

## **THE SUN – THE HEART OR THE HEAD OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM?**

If you have read the article *Engineering in the Cosmic Sense*<sup>1</sup>, you will be acquainted with the reasoning for the postulation that underlying and permeating the entire universe is intelligence – not necessarily an intelligence that always manifests as intellectual mind but an intelligence that informs the basis of everything. If we take that idea and apply it to our own solar system, where will it lead us? One thing is certain – that our solar system is an amazing interplay of energies and forces; and how else could such enormous bodies of matter circulate and orbit, maintaining patterns of cyclical behaviour, unless there was some organisation of forces?

Our own bodies are extraordinary instruments and although we have intellectual capacity with the ability to reason and understand, the basic structure of the body is organised without intellectual interference on our part. There is intelligence commanding or directing the structure and workings of the body, an intelligence that is firmly rooted, scientists tell us, in the DNA. Within the body, energy is organised for specific functions and such organised functions we generally describe as having their basis in an organ – brain, heart, pancreas, colon and so on. All of these things put together form an anatomical structure that supports a higher form of intelligence (allegedly!) – human awareness. The body is intelligent but in itself is not human intelligence. The former supports or provides a basis for the expression of the latter.

It doesn't take a great stretch of thinking to realise that the solar system operates as a unit. We know, for example, that the planets maintain fixed courses round the sun and that without the sun they simply could not be. Astronomers can explain the main forces that maintain the balance – opposing forces that attract the planets to the sun and at the same time prevent them from hurtling into it. However we look at it, the solar system is a single physical structure that is organised and therefore, like our own bodies, has innate intelligence. The point then is, does the solar system support a higher form of intelligence or is it simply a purposeless physical structure? If it were the latter, it would seem an extraordinary thing that intelligence should apparently find its only outlet for expression

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in the form of human, animal and plant life on planet Earth. It would also mean that human intelligence was the highest form of intelligence in the cosmos (because if one solar system is purposeless then so are all the others) – and that just does not make sense. On the other hand, if we accept that there is such a thing as evolution, then it must be possible, indeed inevitable, that awareness or consciousness evolves as well as outer forms of life. Even the term “outer form of life” signifies that there is an *inner* life and the possibility for evolution of consciousness, by virtue of its very nature, must be limitless.

If the solar system has an inner form of life that the outer form supports, in the same way that our bodies support us, the consciousness of that life must be extraordinary, stupendous in fact. If a human form can accommodate the consciousness of an Einstein, what level of consciousness or intelligence could a solar system support? It is a huge leap of thinking even to consider the possibility and it is impossible either to prove or disprove such a theory. Thinking about the possibility, however, opens up our minds and stretches them, and at some point our intuition, that faculty that knows and understands without any preconditioning, may kick in to help us

So let us think about the possibility of the role of the sun. In the human being, there is both head and heart, each providing vital but quite different functions. At the level of intelligence of the human being (as opposed to the level of the physical form), both head and heart are centres of energy and awareness. The head is the seat of will and direction, as well as logical thinking, but it is in the heart that the extraordinary qualities of love and compassion arise. Sometimes it is said that human enlightenment requires the union of the highest expressions of intelligence arising in these two centres – wisdom on the one hand and love and compassion on the other.

If the solar system were in some way a support for an extremely high form of consciousness, would the sun be the equivalent of the heart or the head? In the human being, the physical heart is the seat of warmth and the source of life in the sense that everything radiates from it, whereas the head is the seat of the senses, of the nervous system and that which governs. There is no doubt that the sun is the source of warmth and energy for the planets of the solar system (and the space in-between, of which we

know virtually nothing,) so to that extent it seems that the sun could well be the heart. Esotericists have long said that the sun as we understand it is not the seat of the highest intelligence of the solar system and that there is something far greater which has been termed “the central spiritual sun”. Where that central spiritual sun might or could be located is a matter of conjecture but the hint is that there is an aspect of the solar system that has a governing function, a seat of wisdom of phenomenal proportion. If that is hard to accept, please think on this: if there is no limit to the possible evolution of consciousness, or to possible states of consciousness, what might be the home or forms of states of consciousness and intelligence that are way beyond human capacity?

Your intelligence and mine cannot be seen. A human form may support a criminal or a saint, a scientist or a labourer. In its naked glory, the human frame does not reveal what is within. The universe is full of solar systems. Do they, like humans, have a variety of functions at a level of consciousness that is way beyond our possible understanding, as much as our consciousness is beyond the possible comprehension of an ant or an earthworm? If they do, they must have different centres of energy to form cohesive and coherent structures because consciousness requires a structure within which to operate. Within our solar system, the sun's *physical* function is comprehensible to some degree but what is its *internal* function? We cannot possibly know but we can begin to appreciate, perhaps, that it has one and, if it does, it must be of incredible significance and magnitude.

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