Welcome to Portal Number Seven: Visions of a Universal Humanity. This is my favorite because I am a visionary. What would be the next stage of human evolution? What might it be like if everything we know we can do works. We’ve had a lot of images of what it would be like if everything we’re doing wrong happens and we see devolution and destruction. If everything we know we can do works, I see a universal humanity.

Our consciousness is expanding, our lifespan is extending, our environment is opening up into the universe of billions of galaxies. Our economic system has transformed into a system whereby each person is actually empowered to give their gift within the whole. I can see that we will actually combine our higher consciousness, our social creativity and our new science and technology, particularly the evolutionary technologies which can transform the material world.

If they are used within that loving and higher consciousness, we’re going to make a quantum jump and I think that we’re going beyond the life cycle of the animal human. We’re going into the life cycle of the universal human. We are literally being born into a universe that maybe filled with life comparable to our own. So you and I are born during the time of the birth of a universal humanity.

This is Portal Number Seven of Gateway to Conscious Evolution. The theme of this portal is Visions of a Universal Humanity. This is the last portal out of all of the ones that we have been through and in some respects, this portal Visions of a Universal Humanity is the end of one developmental phase of humanity. It’s just barely opening the door to what might be the very next phase of human evolution.

Since none of us have been there before, what we are exploring here comes out of our deep knowing, our deep intuition and the visions that pull us forward. One thing we’ve heard since the time of Isaiah is a very famous statement, which I believe is true, “Without vision, people perish.” We can certainly add that with vision, people flourish, people move, people grow.

It’s a fascinating thing today, particularly in our political realm. They criticize candidates for not having a vision. They criticized it way back with I remember George Bush, George W.H. Bush Senior, where was the vision thing? And then in the latest election with John Kerry there was the longing in the hearts of people for “the vision.” He didn’t come up with it. I realized why a politician cannot come up with a genuine vision is because you cannot have a vision equal to our potential unless you have an evolutionary perspective. The vision is not just slightly better, more and more of what we have, it isn’t even feeding, housing, and clothing everyone. It is a vision that is something that we haven’t yet seen. We live in a moment of human history when all the great visions of the past have faded and we are left without that pull, that draw, that is innate to human consciousness.
If you think of the ones that have motivated people for the last few thousand years, the gospels, for example. For at least 1,500 years or more, the literal truth of those gospels affected all of western culture. People literally believed that they were preparing for a life after death — they believed in heaven, they believed that they would be saved, they had a vision of the meaning of everything, because of where they were going. As that literal story of the Bible faded for many, many people, a new story came in. In more recent times, The Enlightenment — science, technology, knowledge — would give us the power to solve all of human problems. It was an optimistic period, a brilliant period of human history. What happened of course, when we finally developed the bomb in 1945 and dropped that bomb on Japan, the whole Enlightenment period came to a shocking halt. Because the vision that knowledge would inevitably lead to a better and better future actually was aborted. It looked like more and more knowledge could lead to the destruction of everything that we love. So that optimistic image of the perfectibility of man and of the ability to transform human society through knowledge, stopped.

We had hoped that democracy as it spread around the world would be a vision that could liberate the potential of all our people. The flaws in our current democracy in the United States of America and elsewhere are revealing that that vision (all men are created equal, endowed and created with this inalienable right) that seed of the vision is there but the ability to carry it through has not come through in our democracies.

The vision that capitalism and economics would make for an equitable world. I remember even back in the ‘60s Bucky Fuller was saying that he thought we could have 4.5 billion billionaires and he saw that we had actually the resources and the technology and the know-how to make a world of plenty and abundance for all human beings. But it didn’t happen, it started to go the other way. Now we have over 6 billion people and there is more and more poverty.

So I would say the positive visions that the human species have had up until now have faded except, in a very interesting way, for the fundamentalist religions. They have entered the scene with transcendent visions of the future that are exclusive and require one side to win over another. You have the vision of paradise for example, that is apparently motivating many of those Muslim Jihad terrorists, giving their lives in the faith that they’re going to something truly magnificent. It’s very, very moving that that’s what they believe. Then we have in some of our Christian friends, the idea that we have to move toward an armageddon because there will be the second coming of Christ and there will be a magnificent future but only for those who believe in Christ. So we have that kind of transcendent vision and it’s really interesting to me that in this day and age the transcendent visions in the more fundamentalist religions are pulling more power toward them than the more liberal humanitarian and secular visions of equity, justice, sustainability — don’t have the pull.

