

## *Syntropy and Sufism*

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I have had a look at your journal, and I am amazed. I was not aware that anyone else in the world had ever noticed or considered Syntropy. I thought that I had rather recklessly extended the meaning that the word has in biology to describe a universal force arising out of Being. I am not a scientist. As you will see from reading a few of my blogs, I am coming out of Sufism, though deeply interested in quantum physics. Anyway, science and Sufism are both busily seeking the truth about Macro-reality. You are welcome to use the text of my blog on Syntropy in your journal. I would be honored.

Syntropy is a force in the Universe that brings things together into greater association and integration with each other. It results in more consolidation, greater development and more coherence. It is the energetic inner impulse to move toward. Like gravity and magnetism, Syntropy is an invisible force that impels things to move closer together. It is the opposite of Entropy, which is a winding down, a slow disintegration and withdrawal, an incremental descent toward destruction. In nature, Syntropy may result in two organisms forming a mutual dependence on each other to maintain their life processes. An example of this is humans providing a host environment for bacteria that live in the intestines, while the bacteria provide crucial assistance in the human digestion of food. The life processes of each organism depend upon their co-operation. The life of each organism benefits from their inter-action.

Perhaps the most apparent example of Syntropy is in procreation. Throughout nature, the male and female are irresistibly drawn toward each other, impelled by the forces of Syntropy, in order to achieve the procreative program of Being. The Syntropy is fuelled in this case by a perception of the other as alluring and desirable. This perception is compelling. It generates behavior. It produces an internal impulse to move toward the other. It is this internal biological impulse or push toward, arising from the depths of Being, that constitutes the core nature of Syntropy. It propels us out of our separation into contact and inter-action. Operating mostly at an unconscious level, the internal push that moves us toward another is rarely seen as itself. It arises in us as desire, as a perception of the other as alluring, compelling and desirable. The energies in Syntropy and the results of it are central to the unfolding of our lives. They are fundamental to the continuation of our species and all species on Earth.

In a larger sense, Syntropy can manifest as the tendency of life-energy in the Universe to move toward greater communication, inter-action, co-operation and understanding. It can be observed at the level of societies and cultures. We can see it active everywhere today in the developing globalization of our world. It is knitting the diverse cultures and economies of the world into a more integrated, more consolidated reality. It will, perhaps, be a very long time before that process results

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in anything like unity. In the meantime, the movement toward consolidation of the diversity is clearly observable.

The internet is a development of pure Syntropy. Its importance cannot be over-estimated. It is pulling the peoples of the world closer, into greater contact and communication. Eventually, this will result in greater understanding and greater integration of the world's societies.

These processes may be viewed through the lens of sociology, or commerce, or political behavior, but the truth of the core of Syntropy lies much deeper. It lies in the depths of invisible, living Being. It is one of the processes arising out of the harmonic patterns of Being that orchestrate and structure the physical world as it arises out of Being. The forces of attraction that constitute Syntropy are fundamental to the way that Being structures life on Earth. They are crucial to the processes, not only of our life, but of all life on Earth.

It is a characteristic of Being to move life progressively toward more oneness. It is just what Being does. In unfolding Itself as material reality, It ceaselessly weaves life together into greater and greater integrated wholes. Being is slowly materializing its own vast Oneness on the screen of the material realm.

Of course, other processes are also at work as part of Being's unfolding. Specifically, destruction is also part of its nature. Being also ceaselessly eliminates parts of reality, usually worn-out pieces, often for reasons and in ways that we humans cannot begin to fathom.

In our time, Syntropy seems to be speeding up. Change and integration are proceeding rapidly in our world. We are surfing a great wave of transformation. We cannot control these processes entirely. In a sense, we are simply along for the ride, as Being metamorphoses our world and ourselves into something new. It makes for a turbulent and chaotic world, but this is the world that we are given to live in and work with.

Our job is to be as conscious as we can possibly be of the vast forces at work. If we are aware of Syntropy as one of these forces, we can see it at work all around us. We are graced to be able to observe Being at work, as the processes of the Universe unfold the world. We are the spectators, the participants, and the beneficiaries of the integrating, uniting, metamorphosing, synthesizing, attracting forces of Syntropy.

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