

Phone chat with Garvin McCurdy 12/8/08

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Introduction

This chat with Garvin provided important reassurance for me—given the weakness of my background in physics and math, I’ve not felt entirely sure of my ground.

Notes:

We began discussing our differing perspectives—his coming more from “traditional Science” (physics) and mine more from “traditional Yoga.” Garvin commented, “from my point of view, the fact that Yogic experience has lasted all this time says there must be something there. We need to pay attention to these things.”

Garvin reassured me that he felt physics and math were “on the side of” my SummaTime Scale (STS)— In addition, he expressed his opinion that “your entry goes right to the heart of what’s missing in conventional science—how to account for the perennial perception of timelessness.”

We discussed my notion that it might be useful to distinguish between “map and mechanism.” I pointed out that his papers are focused on *mechanisms* whereas mine are about the STS as a *map* that says little about *how* things *work* or relate together. He concluded by saying that this “distinction is probably justified.”

We discussed my notion of the PlanckPrint—the STS as representing a sort of snap-shot of the whole universe taken with a Planck time shutter speed. In terms of his paper “Time as Enabler of Process,” this idea resonates as “pattern without time.” He went on to say that “hidden in the physics are things that say, ‘this occurs in no time at all’—such as electrons and photons interacting and such as tunneling phenomena. There is still plenty of mystery here.”

Finally, Garvin proposed that the STS—designed as a “backwards looking logarithmic time scale”—hasn’t been used previously (in physics) for lack of “obvious utility.” At the same time, using the example of the quantum hyperbola, Garvin expressed that “what I’ve developed *is* the STS *in different contexts*.”

On the strength of this gradual “coming together,” I soon launched into a three day “McCurdy intensive” during which time I read through all his papers available on his site (<http://homepage.mac.com/fohand/index.html>). This intensive led to my “Christmas Questions for Garvin” posted here with his replies.