ills of mankind. As we take in the fantastic illumination and warmth of what He offers, joy and compulsions from our own latent divinity grow and gradually overrule our preoccupation with material existence. The transformation takes place as a result of shifting from the low gear of egocentric vision to a growing awareness of the Over-All outlook and view. Applying and proving the validity of the science of reality can burn away the veil of humanness that holds the human consciousness back and forces us into the world of illusion that ‘Abdu’l-Baha said is the source of all of our troubles.

My life, since 1945, has been devoted to development of the science of reality. At first I worked from blind compulsion, not knowing why. Later when the National Reference Library Committee set forth the classifications of Existence as it is in reality (as revealed, that is, by the Word of God), I realized that we had taken the first step in establishing the science of reality. Any system of education or living based on the Over-All view of life that has been so unveiled to the human consciousness HAS to work. So whatever we can offer that solves human problems is worth whatever effort we can put into it.

The simple indexing process of categorizing ideas or whatever faces us under the real classifications of existence, was found to be fantastically powerful. We learned by experience that it gradually builds up in the human consciousness an entirely new concept of life, one that changes one’s feelings and reactions from hopeless negativism to exuberantly positive ones. It enables a person to understand what he deals with sufficiently to be able to direct his life intelligently and successfully. Indexers, and later those who worked without indexing but in other ways with this classifying of what actually exists, have all experienced to some degree this transformation.

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relationship to his creator ends; nor are they concerned about their creator’s will and purpose in bringing them into being.

I am a purposeful powerful being, and that means that I am a five dimensional creature. However, to be required to fit into an overall purpose and to use that power that is out of this world to achieve before being able to achieve success, is a new concept to most people. Philosophers translate spirit into ethics. Moralists prescribe values by which people are judged. Religionists interpret their Truths in terms that human nature can deal with. These are all good intellectual processes. But none of them lift the human consciousness above its egocentric preoccupation. They merely bring Revelations or manifestations of Reality down into the realm of common thought, where understanding depends on what kind of education and conditioning a person may have.

The science of reality does the opposite of that. It transcends egocentric think and the limitations of the rational consciousness, by beginning with the Source of Existence. It call attention to the two methods by which realities are brought into existence, and names the basic elements of existence that the human consciousness has come to recognize. It pictures the human being in the light of its purpose and power, identifying and describing the specific aspects of the soul that must be understood if we are to face our own heavenly reality. It translates the glorious heights of mysticism, art, human sciences and incredible human potentialities into simple portrayals that any heart can sense and understand without regard to academic education or dependence on logic. To avoid the restrictions of esoteric verbiage, it uses sensible figures and visual aide, and it introduces a few new terms of its own as every science does. In short, the aim is not to bring spiritual truth down to the world of the intellect, but rather to lift the human consciousness up to five-dimensional perception where reality is clearly visible.

Existence consists of many worlds. All have emanated from a single source. First there is the World that the Source manifests. This is the Greater World. Then there is the World that the Source creates. This is the Lesser World, or Creation. Man is a creation of the Source, and steps into Existence at its outer edge, as part of the lowest level of Life - at the highest level of material existence and at the beginning of the world of spiritual existence. This is what can be seen from the Over-All View of Life.

"The prophets of God have been the servants of reality: Their teachings constitute the science of reality." (PUP p.297)

The science of reality is not religious, but it is based on revealed Truth. Students will not be told the source of the postulates used in developing he science, nor are any references to the Bahá’í Writings quotes. Religious terms are avoided because there is so little agreement on their connotations. But Bahá’ís should and others will come to understand, that the science of reality causes the human consciousness to become dynamically aware of the realness of all that the Prophets of God have taught and especially of what Bahá’u’lláh has unveiled. For in one small Book He has taken "the inner essence of all that has been uttered by the tongue of power and might and that has been revealed to the Prophets" of the past, and "clothed it in the garment of brevity." And in addition He gave to the world innumerable volumes that make clear to the eyes of the heart the entire fifth dimension of Existence. This Knowledge is to come to mankind for the first time through the Bahá’ís, but it does not belong to them exclusively. We have been instructed to impart it, to teach it in any and every way that is possible. A triple personal compulsion is behind my efforts to develop the science of reality, then: first, to contribute something to the teaching effort; next to try to pass along to others what I, as an agnostic, found to transform my entire being - the most important Knowledge of my life; and finally, to meet a great need and desire of many enlightened individuals to earn their living by imparting what they know.

