

New PWPA-LA Conference Newsletter - Dialogue on Consciousness and Reality

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We sincerely hope you are staying well and enjoying the summer.

We are grateful to share that, with your continued support, PWPA-LA was able to host another meaningful conference this summer, "Dialogue on Consciousness and Reality: The Future of Scientific Understanding," on June 25th in Los Angeles.

This conference was held one day before our annual hybrid conference, which we shared with you in our previous newsletter. Together, the two conferences gave us an opportunity to explore how science, spirituality, consciousness, and environmental stewardship can come together in addressing some of the fundamental challenges facing humanity.

Our founders, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, expressed their vision that when humanity discovers a truth capable of resolving the separation between religion and science as an integrated human endeavor, it can help guide religion, politics, and economics toward a more unified direction based on God's ideal.

Through this year's conferences, we gained a deeper sense of the importance and timeliness of this vision. We are grateful to continue exploring these questions together with scholars, students, and supporters like you.

We hope to continue this journey with you as we work toward a peaceful and beautiful world that reflects the original God's ideal for humanity and creation.

Thank you so much for making these programs possible through your support.

May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Professors World Peace Academy - Los Angeles



June 25, 2026 Conference Highlight

Dialogue on
Consciousness
and Reality

The Future of Scientific Understanding



On June 25, PWPA-LA convened leading scholars from diverse disciplines for an in-depth dialogue on consciousness, reality, and the future relationship between science and spirituality. The participants are recognized for their long-standing research and contributions to consciousness studies within their respective fields.

The conference explored what research, evidence, and interdisciplinary collaboration are needed to advance the scientific study of consciousness and deepen our understanding of reality.

Our Distinguished Panelists



Dr. Arnaud Delorme

Neuroscientist at the Institute of Noetic Sciences. A French National Centre for Scientific Research Research Director in Toulouse, France. Research Scientist at the Swartz Center for Computational Neuroscience, University of California, San Diego



Dr. Shamini Jain

Clinical Psychologist, Adjunct Professor at UC San Diego's Department of Family Medicine, Founder and CEO of Consciousness and Healing Initiative



Dr. Menas Kafatos

The Fletcher Jones Endowed Professor of Computational Physics at Chapman University; Director of Institute for Earth, Computing, Human and Observing



Dr. William Keepin

Mathematical Physicist, Co-founder and Executive Director at Satyana Institute



Prof. Alison Wakelin

Professor in the Physics and Astronomy Department at Widener University, the Town Chair of Ardentown, Delaware



Dr. Chris Laszlo

Professor of Organizational Behavior at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management, Author



Dr. Andrew Wilson

Professor of Scripture Study at Unification Theological Seminary



**Moderator
Dr. Thomas Selover**

President of the Professors World Peace Academy International

*Speakers are listed alphabetically by last name

Opening Presentation by Prof. Alison Wakelin

"Universal Consciousness: A Foundational Field?"

Prof. Alison Wakelin opened the conference by exploring a fundamental question: Is consciousness a byproduct of the brain, or could it be a more foundational aspect of reality?

She proposed complementing the reductionist approach that has shaped modern science with a more holistic and intuitive perspective. Drawing from cosmology, quantum physics, biology, philosophy, and process thought, she explored whether consciousness, agency, and purpose may play a deeper role in the emergence and organization of the universe.

She also introduced perspectives from Unification Thought, including the ideas of an original consciousness, purpose, and the role of heart and motivation in understanding the nature and development of reality.

Quantum Physics opens the door to consciousness

Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle
- $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \hbar$

- If you decide to measure position, you lose all information about momentum - the decision is human input

- John von Neumann

Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Without "Teleology" Michael Levin

- Brains animals have goals, and mechanisms to achieve them
- Those mechanisms are ancient, and highly conserved
- Goal-directedness is just the first step of all of a huge spectrum of cognitive skills

Michael Levin

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the full presentation!

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Exploring the Questions

The dialogue consisted of two parts. The first was a response to Prof. Wakelin's presentation, and the second addressed the discussion question:

"What research, evidence, and interdisciplinary collaboration are needed to advance the scientific study of consciousness and its implications for our understanding of reality?"

Watch the full Dialogue! [Watch](#)

Key Insights From the Dialogue



Dr. Menas Kafatos, a quantum physicist, suggested further exploring the role of the human mind by investigating how human observation relates to the collapse of the wave function of particles.



Dr. William Keepin, a mathematical physicist and longtime advocate for integrating spirituality and science, emphasized the need to develop "an epistemology of the heart," distinguishing between knowing through the heart and knowing through the intellect.



Dr. Arnaud Delorme, a neuroscientist, stressed the importance of reconciling consciousness research with existing scientific models through rigorous experimentation rather than attempting to invalidate current science.



Dr. Shamini Jain, a psychologist, shared that the healing process can be observed through measurable biological changes. She suggested that healing requires individuals to move beyond identification with the ego and open themselves to "the field"-Universal Consciousness or God.



Prof. Alison Wakelin, an astrophysicist, physicist and a member of the Scientific and Medical Network, emphasized the importance of teaching consciousness and transforming people's understanding through education, particularly within schools.



Dr. Andrew Wilson, a scholar of scripture, raised an important question about the role of agency in consciousness. He suggested that consciousness involves not only perception but also desire, purpose, planning, and goal-directedness.



Dr. Chris Laszlo, co-author of Quantum Leadership, explored how our understanding of reality shapes consciousness and our actions, asking how recognizing our fundamental interconnectedness might transform the way we relate to one another and to nature.

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Continuing the Dialogue

Scientific discovery continues to expand humanity's understanding of reality. As Dr. Delorme said, we can build upon and expand existing scientific models, while Dr. Keepin invited us to expand our ways of knowing through an "epistemology of the heart."

We invite you to join us in continuing this dialogue between science, spirituality, and consciousness.

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Continuing the Dialogue - Interest Form

We invite you to join us in continuing the dialogue on science, spirituality, and consciousness!

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- ☐ Interested in learning more

Anything else you would like to share?

Your answer

Thank you so much for your interest!

We look forward to continuing the dialogue and exploring new possibilities together.

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