This is something just to note, that although we may often say that humans are motivated by practical reasons, I think there is deep inside us a transcendent mirror. There is deep inside us the desire to transcend every obstacle to move beyond every limit, to reach into something more profound on the inward plane and to reach for something more open and expanded on the outward plane. That people will often choose transcendence over survival itself. When we are going to start to look at the possibility of a new set of visions for universal humanity and we’re
placing them into this current field where the visions of the community of humanity that has been moving forward in the Enlightenment mode are fading. Our literal version of the gospel is fading. We’re left without a transcendent vision except for the more narrow versions of it.

Our political leaders are groping because they don’t yet have the new context, the new story that the human species is caught in an evolutionary crisis — where we’re either going to break down rapidly or we’re going to break through to something new. You can hardly blame them because the evolutionary perspective itself is new. It hasn’t yet entered into the political realm. It hasn’t entered deeply into the academic realm. It hasn’t entered into the economic realm. It’s only in the last 30 to 40 years that we even understood our own birth narrative. We understood that the universe started with an original act of creation and has been evolving for billions of years and is evolving through us now.

It’s important for us as Conscious Evolutionaries and students of evolution to realize that none of our existing cultural leaders or functions are imbued with an evolutionary perspective that makes it possible for them to see how to move from the existing set of problems toward a future equal to our spiritual, social, and scientific potential. The question hasn’t even been asked.

I thought as I was watching the recent election in the United States, particularly with John Kerry, that there wasn’t a hint or a breath that maybe the human species was in the midst of a quantum transformation. They’re trying to handle the situation without noticing that it’s going to break down into radical loss of life support system or break through possibly within the next 30 years. So you can imagine the difficulty of holding these blinders on, only seeing this much, while if you have evolutionary eyes you can see that it can go either into bifurcation or transformation.

Once we develop a transcendent vision, an evolutionary vision, I believe that what has been revelation, mystical revelation, as in the great mystics that had guided our culture up until the enlightenment, will unfold in evolution. I think we can see that if we look at our spiritual, social, scientific and technological capacities, and imagine them functioning harmoniously, we’ll see a transcendent vision with the power to attract the human heart in such a way that we might actually be able to shift the tide of history. In some respects, it may be that creating the context for a large enough vision is the greatest work that Conscious Evolutionaries need to do, as we tell the story.

Once this vision, that I’m going to put forward, is better known, I believe it will change the goalposts of modern society. We have the wrong goalposts. We’re using all this huge power for overconsumption and over-militarization and war. When you think of the enormity of the expense that we’re putting into the military and into consumption and advertising and the production of goods, which in the long run are destroying the environment, it’s the wrong goalposts. Just a slight shift toward an evolutionary vision would lead to an evolutionary agenda. An evolutionary agenda would be in the simplest terms: to restore the Earth, to free ourselves from basic need deficiencies (hunger, poverty, ignorance, disease) to develop new social systems that are synergistic and that bring forth the creativity of our people, that would start shifting the military industrial complex from war to building new worlds on this Earth and new worlds in space, such that we could begin to explore the vast untapped regions of the human spirit and the universe beyond our planet Earth.
I think we would find if we can develop such an evolutionary vision that within the same 30 years that we could destroy ourselves, we could actually find ourselves at the threshold of being a Universal Humanity. That is to say, that we would learn enough about nature to be able to be co-evolutionary with nature and that we would attune deeply enough to spirit to be co-creative with spirit.

