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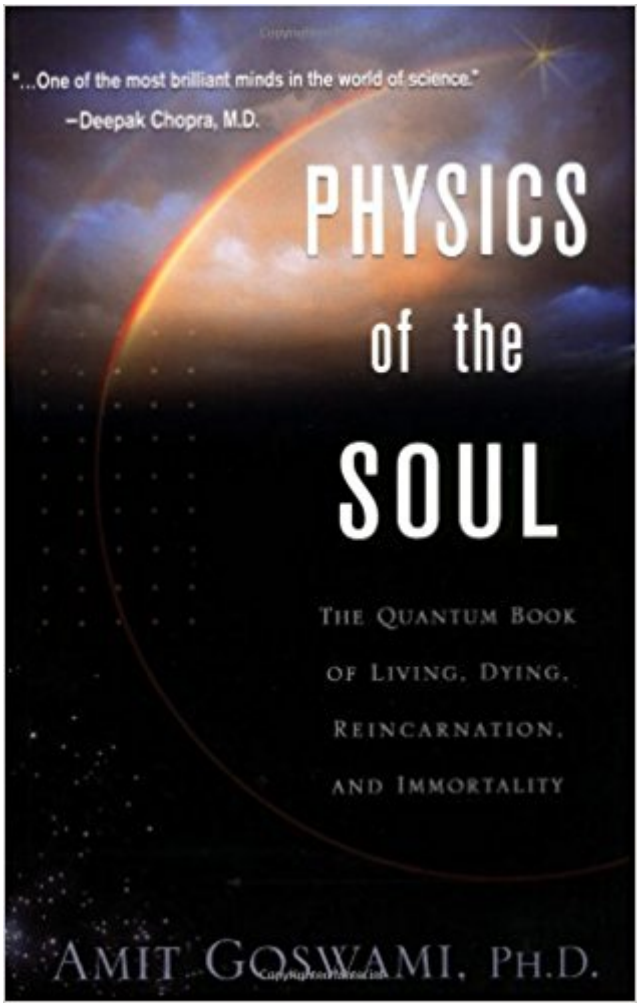

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Synopsis

At last, science and the soul shake hands. Writing in a style that is both lucid and charming, mischievous and profound, Dr. Amit Goswami uses the language and concepts of quantum physics to explore and scientifically prove metaphysical theories of reincarnation and immortality.In Physics of the Soul, Dr. Goswami helps you understand the perplexities of the quantum physics model of reality and the perennial beliefs of spiritual and religious traditions. He shows how they are not only compatible but also provide essential support for each other. The result is a deeply broadened, exciting, and enriched worldview that integrates mind and spirit into science.One of today's pioneering thinkers in science and spirituality, Dr. Goswami taught physics for 32 years, was a professor of Theoretical Science at the University of Oregon, and is currently senior resident researcher at the world-renowned Institute of Noetic Sciences. He is an advocate of "monistic idealism," the philosophy that defines consciousness, not materiality, as the primary reality.

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On Amit Goswami’s excellent book "The Physics of the Soul."There are two books on the application of the philosophy of idealism to nature that I highly recommend.One is David Fideler’s "Restoring the Soul of the World- Our Living Bond with Nature’s Intelligence"(see my review elsewhere on), the other is Amit Goswami’s excellent book "The Physics of the Soul."Goswami is a rare creature indeed, a good scientist and a good philosopher. More arfe needed since scientistsusually dismiss the possibility of looking seriously at science and metaphysics at the same time. There is ofcourse the "philosophy of science", but in modern times it is completety empirical, ie it does not go beyondsensual input into metaphysics. Metaphysics is forbidden territory. True, the 20th-century British scientistSir James Jeans wrote that "the Universe begins to look more like a great thought than like a great machine."*But his metaphysics is more suggestive than truly philosophical. Goswami does a much better job, invokingtranscendental, not just empirical philosophyFrom now on, I suggest that students of physics should study Leibniz and Kant and other transcendentalists suchas Plotinus, in order to answer basic questions such as the following:Consciousness and the First Person Singular (A more extended Socratic Dialogue)Who is conscious ? The First Person Singular. Let us call him FPS. The knower. See Kant (the transcendental deduction) and Marjorie Green(Ã¢Â ÂœThe Knower and the KnownÃ¢Â Â• Univ. of California Press, 1974, Chapter 5, Kant: The Knower as Agent) .What is peculiar about the FPS ? He is the agent of consciousness. Meaning that he is subjective.What is subjectivity? Subjectivity is the FPS. It is the mental (not physical) Ã¢Â ÂœIÃ¢Â Â•, the knower. It is active. It seeks out objects to be perceived or known.What is objectivity ? It is physical object to be perceived. To be known. It is a Ã¢Â ÂœthingÃ¢Â Â•. The object is passive.How is an object perceived ? As in PenroseÃ¢Â Â™s theory, The light from an object is transmitted to out optical nerves.What form is the perceived object in ? In quantum (mental) form.What is a quantum? The world is monistic but of two aspects, the physical (particles) and the nonphysical or mental or subjective (quanta).Together, as LeibnizÃ¢Â Â™s substances (see his Monadology), when of a single part, such unitary substances are called Ã¢Â ÂœmonadsÃ¢Â Â•.The quantum is the mental aspect of a physical particle such as an electron. But if a unitary part from a mathematical pointof view, it may be a collection of particles, where it is a composite monad.What is the universe made of ? As we just said, it is composed, dependent on your point of view, either of physical bodies or composite monads.Can there be monads within monads ? Yes, they can be nested, and can be within the composite monads of larger bodies or containing smaller monad/bodiessuch as particles to a very large extent. That they are nested suggests that the physical world is a giant fractal.Then what is the structure of mind ? This is a puzzle. Although theorists and experimentalists suggest that mind is

