

## **KAIROS - Deep Time Consciousness**

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The word “kairos” indicates the idea of “deep time” - a concept that already existed in ancient Sumeria, thousands of years ago.

Kairos is opposed, in some sense, to kronos - which indicates the idea of chronological time, one thing after the other.

Kairos is also the title of my project for a building in orbit of planet Earth. More than a simple architectural design, it implicates a conceptual universe involving a reflection on the metamorphosis of individual and collective consciousness - deep time.

Consciousness Reframed is an international research conference started in 1997 by Roy Ascott. It is a transdisciplinary forum on art, science, technology and consciousness.

Consciousness Reframed 12 happened at the Centro Cultural de Belém in Lisbon, Portugal, between November 30 and December 2, 2011, joining artists, scientists and philosophers like Roy Ascott, Leonel Moura, António Cerveira Pinto, Stephan A. Schwartz, Blanka Earhart, Luís Miguel Girão, Tatsuo Unemi and Monika Weiss among many others.

**Kairos - Deep Time Consciousness**, my lecture at Consciousness Reframed 12, is a metalanguage process and collective experience based on the distribution of words in the cyberspace and on the metamorphosis of the archaic concept of human expansion on Earth.

Basically, this lecture was elaborated with twenty keywords inserted in an Internet random search. Each word corresponds to one minute of speech. Each minute starts with one thought, also collected at random from a database selecting twenty thinkers of the twentieth century, with five exceptions - that are from other epochs.

Beyond the thought, or philosophical reflection, each minute has a restricted number of words, from one to twenty-two. The distribution of words was established according to a criterium of chance elimination.

Thus, every minute is a small universe generated by one word captured in cyberspace, bringing with it other words, sometimes surprisingly, reflecting a fragment of a collective consciousness present in the hyper telecommunications systems in real time.

The existence of words and silences, establishes another parameter of consciousness.

Each word is treated with up to four different types of letters in nine different bodies, and with three types of treatment in relation to their thickness and inclination.

This complex treatment is taken as indications of interpretation by the lecturer - subtly altering the relationship between words, and interfering with what we might call consciousness design.

All that makes the lecture an unexpected experience both for lecturer and audience, in an enigmatic exercise of discovery.

Excepting the key-words, no other word of this lecture was written or thought by me.

The old concept of human expansion on planet Earth was connected to close packages of information, like the book.

Now, human being is everywhere - leaving no longer any room for expansions.

Classical war is a typical tool of human expansion on Earth. Without expansion, Humanity will tend to define new civilization tools.

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*Kairos is a Greek word  
that indicates the idea  
of time.*

*But differently of kronos,  
kairos means “deep time”  
– an idea already present  
in ancient Sumeria,  
thousands of years before.*

*“Deep time” is when we take something in its whole.*

*We have twenty minutes,  
twenty thinkers  
and twenty key words.*

*Each one of those key words  
was put in cyberspace  
in a search,  
and many other words were agglutinated.*

*The selection was made by chance.  
Each minute is composed by silence  
and by words,  
also designed by chance.*

*In this way, there is no intention.*

*Each minute reveals  
the face of another kind  
of consciousness in our planet.*

*Not a single word was written by me.*

## **One Silence**

Paul Valéry - *The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.*

drama

**Two  
Good**

Marshall McLuhan – *Any extension, whether of skin, hand or foot, affects the whole psychic and social complex.*

MEgachurch

Religion

Mo<sub>ney</sub>

**small**

acti<sub>Ons</sub>

add up  
to

a big

dif<sub>er</sub>en<sub>ce</sub>

Fe<sub>ed</sub>

the hu<sub>ngry</sub>

**Three  
Gaia**

*Confucius - There is nothing more visible than what is secret, and nothing more manifest than what is minute. Therefore the superior person is watchful over himself, when he is alone.*

limits  
in living  
harmoniously  
with  
our  
planet  
much  
scientific work  
has added  
support  
atmosphere  
oceans  
soil  
sacred  
Earth  
power  
Materialism  
and  
destruction

## Four Revolution

Arthur C. Clarke - *There is no way back into the past; the choice, as Wells once said, is the Universe—or nothing. Though people and civilizations may yearn for rest, for the dream of the lotus-eaters, that is a desire that merges imperceptibly into death. The challenge of the great spaces between the worlds is a stupendous one; but if we fail to meet it, the story of our race will be drawing to its close.*

Game<sub>s</sub>  
para<sub>s</sub>ite<sub>s</sub>  
pro<sub>t</sub>ec<sub>t</sub>ion

**Five**  
Time

Socrates - *The human being must rise above the Earth – to the top of the atmosphere and beyond – for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives.*

Yo**u** **e**xist,  
rig**ht**?

Pr**o** **v**e it.

