



Dharma Circle January 2021 Summary

Unique Perspective + Unique Quality of Being (intimacy) + Unique Gift = Evolutionary Unique Self

Why is Unique Self is the single most important idea in the world today:

The New Existential Risk is Machine Intelligence.

In a book called "The death of individuality", author Alex Pentland describes a near future world in which technologies can plan and manipulate human social behavior through controlling the internet (which he refers to as the nervous system of the planet), using seductions, nudges and prompts.

Pentland's premise is that we're at the dawn of this new era, in which smart tech is feeding information into the machine intelligence, influencing our voting and buying choices, beyond the realm of our conscious awareness.

In this world, **the notion that you are an autonomous human being, unique, not an object but a subject who acts upon the world, has been replaced by a notion of a human beings under social pressure and subject to omniscient forces based solely on win-lose metrics. it's all about the voter and consumer.**

Our crisis is a birth. Crisis is an evolutionary driver

There are two kinds of existential risks.

One is the death of humanity.

The second is the death of "our humanity".

That we, as human beings, would cease to show up with the qualities that characterize our humanity.

We wouldn't disappear, but we wouldn't be human beings.

Upgraded machine intelligence, downgraded humanity.

How do we respond?

Only one response is effective: to evolve our narratives:

What shifts Reality is to tell a new Story

1. **The Universe Story : where are we?**
2. **Narrative of Identity: Who am I ?**
3. **Narrative of Power: what should we do and how should we do it?**
4. **Narrative of Communion: who are we to each other.**
5. **Narrative of Desire: What do we desire?**

Does it start with technology or start with interior? They are intertwined. Techno infrastructures and interior infrastructures influence each other. For example: Industrialization generated a new story, as it gave birth to Universal Human Rights and democracy.

The place where we locate all our effort is Unique Self. The question of: Who are you?

Unique self is the answer to the question, who are you?

The answer determines everything. What should I do, where should I go, how should I show up in the world?

What are the possibilities?

1. Separate Self: (modern worldview): I am separate and distinct, I defend my rights. I'm a puzzle piece separate from the puzzle. My yearning to belong is an illusion. There is no puzzle. Gain status in society, be rewarded as an achiever. Lack that capacity? Life will be a tragedy.

2. I am a separate self (premodern worldview): I am in relationship to a God that created me. That God has demands: "be obedient and be rewarded with a place in the next world". Not obedient? You will be punished. I'm a puzzle piece, distinct, but still no larger puzzle to become a part of. There's me, my people and my God.

3. I am True Self. I realize that I am part of all that is. This is the classical notion of enlightenment. I am not separate. All that exists is the field. Just the Oneness, the seamless coat of the Universe. Field of consciousness. The singular that has no plural. The total number of True Selves = 1. This is the "Move beyond your separate self, take refuge in the Buddha" story. The lines of puzzle pieces are an illusion. Realize your Oneness.

All have truth, but all create breakdown.

1. Puzzle piece. Allured to larger puzzle but told it doesn't exist.
2. Separate from creator. Sense of selfhood seems to be emasculated. No autonomy, creativity & independence.
3. I'm sure I see lines separating puzzle pieces, it is crazy making!

The entire world is split between those three.

60% of the world, believes in religion, number two.

Everyone in Western society believes in some version of separate self.

Most people believe in separate self and success story/ win-lose-metrics.

The third position is seen as strange attractor of the elites.

None of the stories are equal to our experience.

We are left without a narrative of who we are.

Unique Self says I am a puzzle piece that completes the puzzle.

I am not a separate self, that is just my personality.

I am True self, one with the field of consciousness and Desire. Field of Eros. And I am a unique expression of that field. Unique and distinct emergence of that field.

I am a puzzle piece that has precisely the right shape that fits perfectly in the puzzle. I have the experience of living my unique story.

When I embrace my story, I feel held. And I am needed by the puzzle, my piece addresses a Unique Need.

[Evolutionary Unique Self. The New Human New Humanity: Homo Amor.](#)

You are an irreducible unique expression of the Love Intelligence and Love Beauty and Love Desire that initiates the very process of Evolution, that is the initiating and animating Eros and energy of All That I. That original Eros lives in you as you and through you.

As EUS, I have an irreducible unique perspective, an irreducible unique **quality of intimacy**, a unique capacity to give a unique gift, a unique quality of being in my unique circle of intimacy and influence. And as such I have the unique capacity and **unique will** and unique obligation, which is precisely the Unique Joy of my life.

My Joy is a byproduct from giving my unique gift.

And I fulfill my unique obligation of my life that cannot be fulfilled by no-one that ever was is or will be.

You never confuse peoples unique taste.

There is a dimension of divinity that only shows up when we engage as our unique self.

Reality generates the many. The many evolves in many tastes.

We need each other to be ourselves.

I can't be me without you.