As we move along on the path of evolutionary progress, the exhilaration of recognizing reality in all of its glorious beauty, perfection, infinitude, eternality and Divinity, increases. Bahá’u’lláh was empowered to convert satanic strength into heavenly power. He brought the Medicine to heal the
WHAT THE SCIENCE OF REALITY IS

Definitions:

**Science** - systematic and formulated knowledge of a subject, obtained by scientific method that uses postulates to span the gaps left by the limited human means of obtaining knowledge, and then tests the conclusions in every possible way.

**Reality** - (1) What actually exists, as indicated by the signs of existence that appear in the human consciousness, and designated by human terminology; and (2) what underlies or produces those appearances.

The *science of reality* introduces an over-all concept of Existence including both what actually exists where we live, and what underlies these appearances and is *out of this world*.

It is based on dimensions and realities perceptible to the human consciousness. It is a concept of three Realities:

- **space**, measured by 3 dimension: height, width, and depth, perceptible to physical consciousness;
- **time-and-space**, where we live, with time (a fourth dimension) measuring duration of activity; and
- **purpose-and-power**, immaterial and *out of this world*, underlying and accounting for all activity.

The knowledge that has been systematized and formulated into the science of reality is all knowledge available to the human consciousness through its three basic abilities to acquire knowledge:

- **personal experience** through living in the material world;
- **discovery** of what is out of this world through the human intellect or rational powers of perception;
- **revelation** of reality through inspiration (the source of proved and tested postulates), and through human teachability that accepts knowledge imparted by those who have been so inspired or know through other means.

The science of reality has formulated and systematized that knowledge by the scientific method of summarizing what is known by observation and reasoning, supplemented by postulates to span the gaps left by those limited means of obtaining knowledge. The next step is application of the knowledge to practical solution of human problems, which is an ideal method of testing and proving the authenticity of the postulates. They are found, on testing, to work so infallibly that they may be considered dependable laws.

Always in the past man has lived primarily in the world of his own physical experiences where he recognized reality - *what actually exists* - by the signs of existence that register on the human senses. Gradually he added to his consciousness an awareness of time and what goes on in it, namely, activity with cause and results. Beyond that, he has been given ideals, moral values and enlightenment that have developed in him a kind of spiritual conscience. He has even been taught to look up to his Source that exists somewhere out of this world as part of the Great Unknown. But always the rational mind has its specific ceiling level, and what lay beyond the human outlook or, now, the scientific view, was too incomprehensible to be classed as part of the academic world. In fact ideals, human aspiration, and all that the heart of man sense and longs for have been regarded more as possibilities than as realities, we haven’t seen them as elements of the fifth dimension of life nor realized that they must be dealt with as definitely as we react to the other four dimensions if we expect successful results. Most people seem to think that once a being is created, the
To answer this question, we quote from the currently unpublished manuscript entitled *Introduction to the Science of Reality.*

*Formulating and systematizing knowledge to create a science begins with observing, analyzing, defining and classifying the phenomena of the subject under research. Definitions point out what has been observed, and after various aspects have been designated and analyzed, classification becomes possible. Conclusions drawn from this process achieve the purpose of scientific research, which is to identify laws that establish the flawless order of existence, and to uncover other hidden aspects of reality.*

When relations between variable quantities or dissimilar entities seem to remain unchanged, a law is suspected and verbalized.

But often there are gaps in human knowledge, and a hypothesis is suggested to complete the picture. This forms a basis for new conclusions; and when these seem valid, and results loom up as beneficial to mankind, the assumption is put to as many tests as are possible, practicable or considered necessary. Finally, if, as with the eating of a new pudding, the product is considered completely satisfactory, the hypothesis is accepted as true, and the new knowledge is added to the bill of fare of scientific education.

This is the procedure followed in developing and presenting the science of reality. But, in addition, special attention has been given to techniques of instruction aimed at universal response, rather than at appealing only to the highest levels of intellectual learning. For ours is a movement to develop a world view and common denominator of understanding, free of ethnicentricity and chauvinistic nationalism, and even of intellectual arrogance. Yet in simplifying what is in reality profound, we must also meet standards of accepted communication.