I know many of you who have been listening to this have heard this quote but I just want to read it once again in the context of what we’re going to do tonight. It’s the description by Joseph Chilton Pearce of the work of Nobel Prize Winner, Ilya Prigogine. He suggests that, “A system in balance and functioning well, but as a system falls into disorder, change becomes more and more feasible and finally inevitable. At that inevitable point, the least bit of coherent order can bring to order the whole disorderly array. Which direction the change takes depends on the nature of the chaotic attractor that lifts the chaos into a new order.” We go back and think of our political candidates. Imagine if they could create a positive chaotic attractor that would lift us into a higher order. “If that chaotic attractor is demonic,” is moving toward control, toward domination, toward force, “the old cycle simply repeats itself.” It looks like we’re having a strange attractor up there that is bringing us into the cycle of power and domination once again. “If the chaotic attractor were benevolent or divine the new order would have that same nature.” So what I’m just pointing out here is to develop a chaotic attractor that is benevolent and divine, that is commensurate with our knowledge today and not a purely mystical vision of life after death. If there were a vision of life after this phase of evolution, it would be the strange attractor that could lift the system to a higher order. That’s our work as Conscious Evolutionaries.

To prepare us to be able to imagine a vision of ourselves at the next stage of evolution, I just want to give a brief historical context. I think there are three phases in which we could place human history. Pre-transition, Transition, and Post-transition.

Pre-transition is all of human history since our earliest origins. The earliest hominids, the earliest different kinds of Homos that came along until we came to Homo neanderthal, Homo sapiens, Homo sapiens sapiens. About 40,000 years ago we began to get self-reflective consciousness and then there is that very brief period of human history in which civilization developed, in which we gained all the new powers of science and technology and finally brought ourselves. All the religions came in and all were Pre-transitional. In the sense that they were founded by great being who broke through into the next stage of consciousness and gave visions of how to behave in such a way that we would love one another as ourself, that we would do unto other as we need to do unto ourselves.

It was very interesting to me, we have Post-transitional visions — the new Jerusalem, a new heavens and a new Earth, paradise. So the Pre-transitional religions that were born before 1945, before this shift of power began, all had post-transitional visions. But they were never expected to be realized in history. This is a really interesting difference that has come into consciousness as we understand evolution — is that mystical visions that looked like they had to happen at a completely different dimension of reality, when you study evolution and see that we have jumped from pre-life to life, to animal life, to human life, and now us, we began to see that those post-transitional visions of religions might indeed be indeed be a pre-cognitive flash of
evolutionary potentials that we’re right on the threshold of achieving. It is also apparent that without those transcendent visions, the human race wouldn’t have come this far. So I think they’re extremely precious but as I said, they are not any longer the visions that can motivate us unless we take a more narrow version of religion.

I’ll read one of them that probably motivated millions of people to transform. This is from the New Testament, from Revelation. “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying. Neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.” That comes from Revelation, I saw the Holy City. It’s so interesting, I don’t know what you feel when you hear those words but when I first read the New Testament as a Jewish agnostic futurist, seeking new images that could attract us, I remember being so touched in my heart, saying somewhere that’s true. Somewhere I believe that is more true than middle income housing for everyone. That somewhere there’s this yearning for that which is beyond what we can achieve by normal human needs.

There’s a transcendent nerve in us that those sort of visions have touched. So Pre-transition human origins, all the way through the religions, through science and technology, and I believe that the end of our Pre-transition started in 1945 when we dropped the bombs on Japan and we gained in the very earliest way the power of gods.

It’s just a small little sign that if we actually continue with the use of those powers in self-consciousness, which has carried us this far, we probably will misuse them and destroy ourselves. But if we were to understand the meaning of those powers and use them in a more cosmic consciousness or an expanded human consciousness, you see that very rapidly even in the same 30 to 50 years we would be at the threshold of a quantum transformation. It’s amazing to me when you catch that glimpse. We have gained the power of gods, we’re at the point of self-extinction or self-evolution.

As we’ve said before, problems cannot be resolved in the same state of consciousness in which we conceived them. The Transitional period is the evolution of evolution. It’s the entering of the life era. The first era was after the Big Bang there was energy. The second era was when matter captured energy and made the material world and out of that came life. If you think of that journey that intelligence and then according to Eric Chaisson, highly sophisticated, technologically proficient human life is now entering matter and is at the threshold of being able to affect matter so deeply (the atom, the gene, the brain) that we will either destroy ourselves very quickly or we’ll learn Conscious Ethical Evolution; meaning that we will understand that the power to enter nature that has been given to us through the human mind is actually the power to transcend the current human condition. It’s the power, he calls it, to give a species immortality, cosmic consciousness, universal life, in a universe filled with billions and billions of galaxies.