Tim**e**

**a**nd

con**sci** **o** **u**sne**ss**

**a**re

in**ter**wo**ve**n



Six  
Star

René Berger – *Everything happens as if human being and machine had entered into an ever closer symbiosis, and such partnership would contribute to their mutual development. Far from being an instrument, the computer (...) will be a “supplement of the soul”.*

mirrOred  
on to  
billioNs  
of s tars  
everything  
and appears  
disappears  
a planet  
are moving  
through  
a time  
of transition  
a single nervous system

Seven  
War

John Wheeler - *We live on an island surrounded by a sea of ignorance. As our island of knowledge grows, so does the shore of our ignorance.*

modern

consciousness

research

war fly

something

against

maya

other

disasters

in the midst  
of

a revolution

consciousness

between

particles

maya

## Eight Money

Gerard Kitchen O'Neill - *More important than the material issue... the opening of a new, high frontier will challenge the best that is in us... the new lands waiting to be built in space will give us new freedom to search for better governments, social systems, and ways of life.*

Pro**S**perity  
is  
a **W**ay  
of **l**iving  
and **t**hin**king**

Ac**C**es  
is  
a po**w**erful  
**t**ool

Lo**s**ing  
our

unde**r**standing

## Nine Light

Jorge Luis Borges - *There is nothing very remarkable about being immortal; with the exception of humankind, all creatures are immortal, for they know nothing of death. What is divine, terrible, and incomprehensible is to know oneself immortal.*

Spir**itua**l  
of ins**pira**tion  
abd**omi**nal  
work  
L**igh**t

Ten  
Dream

Albert Einstein – *The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once.*

what  
is **knOw**<sub>n</sub>  
**ab**<sub>out</sub>  
m**O**der**n**  
**materia**<sub>istic</sub>  
science?  
in fact  
we  
are  
so **poor**<sub>ly</sub>  
re**member**<sub>ed</sub>  
hOw  
un**der**<sub>s</sub>**tanding**  
brain  
act**i**<sub>v</sub>**ity**?  
st**O**ne

**Eleven**  
**Love**

Thoreau - *Silence is the communing of a conscious soul with itself. If the soul attend for a moment to its own infinity, then and there is silence. She is audible to all men, at all times, in all places, and if we will, we may always hearken to her admonitions.*

Low  
entrop**y**

gr**and**  
s**cale**

Beyo**nd**

t**i**m**e** and s**p**ac**e**.

**Twelve  
Earth**

Richard Buckminster Fuller - *For at least two million years people have been reproducing and multiplying on a little automated spaceship called Earth.*

the awa**ren**es**s**  
of a **st**ate  
of **on**en**ess**

idea**s**:

**mu**ltiple

di**men**sions

in a **mu**lti**ver**se

ab**o**ut

a **sh**ift

**Ou**r

**col**lective

**con**sci**o**usness

m**O**Ving

in**to**

the Un**ivers**al

and

Un**ifi**ed

Co**nsci**o**u**sness

**Thirteen  
Walking**

Stephen Hawking - *I don't think the human race will survive the next thousand years, unless we spread into space. There are too many accidents that can befall life on a single planet. But I'm an optimist. We will reach out to the stars.*

**NO**

**experi~~e~~nce**

**of pass~~i~~ve**

day~~t~~ime

**meditat~~i~~on**

**Try it**

**walk~~i~~ng**

**on the road**

**Away**

**from**

**the current**

**competit~~i~~on**

**infor~~m~~ation**

**SOCI~~e~~ty**

**walk~~i~~ng**



**Fourteen**  
**Peace**

Daisetz Teitaro Suzuki - *Who would then deny that when I am sipping tea in my tearoom I am swallowing the whole universe with it and that this very moment of my lifting the bowl to my lips is eternity itself transcending time and space?*

Free world

Peace-creating

experts

9

hours

ago

war

and

peace

as seeds

sprouting

and taking

root

within

*the collective*

consciousness

of humanity

quantum

Consciousness

## Fifteen Universe

Lao Tzu - *For the wise person looks into space and he knows there is no limited dimensions.*

Exist<sup>e</sup>*nce*

*Ine*rtia

## Sixteen Individual

Carl Sagan - *Frederick Douglas taught that literacy is the path from slavery to freedom. There are many kinds of slavery and many kinds of freedom, but reading is still the path.*

why

do people

believe

in other people?

The origin

of an idea  
is

the collective

mind.

Human

organization.

Constructivism

framework.

Nature

is

transcendental

in what

is perceived.

## Seventeen Government

Jiddu Krishnamurti - *If we can really understand the problem, the answer will come out of it, because the answer is not separate from the problem.*

NO meat-eating  
no smoking  
no illicit sex.  
Government  
and  
politics.  
Abusing  
power  
Over others  
so as to limit  
their...  
A government's  
war  
on  
the consciousness.  
violations  
of  
human's  
rights.  
Divide  
and  
rule.

**Eighteen**  
**Sun**

*Fernando Pessoa - Everything around me is evaporating. My whole life, my memories, my imagination and its contents, my personality - it's all evaporating. I continuously feel that I was someone else, that I felt something else, that I thought something else. What I'm attending here is a show with another set. And the show I'm attending is myself.*

Sun **in** Libra

Moon **in** Gemini.

## Nineteen

### Joy

Machado de Assis - ...one of the roles of human is to shut his eyes and keep them shut to see if he can continue into the night of his old age the dream curtailed in the night of his youth.

Fear

of looking

foolish

or

too gregarious

or

too bossy.

Tiny flakes

of pure joy

which

reminded me...

Twenty  
Space

John Cage - *I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I'm frightened of the old ones.*

Space-time

is  
nothing

How

and

why

we

have

qualitative

phenomenal

experiences

is not hard