Scientists have their specialized knowledge, their own levels of perception, and even their own vocabularies. What are simple observations to them are often unproved hypotheses to the uninitiated. With this in mind, the *science of reality* has grouped together observations, deductions, conclusions—from experience, called them *postulates.* The important fact about them all is that, when applied practically, *they work.*

Although this science presents a holistic view of existence, purportedly from a superhuman viewpoint, it explains reality in familiar human language, and introduces enlightenment in terms of what is intellectually credible. But much of what it expects to convey is *out of this world* in both senses of the term. That is, it goes beyond the real of common thought and understanding, and transcends the sounds that we call words. It portrays aspect of reality that are of *extraordinary excellence* and glorious beyond human description. So in order both to expand the limited everyday connotations of popular terminology to include superhuman significances and to bring our language down to more universal comprehension, basic definitions of many foundation terms are provide (usually from Webster or Oxford Dictionaries), often stressing specific relevant meaning. In addition, we have introduced a few signs and symbol pictures to facilitate recognition of the invisible elements and dimension of reality. For although the knowledge with which this science deals is profound, it must and can be made clear and understandable to all mentalities and all levels of sophistication. Pure truth is comprehensible and credible, and this what the science of reality is.

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WHAT REALITY DOES THIS SCIENCE COVER?

POSTULATE: Any sign or evidence of existence that has been perceived by the human consciousness to the extent of being named, must be considered a reality.

The human mind deals in mental concepts expressed in words or other representations. Those representations, words and mental concepts designate what registers in the human consciousness, and are merely symbols of what actually exists. And what appears in the human consciousness is simply signs of the existence of a more comprehensive reality. We know that reality exists, because a non-existent thing can give no sign of existence. Actually, anything that has been designated by a word and envisioned as a mental concept must be accepted as a reality, and that includes the entire human dictionary. Reality, then, encompasses the totality of existence.

From the Over-All viewpoint, the science of reality sees that what appears in the human consciousness actually exists, but is very different from what underlies those appearances or what we are reacting to. The dictionary recognizes this fact in giving the two definitions of the word, reality. "What exists" applies to anything that we can see, hear, smell, taste or touch, as proved by the sensations it evokes (POSTULATE: No sign can come from a non-existent thing). But this gives us practically no idea of "what underlies those appearances." This indicates that while we must recognize what our senses report as being "real", we are not in touch with the reality, in the greater sense of the word, unless we are aware of what underlies or causes those sense reports - the five-dimensional reality.

This is a profound observation, for it means that when we react we may be dealing merely with appearances, and remain oblivious of the reality of what faces us.

Actually this happens constantly, because we begin life facing a Great Unknown, and only become aware of reality as it registers on our awakening consciousness. And this can only report what our Knowing Powers or faculties of perception take in, reaction by reaction. So we can spend our entire lifetime trying to find out what underlies those "appearances" - the WHY? of existence.

The importance of the science of reality lies in the fact that we behave unintelligently when we are out of touch with the reality of what we are dealing with, whereas knowledge of the underlying factors that constitute the totality of a thing can enable us to establish the right or successful relations with it. The science of reality, then, presents not only what actually exists but those aspects of existence that are real but veiled to us in what we call the Great Unknown. We speak of the latter part of Existence or Reality as being out of this world of human consciousness where we live, realizing that it is real, but beyond our comprehension or even recognition of its existence. We use this symbol to indicate this part of reality.

In reality, life is glorious. What underlies appearances is an unfailingly benevolent Purpose backed by invincible Power. But this dimension of existence - at least of the invisible immaterial part - is beyond human comprehension. That is the part of the Great Unknown whose mysteries the human consciousness has been unraveling down through the ages, and whose dawning light keeps drawing humanity to ever increasing realization and delights. That is what facing a reality does for a person: dissolves revulsion and hostility, and awakens appreciation of what actually exists.