Eric Chaisson describes the hypothesis that one of the reasons we haven’t met other species like ourselves is that none of them made it through their high technology phase. When you think of it, once you have that high technology and you can overpopulate, pollute, and destroy at the level that we can, you have a very brief timeframe to learn how to use that power or you go self-extinct. We can see that we are in a viability test right now but we’re holding out now, that what
I personally believe, is that the beginning of this Transitional phase, which is our turn on the 
spiral, is actually a natural evolutionary phase that is pressuring our species to evolve in 
consciousness such that we can guide our new capacities to enter intelligence into matter, leading 
to the possibility of us actually becoming a Universal Species, both on this Earth and eventually 
in the universe beyond. When you realize that whatever happens to the larger universe that 
within a couple billion years, the sun will expand and destroy all life in the solar system. It might 
well be that the meaning of these new powers as we’re just entering into the period of Transition, 
that the meaning of these new powers given to us mid cycle in the life of the planetary organism 
— planets started 4.5 billion years ago, about 4 billion years from now, the planet will be 
destroyed — we are in the midlife crisis of planet Earth, as we enter the period of Transition. Is it 
possible that the pressure we had to extend, expand, and deepen our consciousness is activating 
us at the very same time that our technologies are rapidly growing such that that new 
consciousness, if connected to the new technologies will lead to a new species.

There’s a lot of controversy in students of evolution as to whether there’s a design in evolution 
or not. Our perspective here that we’re using for Conscious Evolution is a deep intuition, a 
subjective intuition, that there is a pattern in the process of creation. There is an intentionality, a 
tendency in evolution to higher consciousness and greater freedom through higher more complex 
order. We take that from Teilhard du Chardin from Sri Aurobindo and others. The deepest 
tendency as we head around our period of Transition is not just the human intention to survive 
and prevail but it is the evolutionary transcendent pattern or divine intentionality that’s pressing 
us forward to actually become beings capable of co-evolving and co-creating. In old-fashioned 
language; we were created in the image of God. It looks to me like the pressure of evolution is to 
make is godlike beings or to have us go extinct. Does that seem feasible? That that may be the 
design and the reason we’ve been given these huge powers and these huge dangers at the same 
moment of time.

Transition starts in 1945 and we’ve been through these ideas of social evolution but if you very 
rapidly go through the ‘50s, ‘60s, ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s to the year 2000, at the year 2000 we begin to 
hit what’s called the Macro Shift. We discussed that in Portal Six. A Macro Shift is when the 
entire civilization is under stress and it could go into very rapid devolution or toward evolution.

So let’s say in our period of Transition going around our turn on the spiral, we’ve entered Late 
Transition on planet Earth. That’s really an interesting idea that we have an accelerating pattern 
of change where if it goes dyssynergistic, it will destroy us very rapidly. If we learn social 
synergy and if enough of us expand in consciousness it will very rapidly move toward the next 
stage because the whole system is speeding up. It’s what they call Punctuated Equilibrium.

It seems to me that we’ve entered what we’re calling the decade for Conscious Evolution. That 
2005 to 2015 may be the hinge of evolutionary history for our species. Because it’s the time 
where if we don’t change our pattern and start connecting that which is emergent and creative, 
we could hit irreversible dangers and damages. So I’m going to say that it is the decade and that 
we know we’ve talked about in community and society how we might connect the positive and 
integrate that which is creative and facilitate a quantum jump.
That is still in Transition. We’re still in the period of Transition although its Late Transition. I’d like to mention the idea of the image that we’ve been using that our crisis is a birth. That the whole period from 1945 through 2000, 2004 and maybe through 2012, 2020 all those prophetic dates in the Mayan calendar that 2012 might be the end of an existing cycle. Maybe that’s so. If so it’s speeding up extremely rapidly.

I have an image here which I find to be quite interesting that if you take a birth model, a newborn baby has to very rapidly coordinate itself, learn to breathe, shift to non-renewables, get food to all its members, within a couple of hours. If it doesn’t do that, it may have brain damage forever. Once it’s done that, it can grow.

