

## Space, Time, & Consciousness (Part 5): Analysis of the Differential Perception of Time in the 2nd & 3rd Domains

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### ABSTRACT

This paper analyzes how perception of time progression (*i.e.*, time is perceived to run) occurs in the material 3rd Domain, but does not occur in the 2nd Domain of consciousness to which the 3rd Domain is connected. The argument is made that perception of time depends on the domain being experienced.

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One of the remarkable features of the Out of Body Experiences (OBE) associated with the NDE, or with Spiritually Transformative Experiences, is the cessation of time. From our ordinary experience, we just know that time runs—how could time possibly not run? We know with certainty that there was a past, contained in our memory, and we are thus sure there must be a future that we will encounter as time runs. The purpose of this chapter is to analyze and explain why we perceive time to be running in our ordinary, material, life, but when in spirit form, we no longer experience time running.

In the Universal Consciousness chapter, three domains were delineated as: 1. God's consciousness before creating the world of light; 2. The world of light, Heaven; and 3. The material domain in which Earth life is experienced. During the NDE with the observer experiencing Domain 2, it is universally reported that time did not progress as experienced in the material 3rd Domain. The Universal Consciousness theory proposed that Domain 2 is connected to Domain 3 to explain how communication for entangled quantum particles can be instantaneous regardless of the separation distance of the particles. This chapter analyzes how perception of time progression occurs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain, but does not occur in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Domain to which the 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain is connected.

Why does time progress in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain? What might push it along, and how? Factually, time does not progress, although our minds create such a perception of time running for good reasons. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain, just as in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Domain, there is a perception of the instant NOW. However, the material brain registers an ongoing memory of localized instants ( and in isolation from the totality of existence), corresponding to locally perceived ongoing activity in the material world, and by recognizing the fact of such new memories being compiled, logically organizes a stream of past instances which William James famously termed a "stream of consciousness." The idea of a future results from a simple logical expectation from all of experience in life that there will be additional memories to be formed from a hypothetical future. In the material 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain, because all activity is perceived in isolation from the totality of existence (a concept that is meaningless in ordinary life, but brought on by the NDE), such isolated activity is perceived as new experience that correspondingly generates new memory, and thus the feeling of time running from the

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immediate past, to the present now, to an expected future.

But why doesn't consciousness existing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Domain of light also perceive time progression as it does when attached to a brain located in the material 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain? The NDE reports not only state that time does not run in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Domain, but that all of eternity, the totality of the world of universal consciousness, is directly perceptible, so that all events are concurrently perceptible—what is experienced is an eternal NOW for all of existence. To understand how all of existence, with all of events, may be “seen” at once, consider a scheme in which an observer is positioned on a high observation post placed on a specific, if perfectly arbitrary, highway location (equivalent to a NOW instant) with the ability to perceive both sides of the highway, with one direction corresponding to a formed past, and the other to a future yet to be finally formed.

The location of the observation post was said above to be perfectly arbitrary, because if all of eternity simply exists, with no clock running, then any particular event selected as NOW has no fundamentally special position. A mathematician discussing the implications of Special Relativity Theory (Yuri I Manin, [https://todayinsci.com/M/Manin\\_Yuri/ManinYuri-Quotations.htm](https://todayinsci.com/M/Manin_Yuri/ManinYuri-Quotations.htm)), explained well why there is no special isolated Now instant, and how beings would experience existence in a world of light (what Chapter 2. defined as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Domain):

What binds us to space-time is our rest mass, which prevents us from flying at the speed of light, when time stops and space loses meaning. In a world of light there are neither points nor moments of time; beings woven from light would live “nowhere” and “nowhen”; only poetry and mathematics are capable of speaking meaningfully about such things.

Perception in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain is constrained by the body's limitations in sensing only its immediate physical environment of Now. Our brain, working from its constrained immediate environment, cannot sense but a fraction of what exists. Furthermore, the brain's knowledge is limited to its contained memory, and thus constrained by its “past” experience, while the future is only imagined as a possibility.

By contrast, consciousness functioning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Domain is reported to have instantaneous access to all knowledge, and that knowledge is not by external perception, but through direct participation in the Universal Consciousness that contains all knowledge. The individual's consciousness is often described after the NDE by analogy as a drop of water (the individual's consciousness) placed into the ocean that is God's own consciousness. Thus, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Domain, all of eternity simply exists as a steady state that contains what is artificially segregated by brain operating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain into a past, present now, and future potential. In a now famous letter to the family of a dear, departed friend, Einstein wrote:

Now he has departed from this strange world a little ahead of me. That means nothing. People like us, who believe in physics, know that the distinction between past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion.

It is seemingly contradictory to claim that time does not run, as did Einstein referring to space-time as the architectural model of reality in the above quote, but also state here that the world, reality, is ever changing. The instant note here hoped to explain this apparent conflict as rooted in our limited perception of reality, but it is so difficult for us, trapped by our limited mortal perception, to understand how time does not run when we “see” activity and a wider world in constant flux.

Consider that if there were no change (as appears to be the case in the eternalized space-time model of Einstein), then the world would be frozen, dead, completely uninteresting, and not worthy of existing. It appears from our study of quantum mechanics that change is, in fact, a predominant character of the reality created by God for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Domain.

We will all find out the truth later, but by then it will not matter.

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