To acquire an entirely new outlook on life is a profound undertaking, and demands effort and time. The first simple program on SUCCESSFUL SELF DIRECTION starts a person in that direction. Continuing can enable you to -

Know your real self;
Transform your human relationships
Change your views of time;
Get rid of blame and criticism;
Face the reality of the powers that this new enlightenment will unveil to you.
You aren't asked to believe anything. Just do the exercises and attend the group meetings.
TRY IT OUT! It really works!
POSTULATES USED

1. Everything that exists is brought into being by a Source: the Source either manifests it as an emanation from its own being, or creates it from elements that it has manifested.

This is based on what we know by observing how things are brought into existence in our own experience and environment. I am a source of some things that I observe as realities: I manifest my own qualities, my outward appearances, and evidences or signs of an unseen inner being. And I create certain situations, as well as a few inventions of my own, such as communications, and things that I make. Everything in my surrounding has been produced either by other beings, or by the Source of all existence, and all are brought into being, or caused to be, by one or the other of these two processes: 1) manifestation, or 2) creation.

So we may represent existence by this symbol that reminds us of these three conditions of existence. Generally speaking, what is visible falls in the category of creation. What is manifested includes much that is invisible - realities that are beyond our comprehension, and yet give such definite signs of their existence that we have to recognize their realness.

From this is derived the symbol of the holistic or Over-All view of reality or total Existence. It begins with its one Source. What is manifested is Purposeful Power, Knowledge, Love and Linking action, revealed in the creation called man, as intelligence, emotional energy or Love power used positively and negatively, and activity that either Links or does not Link him with what faces him, reaction by reaction. Since man, in reality, is an element of total existence, the life of man here and now is simply a matter of finding his place in the scene. Successful Self Direction consists in intelligent Linking or relating to all he can encounter of reality.

The foregoing reminds us that there are two kinds of existence that we designate in various ways: material and immaterial, visible and invisible, physical and spiritual, comprehensible and incomprehensible in this world of human affairs and out of this world.

However we think of them, man is part of and live in both. He is at the apex of materiality and the beginning of his spiritual existence. Our natural human state puts us in touch with time and space. But we know that beyond and underlying these four dimensions there is an animating principle or spirit that is explained by its purpose and power. Knowledge of this fifth dimension is essential to facing any reality.

POSTULATE: Man is essentially an invisible, spiritual being that functions through a human physique characterized by a brain and nervous system. He is known by these outer signs of his inner Self. The view afforded by the science of reality makes it possible to understand the human reality in an unprecedented way.
ARE WE FACING REALITY?

Reality has two definitions: what actual exists; and what underlies appearances.

What underlies the appearance of any matter that claims our attention is its purpose-and-power - its “spirit,” if you please. So if one is out of touch with the purpose of something, he is out of touch with the reality of that thing, in the highest sense of the word; and unaware, too, of its spirit.

Scientists admit that they can never perceive reality, and must be content with relative knowledge; and also, that because “man is an indivisible whole of extreme complexity, no simple representation of him is obtainable.” Yet from another source of knowledge, we find that reality has been unveiled. It has been put into words, analyzed and organized into what is call the science of reality. And it includes a true representation of man. Thus a comprehensible concept of our reality is available. The science of reality does not ask for faith in what it reveals, however. It presents what may seem incredible as simple postulates, and asks that these be tested for dependability. They have been proved true by many individuals.

The science of reality introduces the following postulates:

#1. Everything that exists in the domain of reality has a source.
#2. Everything that exists emanates from its source in one of two ways: the source manifests it; or the source creates it.

For example: a tree manifests its fruit. The fruit is a manifestation of the tree. The tree is its source, and the fruit manifests a form or reveals the reality of the source. The fruit partakes of the life of the tree.

On the other hand, and artist creates a picture. The picture is a creation, composed of available elements or materials, and the artist is its source. From the picture we learn something of the source’s relation to the picture, but the picture does not reveal the artist otherwise. It is not part of the artist. As a thing, it may be a perfect creation, but it does not partake of the artist’s perfection.

Existence, accordingly, has been classified into three categories:
1. The Source
2. What the Source manifests - the Greater World of Manifestation
3. What the Sources creates - the Lesser World, called Creation

DEFINITIONS (based on Postulates):

Greater World - is a form of the Source, partakes of the attributes and mature of the Source, and reveals the Reality of the Source

Lesser World - merely reflects some qualities or aspects of the Source; it does not reveal, manifest or share the Reality of the Source.