It appears to me that we are in a planetary birth cycle where in commensurately short period of time, as far as evolutionary history goes, we have to very quickly handle our pollution, stop depending on nonrenewable resources, learn to coordinate ourselves, learn to stop overpopulating in the womb of Earth, learn to very quickly handle the hunger problem and getting food to all our members without increasing our population. What these are from an evolutionary point of view are hygienic problems of a planetary birth. They’re not the goal of human history is to handle all this anymore than the goal of a newborn baby is to breathe and eliminate. If it doesn’t do that it won’t live. But we know because we’ve seen a newborn child that once it does that it has a vastly expanded future in front of it. So what we’re going to say is that in our period of transition, the problems we’re facing are extremely important, they’re very dangerous, but they’re the natural evolutionary drivers that are moving us toward a next stage of evolution or, devolution.

We’ve had Pre-transition, Transition starts is n1945, we’re going around our turn of the spiral and in visions of our universal humanity we’re going to jump to Post-transition, the quantum shift. We’re going to see if we can land on the other side. You know we talk a lot about quantum jumps but you can’t stay hovering forever. We haven’t jumped and seen what that other side might be.

The qualities of what that other side might be, I mentioned just a little bit in the science and technology. We can already see that we have quantum capacities within the maturing noosphere within the maturing thinking layer of Earth. We have nanotechnology, which is building at the atomic level, atom, by atom, by atom. It is said by people who understand this particular technology that it can cure disease, that it can grow anything, that it can eventually build on the moon, it can become self-replicating, it is a quantum technology. Our biotechnology has the possibility of changing our own bodies and eventually understanding death itself and possibly changing the very nature of the clock of death. When I was a friend of Dr. Jonas Salk he took me of laboratories of scientist and they had on their doors “Stamp Out Death” and they felt that it was a design that was vital until we hit the limits to growth on planet Earth and now we have to stop overpopulating, stop reproducing up to maximum. That we’re entering the stage of needing wiser and wiser people and we’re right at the threshold of longevity, life extension. There are some scientists who believe that we can actually overcome death itself. This doesn’t necessarily mean to keep an animal body but it means eventually to transform the body itself. With our ability of supercomputing, they’re saying by 2020 that machines will be so intelligent that they will be our partners and that we are heading toward a new form of silicon-based life.

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I want to place our vision of Post-transition within the maturing noosphere and we’re only talking about 30 years of these new technologies. It’s an interesting thing, the engineers have come and they’re not being included in the dialogue.

When I was at the World Future Society I went to one of the sessions and it was called the Transhuman Society. These people were overtly for the purpose of transcending the current human condition. Mainly through life extension and through what they call strong artificial intelligence wherein the intelligence is placed — we understand the way our own brain works we put our own intelligence and memory systems into vast supercomputers and we move toward a phase of consciousness and immortality that has nothing to do with the exiting mortality or bodies. I’m not saying that this is right, or that we should do it, or that we will do it, or that we even can do it, but these are engineers from MIT, from Harvard, from all over the world who are saying that the next stage of human evolution will be beyond the animal-human condition.

It’s interesting to hold that because we always felt we were going to go beyond the animal-human condition through dying. Is it possible that we go beyond this current version of ourselves through self-evolution? I want to place our spiritual and social evolution in the context of these radical new scientific technologies.

In prelude of this, it’s an interesting thing to see the evolution of our spirituality from Pre-transition through Transition, to Post-transition. This is quite an interesting idea to me that our spirituality in the great mystics, saints, the seers, the founders of all our religions, the great Indian rishis, and the earliest of our mystical leaders moved usually toward boundlessness and no self. There was, “I am that” and that is real and the rest of this is an illusion.

During the period of Transition, it seems to be that our spirituality is changing from no self to the incarnation of a divine self until we can actually express ourselves as expressions of the creative intention of the universe. Because the fact that we’re given this much power through science and technology, if we can’t incarnate the self that is connected to the larger universal pattern, there’s no way we’re ever going to be able to guide that power. I think that the spiritual path during the period of Transition has moved from the boundlessness and no self into the Transitional period of learning to incarnate as the Self. Carl Jung calls this the Continuing Incarnation of Self. That leads to a post-transitional phase in which I think we might actually become a Universal Self.

