

Morten Tolboll

Quantum Mysticism (The Matrix Dictionary)

This article is updates and commentaries to the main article [Quantum Mysticism and its Web of Lies](#).

Quantum mysticism is a pseudoscientific version of quantum mechanics. The pseudoscience shows in two ways:

- 1) That Einstein's theories of relativity, and quantum mechanics, prove that relativism and subjectivism are valid points of views.
- 2) That Quantum mechanics and Einstein's theories of relativity prove that classical physics (the age of enlightenment, rationalism) is not valid anymore.

The updates and commentaries seem to run up to a list of what New Agers use Quantum Mechanics to "prove." I must admit that it gets more and more comical, what I stumble over.

First of all, strange things going are going on in the microphysical world, yes indeed, but in quantum mechanics you can only deduct from the very small to the large (macrophysical) with a very limited scope. Therefore classical physics is still valid. You are for example able to predict a solar eclipse with a precision that has to do with seconds.

But the Postmodern intellectualism behind New Age for example deducts political ideologies from quantum mechanics. And there seems to be no limits of what New Age deducts from the very small to the very large. It is as if quantum mechanics has become a central discipline in New Age pseudoscience. What is for example the [Quantum Univesity](#)? The website says:

Quantum University is the world's largest institution of higher learning to provide online degrees and certification programs in holistic, alternative, natural, and integrative medicine based on the science of quantum physics.

Students can earn bachelor's, master's, doctorate and PhD degrees leading to professional board certifications. We are proud to be at the forefront of online learning technologies, including iPad Education, an innovative learning management platform, inspiring online video courses, and engaging teaching materials.

World-class educators and leaders have come together to create a new innovative curriculum and model of education that incorporates the key concepts of quantum physics. This scientific language explains many alternative healing modalities and fields of ancient and modern medical studies.

That one would certainly not have worked in Denmark. It obviously works in USA. Maybe it will a good idea to check if it's a [Diploma Mill](#). Also check it here: [click here](#).

The classic abuse of quantum mechanics from [New Thought and the Law of Attraction](#) devotees can be seen in the wonderful John Assaraf:

Hi, I'm John Assaraf ... a self-made multi-millionaire, international best-selling author with books in print in over 30 languages, and featured teacher from the hit film and book, The Secret, which I helped launch into a worldwide phenomenon.

I've built 5 multi-million-dollar companies in real estate, Internet software, and business coaching and consulting and brain research. I live in a gorgeous, six-acre estate in sunny Southern California. I take regular vacations with my family, traveling to exotic locations like Bora Bora, Hawaii and the Caribbean. I get to lecture all over the world on mastering the Inner game of wealth, business and success, and I have been a frequent guest on Larry King Live and many other major media shows worldwide.

In this article on the New Age propaganda website *Enlightened Consciousness* (see [The Matrix Conspiracy updates](#)) Assaraf shows where New Age especially fails, namely in the myth about that quantum mechanics proves that the consciousness creates reality: [Why You Should Be Aware Of Quantum Physics](#)

Wrong, Mr Assaraf, if you can look behind your mountains of money!

When physicists talk about the observer, the subject, etc., etc., they don't talk about consciousness – they talk about the material, macro-physical, experimental devices. And these devices don't "create" the phenomenon. One device will for example always, with 100 % certainty and objectivity, show light as waves. Another will for

example, with 100% certainty, show light as particles. Moreover, the Law of Attraction is extremely cause and effect based, and that is what Quantum mechanics breaks with.

[Collective Evolution](#) is another New Age online propaganda machine, which abuses Quantum Mechanics, as for example in this article: [Quantum Physics Tells us Separation is only an Illusion](#) [it's funny that the website, like many other New Age websites, states that it is a "non-new-agey or religious brand of spirituality." But that's precisely one of the traits of New Agers: they think they are incredible unique (see my article [Six Common Traits of New Age that Distorts Spirituality](#).)]