Man - is the greatest Emanation from the Source. The manifested Man is divine, like the Source, superhuman. The created man is human, and of limited perfections, although reflecting the attributes of Divinity. (note Capital M for Manifested Man, small m for created man)
presents a viable concept of the human reality as an indivisible whole of extreme complexity, and at the same time sets forth the simple basic aspects that enable Man to be perceived simultaneously in his entirety, his parts, and his relations with the outer world. It brings in an explanation of the laws and powers that regulate the progress both of the human race and of the individual. It offers an innovative understanding of reality that gives us the key to mastery of ourselves, our emotions and our behavior; and an ascendancy over obstacles to our intended evolution and ultimate fulfillment.

It is impossible in this brief discussion to even hint at the advantages that can accrue from taking this new step of evolution. The basic elements and aspects that can bring an understanding of ourselves are here indicated sufficiently to invite testing and application, but what we want to make clear is that the science of reality is "in the works," and awaiting development, proof and presentation to the world. Is this the nucleus of educators that will "carry the ball"?
originate within ourselves. They are all spiritual realities that are generated by and derived from a central Source that manifests itself in the fifth dimension of Existence as our purposeful power. The science of reality unveils that aspect of Existence, enables us to understand our relationship to it. The Human Consciousness is out of touch with reality until it expands to take in that fifth dimension. And we cannot hope for progress or even survival if we close our ears to what we "can't see" either physically or intellectually.

It is true that in the physical world disease and death always win out. To the Human Consciousness this is discouraging. And in the realm of human affairs we face confusion, bitter conflict of ego-wills, and a hostile spirit of competition arising from the laws of the jungle where only the fittest survive. If that is the limit of our horizons we cannot face life with confidence or joy. People who are so limited are depressed. They don't Like or Link with what Life presents to them. They want only to flee or fight. They become belligerent. They hate and become hateful. They are not Linking, not Loving, not spiritually, even Living. Their "L" power is being used in wrong ways.

These are powerful, rational, purposeful beings - the greatest in creation. But they are five-dimensional creatures trying to live in a four dimensional environment. They see their own purposes and powers as the fifth dimension of life, which is obviously an immature concept. Mankind has gone as far as that outlook can take us. The Human Consciousness must move on into the realm of reality and holistic vision, and recognize the invincible better-than-the-best fifth dimension of Existence. We must come to terms with this part of our environment that requires supra-rational perception to grasp, and to which our intellectual pursuits and academic education have practically blinded us. For ahead on the path of evolution is a whole new world of unfolding spiritual mysteries and glorious possibilities to be seen behind what we find personally revolting. Every phenomenon, everything that “happens” in our planetary existence, has that divine purpose-and-power as its animating principle and underlying feature. When we realize that, we'll learn to accept and Link with all that life offers.

Our claim is that the science of reality unveils the secret of triumphant living much as the sciences of inert matter have laid bare the secrets of successfully dealing with material existence. It
only in the stage of becoming, and of bringing out our latent endowments. But when we learn that
Man, alone of all existence, has been given conscious intelligence, volition, spiritual qualities and
creativity, all of which characterize the Creator, we can begin to understand how godlike that being
is that has been called a "living soul." Man has even been permitted to participate in the process of
his own creation. So no longer should we see him as an imperfect creature whom the ego often
finds obnoxious, but rather as a spiritual being in an embryonic condition.

In short, the science of reality enables us to see the "goodness" and divinity of Existence,
and to know that we can and do, to the extent of our effort, to overcome and outgrow the absence of
good ("Evil") by activating the inherent perfection in ourselves and our environment, and by
Linking action as we relate to reality. But because we have volition and minds of our own,
alternatives have been put before us: we must struggle for the best, or else become bogged down in
its absence that we know as evil. And if we hold back long, we find that evil becomes terrifying,
horrendous, destructive and deadly; while the best looms up as ever more "heavenly."

