

Book Review

Review of Manjir Samanta-Laughton's Book: Punk Science: Inside the Mind of God

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ABSTRACT

Manjir Samanta-Laughton's "Punk Science" is worth five stars. I recommend her book because of its groundbreaking insights, and this is despite of the book's significant weaknesses that I will also point out. You can find this book at Amazon http://www.amazon.com/Punk-Science-Inside-Mind-God/dp/1905047932/ref=cm_cr-mr-title .

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Samanta-Laughton (page 13) writes: "The frontiers of science are revealing that the universe behaves as the mystics have told us all along." That I agree with this remarkable observation explains why I am willing to forgive the weaknesses of "Punk Science". Samanta-Laughton tells us that it is consciousness that has been omitted from a scientific world-view that sees the world only as material interactions. She (page 24) writes that, "science has led us full circle: by eliminating all discussion of consciousness, it has found that consciousness is inevitable in our universe and is inherent in all." Consciousness is hard-wired into the fabric of space-time!

Samanta-Laughton (page 38) writes: "Not only do reductionist biologists have difficulty explaining the self-organizing nature of the cell, they have also failed to find satisfactory answers to how life first began. This fact is not apparent from the public image of science, which gives the impression that we know how life began and can continue with cloning sheep." And while referring to Bruce Lipton's work and others, she (page 59) writes: "We used to think of ourselves as victims of our inherited genes and the luck of the draw. Now we are realizing that we can learn to manage our beliefs and perceptions and therefore our own biology." Perception has found an essential ingredient in our biology, and it is the perception horizon that connects directly with consciousness (as we will see).

Samanta-Laughton (page 64) writes - "Every atom, molecule, bacteria and cell is inherently intelligent. The information deep within every subatomic particle shapes life: form embryos to evolution. It is consciousness itself that undergoes evolution and this is reflected in the increasing complexity of species. The information of the form already exists and what we call physical matter follows suit." Her reference to "form" will be a big point, as the topic will eventually turn to a mirror image aspect of our one universe (the provider of form), a topic that will emerge from physics and take us into cosmology. Samanta-Laughton (page 84) refers to Rupert Sheldrake's "morphic resonance," a conception closely related to form.

Samanta-Laughton describes new views of the quantum vacuum (QV), and she treats David Bohm's "holographic universe," and including Karl Pribram's vision of brain function. She (page 109) writes: "Having searched for the exact location of memory in the brain and not found it, does memory exist in the QV?"

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Samanta-Laughton (page 111) writes: "Most people have had the experience of thinking hard about a problem, putting the problem aside for some time only to find the answer appears suddenly when the mind is focused elsewhere. It is at these moments of least effort that we seem to find the most inspiration and the solution appears. This could be when we are able to access the QV more effectively. All the information we need is present in the QV, yet we need to relax in order to access it more deeply."

Samanta-Laughton (chapter 8) reads much into string theory (ST), including superstring theory and M-theory. She goes from "the music of the hyperspace" to "the cosmic symphony". Presumably string theory is needed to reconnect to innate vibrations that are discovered in the physiological studies of Valerie Hunt and Keith Wakelam (chapter 9). Samanta-Laughton notes that ST is incomplete, as no reference is made to consciousness. Nevertheless, it seems that Samanta-Laughton has given to ST an early endorsement (including higher dimensional space), and I don't really see that "Punk Science" depends on ST. Samanta-Laughton (page 141) asks: "If we find that there is a correlation between the behavior of the electromagnetic field and a person's thought and feelings, is this proof that our inherent vibrations, our superstrings, are related to consciousness?" Well, the answer is NO! In my view, ST has not proven itself to be empirical science. Otherwise, Hunt and Wakelam have noted real vibrations that imply a curious gradation in human consciousness. Samanta-Laughton (page 142) writes: "As a person makes progress with their inner development, this is reflected in their inherent frequencies. We exist as frequencies of consciousness that changes as we change our minds."

The remainder of "Punk Science" pertains to the "The Black Hole Principle" (BHP); I am of the opinion that this principle should be considered very closely, as it makes good sense. To summarize Samanta-Laughton in my words, the BHP says that black holes (points of singularities in our universe and are concealed by a perception horizon) are connected to higher dimensions where infinite light finds itself engaged with both creation and annihilation. I don't think one can point to the "higher dimensions" that are implied by an abstract ST. Rather, higher dimensions signify a transcendental realm, and this is all that can be said in my view. Chapters 12 and 13 are the best chapters in the book, and there is much dependence of William Tiller's work. In short, we have one world with two aspects: there is the c region limited to travel below the speed of light; and there is the c^2 region for higher speeds. The c^2 region is the mirror image of the c region. The c^2 region unfolds in reverse time, it is the feminine aspect of creation. The c region is the masculine aspect of creation. Between the two is the higher dimensional realm where infinite light makes its passage, but I prefer to call this the transcendental. An electron (matter) seen through c -region eyes turns into a positron (anti-matter) when viewed through the eyes of the c^2 region. But as the positron moves backward through time from an open future, the particle is also transformed into a wave-form to bring out the feminine that gives its support to the masculine.

Samanta-Laughton provides much new evidence to support her view, coming from cosmology and showing the discovery of light and particle emission from black holes and other celestial bodies. The BHP principle is applied not just to black holes, but to other bodies that are less than black holes: neutron stars; suns, planets, people, electrons. And she takes the BHP and applies it to singularities that are found in our every day understanding of things (e.g., storms), from chapter 14 to the end of the book. I will criticize Samanta-Laughton for painting with too broad of a brush making it look like so many vortex-like spirals are the result of the BHP. I have no doubt that the BHP is active somewhere, but such activity might also provide support for a more conventional vortex that emerges from mere classical dynamics.

Samanta-Laughton has changed black holes into agents of creation. She (page 237) writes: "We can modify our black hole picture in the following way. Light travels from infinity and spirals toward our

perception horizon. As it does, it also reaches the mirror universe in the c^*2 region, just out of our perception. Not only can we find aspects of this concept in mainstream science, it also fits actual observation."

Smanata-Laughton (page 280) seems to think free choice is an illusion: "The parallel worlds are actually the infinite choices that are presented to our infinite selves. They occur in mathematics, but not in the reality that exists in space and time. Within our reality, our lives are predetermined; there is no parallel 'you' making another choice. This also means that the choices we make are always the 'right' ones because our infinite selves have already chosen them. " But Smanata-Laughton forgets that for our freewill to be real it only means that our ONE infinite self is free. And if we make the 'right' choice, the bad karma will come hunting for us. The feminine aspect provides route-invariance for all our 'right' choices, and this is far from determinism. Eventually we make our way to our infinite self that is free of karma.

In her last chapter, Smanata-Laughton takes the BHP to George W. Bush, Michael Moore, and the Elliot Wave theory of stock investing. Forgive me if I am unable to see the connection.

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