

## On Edgar Mitchell

To see an honest person that speaks a self-acquired, deeply believed in truth is a moving experience. It is not an experience based on someone persuading us in their truth – it is a feeling that what is being said is fundamental and that well, it just is so. If our hearts feel a vibrating truth from another person, then we cannot help ourselves but to accept it. Doubt and rationalizing have no place in such experiences. Truths of this kind do not rely on objective observation of reality, but on a mystical experience of the way, or being of things.

Last March I was exposed to such an experience of enormous meaning. In one of the University of Oslo's lecture halls I heard the open speech of Dr. Edgar Mitchell, one of the few privileged humans that have departed from our cozy planet into the great unknown of the open cosmos. He is one of the first few human guests on our closest cosmic neighbor – the Moon. Immediately I got the impression that there is an honest person in front of me, and I soon realized that I am about to hear HIS TRUTH. While exposing the scientific and technical aspects of his journey and persuading us that he REALLY has been walking on the Moon and taking samples of its soil, Dr. Mitchell exposed another truth to the audience, talking about his mystical experience of reality in the open space. He had received a visionary knowledge about the order of the Cosmos in a way that it is described in prophetic and mystical texts, and the consequences of that experience had changed the way he understands human understanding. One of the most innovative and intelligent humans, working in NASA and various space and weather programs, the person selected to be the human ambassador of developed science and technology was standing in front of Norwegian academia, students, spiritual seekers and other interested talking about his mystical experience, a new model of the Universe and the way information spreads in the Universe based on this experience.

As Dr. Mitchell said, the experience of the understanding of the order in the Universe was so overwhelming for him, that he decided to dedicate himself to the scientific understanding of how humans receive information and understanding, and not only that, but to how information spreads in the Universe. Once again, I was looking at the eternal attempt to unite and understand the oppositional relationship of the human microcosmos and the enormous megacosmos, and my essence was touched. I heard the scientist's attempt to rationalize mystical experience of reality by an attempt to include these phenomena in scientific research. His objectively trained mind was attempting to objectify an experience – and after a complex explanation of his pursuit I finally heard the main purpose of his speech – his open heart pouring on us the truth that the Universe is a living organism that is aware of everything that is happening in it at the same time and that the way of things is not determined, but it is in a flux organized by the self-learning process of the Universe itself. What he was saying, in fact, was the same truth that has been repeated so many times by those who have opened their hearts to the intelligence of understanding through intuition, meditation, to understanding of energy and the way. The Universe is intelligent, and we are a part of that intelligence. Understanding this enables us to communicate with environment and the Universe in an intelligent way, it the way of wisdom.

I felt privileged. I am a part of the human microcosmos that is a part of the Universe that is learning that a part of it is trying to receive its mystery, at this moment and at this place! The knowledge of the miracle of dependency and belonging for me is the closest to the feeling of origin and of mother energy. It makes me feel the world – the cosmos – as a womb, as protection instead of threat. It enhances my feelings of respect, amazement, beauty, care, love. And, most important, my sense of responsibility. It is my home and my

environment that I need to protect and love in return. Humans need to incorporate real understanding in their lives, understanding that is based on the knowledge of interdependency of things. In the cosmic vastness, our pretty blue home planet is incomparably small. A human being even smaller. But the intelligence that each encompasses in the very nature of their being is the same that rules the Universe. If we nourish this knowledge, we are never lost. We are just in harmony and acceptance. And the Universe will love us even more, since, believe it or not, it already does. This is why we exist. If we lose its love, we will be no more.

Dr. Mitchell reminded us of this while lecturing on his understanding. For many of the scientific minds present in the event, this truth caused friction, coughs, even a need to leave the lecture hall. I felt the protest of the majority. It is the scientific mind's protest, the mind of dividing things in categories and concepts, the mind that considers itself as separate from the reality it observes. But even on the objective level, what Edgar Mitchell experienced can be very simply explained – we can say that he had changed his referential system. When floating in space, when being on the Moon, he became a being in space, an object in the biggest coordination system spreading in all directions. Perhaps the sensation of looking at the whole Earth as a home to return to made him realize that it is just one organ, or one small cell in an organism. Perhaps even one atom. And he decided to tell this to people. To warn against our ignorance of our own smallness, to remind us that, in the terms of the Cosmos, our existence is passing. Just like many cells die each day in our organism and new ones are being reproduced until the whole process of a life is finished. This is profound.

We have the potential for awareness and self awareness, for gentleness instead of panic, and love and acceptance instead of fear and denial!!! We are just like the Universe, and know everything it knows. It is just a matter of intelligence opened to experience instead of pure observation. Einstein had said that the mysterious is the essence of all true art and science. Perhaps we need to give an advice to our scientist: meditate, and intuition will lead you to true knowledge. And also to the meditating person: try to use your knowledge in practical purpose, develop your logic and creative parts. Make yourself a better place, and the Universe will bless you. There is a lot of mess that we have caused from ignorance. Dr. Edgar Mitchell reminds us that it's about time we start to help the Universe in purifying it.

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