Note the use of the word evolution, which also is extremely cause and effect based. The use of the word evolution is a characteristic trait of New Age coming from Theosophy, one of the central sources of inspiration, which also indicates the fascistic tendencies I have explained many times (see my article [The Fascism of Theosophy](#)). The website is an example of a New Age version of Social Darwinism.

The master here is Ken Wilber. I have often have said that Ken Wilber is the New Age answer to Richard Dawkins. Both are biologists who want to be philosophers instead of the philosophers. Both are in love with Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. Both want their own discipline to be the answer to all the riddles of the universe. And both therefore ends in two versions of reductionism (Social Darwinism) – see my articles [A Critique of Ken Wilber and his Integral Method](#) and [A Critique of Richard Dawkins and the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry \(CSI\)](#).

The Collective Evolution website is obvious also inspired by Fritjof Capra. Fritjof Capra (born February 1, 1939) is an Austrian-born American physicist. He is a founding director of the Center for Ecoliteracy in Berkeley, California, and is on the faculty of Schumacher College.

Capra is the author of several books, including *The Tao of Physics* (1975), and *The Turning Point* (1982). Quantum mysticism seems to have originated with Capra in his book *The Tao of Physics: An Exploration of the Parallels Between Modern Physics and Eastern Mysticism*. The book's first two parts are excellent expositions on ancient religions and modern physics. The third part, which tries to connect the two is an abysmal failure. Nevertheless, it has been this third part, which has influenced numerous New Age advocates to claim that quantum mechanics proves the reality of everything from chi, prana, ESP, etc., etc., – to time travel.

His other book, *The Turning Point*, shows the ideology in it, where he combines quantum mysticism with reductionism, especially reductionisms such as historism

and sociology (though he is very aware of the reductionism of the “old” mechanical worldview – precisely as the *Collective Evolution* website – see the above mentioned article).

Other wonderful abuses:

[Quantum Communicating with Extraterrestrial Intelligence](#) is an article on the New Age propaganda website [Its All About I](#) [sic]

And Ron Morehead, a cryptozoologist with an affection for Bigfoot:

Author/Adventurist Ron Morehead, producer of the Sierra Sounds, has been known for decades for his world-wide research into the Bigfoot/Sasquatch phenomenon. To date, he comes closer than any other researcher to having a complete body of evidence. The Sierra Sounds are the only Bigfoot recordings that have been scientifically studied, time-tested, and accredited as genuine. Ron has documented his personal interactions with these giant beings and produced his story on a CD and also in a book, “Voices in the Wilderness.”

He is famous for having developed [The Quantum Bigfoot Theory](#), which surprisingly enough is about that quantum mechanics might explain the existence of Bigfoot (note that I’m open for that Astral Cryptids can manifest themselves, but quantum mechanics doesn’t prove such phenomena). Click [here](#) for some excerpts from his book on the subject.

Last: if people are so interested in spirituality and the paranormal, why not follow the ways of the original wisdom traditions? Why use so much energy trying to get quantum mechanics/science mixed in? Especially because they properly know that they are way out in the pseudoscientific wilderness. The only explanation is in my view money and fame.

My own related articles:

[Quantum mysticism and its web of lies](#)

[Quantum Mechanics and the Philosophy of Niels Bohr](#)

[Constructivism: the Postmodern Intellectualism behind New Age and the Self-Help Industry](#)

[The Sokal Hoax](#)

[The New Thought Movement and the Law of Attraction](#)

[A Critique of Ken Wilber and his Integral Method](#)

[A Critique of Richard Dawkins and the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry \(CSI\)](#)

Main page:

[The Matrix Dictionary](#)

All articles and books referred to are available in free PDF Versions. Links can be found on my blog: www.MortenTolboll.blogspot.com

Copyright © 2017 by Morten Tolboll.

Terms of use:

http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/deed.en_US