Here’s a quote from Aurobindo, “When the powers of any grade descend completely into us, it is not only our thought and knowledge that are affected. The substance and very grain of our being and consciousness, all it states and activities are touched and penetrated and can be remolded and wholly transmuted.” Sri Aurobindo. We have been studying in Portal Number Two the Emergence of the Co-creative Self. We have spoken of the shift of identity from the egoic personality seeking the divine to the divine self being recognized as who we truly are incarnating and then shifting identity to that self, so that we can say as co-creators, “I am that.” I am that, creating in this personal and unique form.

Once that shift of identity occurs, in the period of Transition that we are in on planet Earth, where the noosphere is maturing in power, where the interconnections are rapidly speeding up,
where we’re becoming one interconnected global society with the power of gods. That incarnational process which we’ve been studying is rapidly asking us to educate our local selves so that we are no longer prisoners of our egos. But that our egos are transparent to our essential selves and we begin to learn to love the other as the self, we begin to find our deeper life purpose, our vocations. We start moving out into the re-creation of the world. Because the requirement for the co-creative human is not a pure mystical oneness with the divine, it’s the incarnation of the divine and the transformation of the person in such a way that we can actually move out through life purpose and vocation and start the transformation of the world itself. We’ve talked a lot about that in our different portals, particularly in Portal Five and Six community and society.

Now I’d like to take a quantum jump that was personal to me to describe the possibility of what the self would be like Post-transition. We have the Pre-transition where we’ve had the great beings, the Buddha, the Christ, oneness, wholeness, but none of us could really do that. Very few of us. We’ve had the incarnation of the self. We call ourselves very young Universal Humans. That we are becoming co-creators, we’re learning how to help create a more harmonious world. None of us have been Post-transition. I’m imagining now that the whole system has speeded up, that we have gained the powers that are coming to us through the understanding of nature. That enough of us have incarnated to self and overcome the addictions and separations of the ego, that are preparing us for a quantum shift. I had a flashing experience of this shift, which is a personal vision and it probably will happen differently for different people but I would like to share it now.

In fact, it happened up at Stuart’s home just not too far from here. I had a case of pneumonia and I couldn’t go anywhere. I think some of these illnesses I’ve had in order to stop me long enough to have some of these experiences. I had been listening to the physicist Nassim talk about his belief that the universe was filled with life. This is a whole other area of our quantum future. He was having experiences with these beings and I had never had such an experience. I’ve never encountered a UFO, I have not had a visitation from a higher being. Actually I felt a bit frustrated. I was up there meditating and I said, “I want contact.” I have learned that the universe is responsive to request and I felt a deep yearning for contact with something higher than my own self that was struggling to be able to help make a world that could evolve. I was exhausted, and I felt I was running out of energy and I asked for contact. Had no idea what to expect, and I had a flashing experience of my own universal self.

I want to read just a few things from the journal. “I felt that I was free of the field of Earth and I was ecstatic.” Ecstatic, standing beyond the field of Earth. “It was like a radiant flash of joy. I appeared to myself to be omni-local, with continuity of consciousness, both a unique self and a universal being. I was formlessness in form.” That is to say, I was nonlocal, I was omnipresent, and yet I was still a being. “Not bound by my egoic self yet I was more than the embodied earthly universal essential self having to deal with all the local selves, the illness, and the fear. And I heard these words: put your attention on me, I combine all the characteristics that are incipient in you, full grown. Just imagine yourself as a fully embodied, universal human, living in an Earth-space environment, able to resonate throughout the universe.” Remember in our study of the nature of the universe it has a nonlocal quality, a spontaneity of connection throughout. In that instant I was connected, exactly as the universe is. “I was able to resonate, to
materialize and dematerialize at will.” Like is Star Trek, teleport “…to travel by telepathy and teleportation. I heard by placing your attention on me,” on this living presence, “I will lift you over the quantum jump, into the quantum field, where there is instantaneous connectivity and manifestation through intention. Every evolving human is guided by his or her full potential self, attracting the person toward the whole developmental path. All you need to do is keep you attention on your Post-transition full potential self, so I can keep lifting your vibrational field until it stabilizes and you achieve this continuity of consciousness which is the new norm.”

