathy

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Irvin Laszlo's "Science and the Akashic Field" discusses his theory that there is more to reality than the physical realm of modern science. His central point is this: "we need to recognize the presence of a factor that is neither matter nor energy. The importance of this factor is now acknowledged not only in the human and social sciences, but also in the physical and life sciences. It is information - information as a real and effective factor setting the parameters of the universe at its birth, and thereafter governing the evolution of its basic elements into complex systems ... It is the presence of in-formation throughout the cosmos, carried and conveyed by the universal in-formation field we have named the Akashic field."Laszlo credits David Bohm with some of the insights underlying his (Laszlo's) theory: "other physicists, among them David Bohm, refused to accept the quantum physical concept as a full description of reality. His "hidden variables theory" suggests that the selection of the state of the quantum is not random; it is guided by an underlying physical process. In Bohm's theory a pilot wave, identified as the quantum potential "Q", emerges from a deeper, unobservable domain of the universe and guides the observed behavior of particles. Thus, particle

behavior is indeterministic only at the surface; at the deeper level it is determined by the quantum potential. Later Bohm called the deeper level of reality the "implicate order", a holofield where all the states of the quantum are permanently coded. Observed reality is the "explicate order"; it is rooted in, and unfolds from, the implicate order.

This book is an interesting and informed overview of current theories/views in physics with worthwhile efforts at drawing a larger view of a general form of "coherence" existing across the physical and biological spheres and the sphere of consciousness as well. As seems to be the norm, however, a theorist with the type of background of a Laszlo seldom has the capability of a reaching a depth of analysis or creative thought necessary to give us any extension of knowledge or theory. Despite the confidence in "coherence" as a pattern extending across spheres, there yet remain the very concrete conundrums of physics - just how are the phenomena/laws of the quantum world actually extended into the macro or Newtonian level? Just how is relativity reconciled to the quantum, or just what might be wrong with relativity? One will find no solutions offered. This would require the real thought. In the consciousness sphere, Chalmers's "hard problem" is declared to have "evaporated" since "the rudimentary consciousness of matter at a lower level of organization becomes integrated in the more evolved consciousness of matter at a higher level." But this is no solution; it is simply Laszlo's failure to grasp the nature of the hard problem. (Forgive the link here, but this happens to be the best explanation of the real nature of the problem I can point to: Time and Memory: a primer on the scientific mysticism of consciousness)As the book obviously has a thrust into the mystical, there seems to be a vision of the human race as participants in (in the coherence of) a collective consciousness.

Science and the Akashic Field by Ervin Laszlo (Inner Traditions, 2004, 2007) Summary: "Akasha is a Sanskrit word meaning 'ether': all-pervasive space. Originally signifying 'radiation' or 'brilliance,' in Indian philosophy akasha was considered the first and most fundamental of the five elements... 'The Akashic Record' is the enduring record of all that happens, and has ever happened, in the whole of the universe." In this book Ervin Laszlo, a highly acclaimed scientist in the field of systems theory, argues that the Akashic field is an integral quality of the quantum vacuum, or empty space. He documents many examples of "nonlocal coherence," or ways in which information apparently can break the laws of physics, getting caught speeding faster than light, and even swimming up the stream of time. Drawing from the fields of quantum physics, cosmology, biology and consciousness, he shows how "anomalies" appear repeatedly - phenomena that can't be explained by established

scientific theories. Because these anomalies share similar characteristics, they suggest that science is missing a crucial theoretical aspect. Laszlo argues that in addition to the established fields of quantum physics, such as the Higgs field that gives mass to matter and the zero-point field that underlies the energy of the universe, there must also be a field that keeps a record or memory of all prior events, just like the Akashic Record. If quantum physics were to accept this hypothesis, then the strange anomalies that have been documented at the fringes of science and parapsychology could be explained and included in mainstream science.

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