structured like a hologram, its physical form must be,as we just observed, like a fractal. These two competing but corresponding structures are suggested in LeibnizÃ¢Â Â™s Monadology.What are space and time ? There is only spacetime; space and time are the same as in general relativity, but are combined. Spacetime may in fact beinvolved in sorting out the rule of holograpahic mind and fractal space. Monads are represented in space, however, according toLeibniz, only by the differences between particles.Could universal entaglement unwrap the enigma of holographic mind and fractal space ? I am not a mathematician, but perhaps this might merge fractals of physical bodies if bothreduce to a single point in Mind.You used a capital letter for Mind. How does universal Mind differ from my individual mind ? Mind is the One of Neoplatonism, which cybernetically controls the Many [monads]: Ã¢Â Âœ The elements in their totality, as they stand produced, may be thought of as one spheric figure; this cannot be thepiecemeal product of many makers each working from some one point on some one portion [materialism]. There must be one[top down] cause; and this must operate as an entire, not by part executing part; otherwise we are brought back to a plurality of makers.The making must be referred to a partless unity, or, more precisely, the making principle must be a partless unity not permeating thesphere but holding it as one dependent thing. In this way the sphere is enveloped by one identical life in which it is inset; itsentire content looks to the one life. Thus all the souls are one, a one, however, which is infinite. Ã¢Â Â• - Plotinus, the Enneads, VI (9).So Mind is like a cybernetic control point ? Yes. it must be a singularity in mental Ã¢Â Âœspace Ã¢Â Â•, it must so to prevent conflict. Leibniz said that accordingly theuniverse was constructed so that it runs in pre-established harmony. Control must be top down. Mind observes all and does all, in both living and nonliving entities.So Mind is Life ? Yes. Only living entities have life and can know. So life is also intelligence.So computers can't think ? ThatÃ¢Â Â™s right, only living entities have intelligence and a knower to think. And Mind to manipulate the thinker.You talk of intelligence. What is that ? Life. More particularly, it is the ability to manipulate symbols freely (without a computer program).What is thinking ? Thinking is comparing and responding up with an answer. Thinking requires not only a local mind to focus on a problem,such as 2+2, then a higher order Mind to compare 2 and 2 = ? and respond to the local mind with Ã¢Â Âœ4Ã¢Â Âœ. But current science holdsthat control must be bottom up from matter. That canÃ¢Â Â™t be, because as far as I know, there is no singular control point at the bottom,no intelligence nor concentrated point of intelligence at the bottomBut doesnÃ¢Â Â™t the individual brain control the individual brain ? No, according to the above, Mind controls matter top down. The brain is made of matter and has no intelligence or cyberneticcontrol point.The individual mind plays the individual brain like a fiddle.To prove this, just say Ã¢Â Âœah Ã¢Â Â•. There, youÃ¢Â Â™ve justproven that mind controls matter.