As we gain the holistic viewpoint, we realize that one whole dimension has indeed been
lacking in all past secular education. Pedagogy has heretofore been concerned primarily with
activating and training the intellect and rational faculties that function through the left hemisphere of
the brain. It must now turn to training the emotional nature that, in essence, controls all that one
does and becomes. It has yet to deal with a person's top level of perception and energy, such as
creativity, faith and intuitive wisdom. It is time to concentrate on what the right side of the brain can
do. The science of reality opens new vistas of potential spiritual growth and progress that this new
kind of education will initiate. It can remedy a glaring mistake that has been made and that shows
up the limitations of our human vision. For example, no really intelligent organizer would set up a
system using electrical equipment without insuring a solid working connection to electrical energy.
Yet human beings, even well educated ones, plan their lives and activities with no great attention to
where their power comes from. Modern man seems to regard himself as his own power source,
with nothing greater than himself, or perhaps certain other more sophisticated people, to draw on.
This could account for his finding himself almost destroyed by problems he cannot solve, and sunk
in darkness that he cannot alleviate. Light, Knowledge, wisdom, Linking power and Love do not
going on, and many are contributing, consciously or unconsciously, to the development of the science of reality. They recognize as an ideal the global consciousness and cooperative unity that we know is essential to progress and even survival; and they are participating in some kind of Linking action that will transform human nature and bring harmony, love and brotherhood to our earthly habitation. But this is the age of science, and we need what we “just know” intuitively, or aspire to hopefully, put into a scientifically understood and developed procedure. The understanding begins with what is suggested in this first section. Later, a second section will set forth conclusions, techniques and work shop programs that have been established, by way of showing how the holistic outlook produces what is desired. And still later, the third Monograph will suggest models and teaching techniques that can be incorporated into a specific curriculum that will teach all aspects of human existence in the light of its fifth dimension. Such study and instruction are essential to achieving the purposes of the World University of the future. For world-oriented scholars and leaders must have not merely global consciousness, but active awareness of that fifth dimension that now looms up as spirituality and as the nisi qua non of reality.

From the holistic viewpoint, we see Existence as a creative process going on endlessly. The wherewithal for that activity (purpose, power, behavior pattern, motivation, etc.) all emanates from a planning-and-power Source. Evolution is its basic activity pattern, and this is carried out by virtue of a fantastic Order and conformance to inexorable Laws that are also attributable to the Source. And all movement is predominantly toward achievement of one holistic purpose that is infinite, eternal, and better than the best we can imagine, called "divine."

What externalizes in space, however, are only three-dimensional signs of Existence that show both the initial absence of perfection and the perfections already achieved by evolution. We label these "evil" and "good." We see, in time, progress bringing what is better, and, vaguely, an ultimate that is best or even better than the best we can imagine, which we call "divine." We see Man as part of this process, being drawn heavenward by inspiration, faith, hope and noble desires. We see a flawless Law and Order manifesting in every aspect of existence. But we see an absence of these virtues in human nature and the realm of human affairs. That is because we human beings are
We are recommending the science of reality as a core curriculum for higher education and as a preliminary to twenty-first century education for children and youth of the world.

Science, in its basic sense, is systematic formulated knowledge, according to the dictionary. And reality has two definitions: what actually exists (as indicated by undeniable signs of existence); and what underlies appearances.

Signs of existence appear in the Human Consciousness, and we know that what we perceive thus actually exists. What underlies these "appearances" is the purpose-and-power of the reality. This aspect of existence we recognize as its fifth dimension. This fifth dimension comprises the distinctive principle of holistic vision, and its application to man generates a view that enables us to grasp what is meant by the spiritual nature of Man. This spiritual nature is something that science can and must reckon with, if we are to remain actively in touch with our own selves and construct our own destiny.

The science of reality, then, is systematic formulated knowledge that identifies the animating principle or spirit that underlies all Existence that we call its fifth dimension. Space, we say, has three dimensions. When we measure the duration of action in space, we add a fourth dimension called time. And "underlying" and activating all phenomena of time and space is this fifth dimension: purpose-and-power. Or, using the term familiar to religionists, we can think of it as spirit.

We are summarizing here the first of three Monographs that constitute an *Introduction to the Science of Reality*. This first section lists and defines the elements and aspects essential to real or total Existence. The human consciousness naturally perceives "appearances" there. But it takes spiritual or supra-rational perception to make us aware of what causes those appearances. We are out of touch with reality, in the greater sense of the word, until we become acquainted with that fifth dimension. Millions of people today are vaguely aware of a purpose and power behind what is