It is very interesting to me as a person who has loved Christ and has had a couple of Christ experiences of the risen Christ, of the ascended Christ, and the enormity of that experience for people who have had it. It gives you the hope that whatever you’re going through there is a whole other dimension that is there for you and I totally understand that the presence and power of Christ when one feels that as being a savior.

The interesting thing here is that it’s not about the Christ, it’s about the christ self that each of us is. The experience of that presence has actually given me a meditative path because when I put my attention on it, I actually experience it’s vibrational field. It begins to come into me and lift me, of course, I’m 75 years old, I’m living in Late Transition on planet Earth, I have a vision of where we’re going and I want to live to at least get to the planetary awakening. So I think I’m getting this in order to move forward.

I want to read another quote or two from Aurobindo because once this happened to me, after the work of bringing the local self and essential self together the descent occurred, he says, “For a real transformation, there must be a direct and unveiled intervention from above. The supramental consciousness force,” that’s his word for that which is the divine intelligence of the universe and that which is pressing toward ever higher and more complex beings who are able to be aware of consciousness. “The supramental consciousness force above, and the evolving consciousness force from behind the veil, acting on the awakened awareness and will of the mental human being,” which is what most of us are, “would accomplish by their united power the momentous transition.” So I’m putting forward the possibility that the higher selves, the divine beings, the angels, the experiences that we’ve had all throughout Pre-transition — as we head into Late Transition and Post-transition, may actually become visions of our own selves as we gain continuity of consciousness through many bodies and find ourselves born as Universal Humans.

I just want to mention a longer range view for a moment. When people study the nature of the physical universe and cosmology, the theories if you think of it as a physical universe you realize that either it’s going to expand forever and peter out, so to speak, or it’s going to collapse and go into a big crunch and destroy everything. There are these great cycles that have been described in the eastern tradition that actually do not lead to a completely transcendent vision of the universe.

However, if you place consciousness as the fundamental nature of reality and see that matter rises up out of consciousness, and that matter, then life, animal life and human life are reflections of ever greater consciousness until we get to human beings able to understand consciousness and consciously co-create with consciousness — is it possible that what we’re seeing here is that planets are wombs for universal life? As their suns and stars burn out, the womb has given birth
to Universal Co-creators and if there is other life out there, which I assume there is out of the billions and billions of galaxies and possible multi-universes. If we can become capable of consciousness that places intent into matter and begins to be actually Universal Co-creators, which is what I think is actually the possibility here, it may well be that we would then start finding others. As the suns burn out, we would find that we have been participating in the creation of a Conscious Universe. We’ve talked here about a planetary Pentecost on planet Earth where we all connect. You can put in your very futuristic vision that there may be multiple connectivities at a universal scale and that we literally are the tiniest newborn species here. If we make it through this period of Late Transition moving toward Post-transition, that we will experience a life ever-evolving, until we are conscious beings, consciously creating in a universe that becomes a universe of conscious life.

I feel that that is the direction of evolution. I think that it only will happen if those of us who can imagine it, choose it. That there are probably as many metaphysical paths as there are great traditions and great beings, but for me the metaphysical path that has us choose to incarnate as a divine self to use our science and technology to restore the Earth and free the people and begin to explore the further reaches, could be the growing edge of evolution itself. Those of us who are called to Conscious Evolution are actually part of a divine plan. If there weren’t enough of us, this planet would peter out, it would probably knock itself out one way or the other. If there are enough of us that see this possibility and move in this direction, that’s the way we’ll go. That’s what we’ve been experiencing through the seven portals of Gateway, is a developmental path from the person, through the relationships, vocation, into the universe.

We are entering the decade of Conscious Evolution, our common goal would be a planetary awakening in our lifetime. The connectivity of creativity and consciousness until we can feel ourselves as members of one body and that those of us who are attracted to this will study it so we know our new story. We start to create context for our visions of ourselves as a universal humanity, and that finally we draw together in small groups, in resonant cores, to affirm that deeper potential in one another and to begin to create the systems and dynamics of a world that will carry us to universal life. Thank you.