The same is true of science and matter.If only living entities have Life, can non-living matter produce Life ? No.Why is that ? Because non-living matter has no intelligence, no cybernetic control point (Mind). So presumably Life had toalso be created with the Big Bang.It wasnÃ¢Â Â™t there before ? If timespace was also created at the Big Bang, then there was no before. Then the process could repeat.Yes, Penrosehas found that to be the case. Nietzsche called it Eternal Return. My speculation is that a White Hole serves as the Big Bangand a Black Hole (or collapsing dark matter holes) would signify the end of the cycle.Is consciousness--present at the Big Bang-- also Life ? Well, as I implied above, only living beings can have intelligence and that is the forerunner of consciousness.What is consciousness ? Consciousness is apperception, to use LeibnizÃ¢Â Â™s term.What is an apperception ? Apperception is what results when perceptions (the quantum forms of sense signals) are thought on.All perceptions are at first unconscious, but they are made conscious asapperceptions when thought on or reflected on. Otherwise they remain unconscious.Didn't Kant have a similar and even more advanced version of that ? Yes itÃ¢Â Â™s given in KantÃ¢Â Â™s Third Critique, the Critique of (Aesthetic) Judgment. Kantcompleted empirical theories of mind such as those of Locke and Hume, by addingtranscendent Mind (Mind). Now we observed previously that Mind, being subjective, is active, creates consciousness.How ? First, consider animals. Kant devised 12 categories of experience, ie beyond that of Leibniz. Raw perceptions or, to use PeirceÃ¢Â Â™s term, Firstnesses, are first Ã¢Â Âœconceptualized Ã¢Â Â•into Secondnesses or the Understanding or apperceptions, in which the raw perceptions are acted on by the categories such as Unity or Plurality to form visual objects in the mind.What good are Unity and Plurality ? Well, a sheep for example, could notice a number of sheep as a flock. Being near it would be his flock.What happens then ? For animals, more categories might be applied, but animals are not supposed to have reason, so thatÃ¢Â Â™s about it for a sheep. For humans, reason and imagination are next applied to theunderstanding and he might recognize the flock as a flock of sheep.And then ? A sheep or a human first applies categories (concepts) to the Firstnessnesses of raw perceptionsto apperceive them) to say the groupings of concepts or Secondnesses (the Understanding) to get (a flock of.....)and then apply Reason to this and memory to identify the refined image as a Thirdness (....of sheep).******That should get you started. Now read Goswami's book.--[...]*Wikipedia.--see my website [...]---The world is necessarily controlled or else there is chaos.---There is necessarily only be one controller or else there will be warfare.---Therefore there is necessarily a transcendent monarch-like agent.---That agent is actually the point of infinite existence, consciousness and bliss

I did mistake by buying this book. I am studying spirituality for the last 4-5 years. I though the author may have given some logical explanation of soul in this book. It turned out 180 degrees opposite and he cites Sanatana Dharma scriptures in a wrong way. He does not KNOW Shrimad Bhagavad Gita ([...]) or Shrimad Bhagavat Mahapuran ([...]) so how can he cite is a proper perspective? I submitted a query on author's website and he has not cared to answer yet. This is another reason that he dose not know the subject well but misguiding mass of people by giving an attractive title, how can be a physics of NON-MATTER. The soul is Spiritual, not material, so laws of physics dose not apply to SOUL.

A very good plac read. I liked the way he explained step bhysicsy step how the transfer of the soul takes place, how quantum physics is involved..A little difficult (for me) to grasp in a few places.However, I loved the information about our eternal existance."Food for the soul."

Goswami's basic theory - that consciousness is primary and the phenomenal world is a product of consciousness - is a given in all esoteric traditions. His contribution is to illustrate how quantum physics supports this view of reality. Many others have asserted this, but Goswami's background as a physicist gives his writings an authority others lack. Unfortunately, his brilliance also makes his books somewhat impenetrable at times, and leads him into areas that canonly be speculation at this point, and that tends to undercut his credibility.

If you are a searcher of truth through the ancient knowledge, then THIS mans information is BEYOND required knowledge for you. Get your brain off all the junk science out there, and learn how new Physics is proving and will continue to prove the detailed truth about the human soul, which religions worldwide for the most part have totally destroyed. This book should be required learning for all humans.

A very scientific look at what is going on in levels of life heretofore difficult to discuss scientifically. it is heavily both scientific and deeply spiritual, plus it is fascinating. Not a light read, but truly worth the investment of time and thought. For all even a little aware of the new physics, I hope you will read this.

Amit Goswami is one of my favorites...

An incredibly insightful book on the primacy of consciousness and how the subtleties of thought can expose true purpose.Lots of scientific data to back up various hypothesis of past life regression and quantum non-locality.A must read for anyone in their adventure down the rabbit hole. (So to speak).

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