

**A Parable**  
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This is the most recent in a series of exchanges over the GWW (Galactic Wide Web) between two people living at opposite ends of the Galaxy.

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My dear friend José

Perhaps it's worth recapping on just how far we have come together since we first began our discussion. We eventually agreed that our two worlds are similar in many ways – your planet Earth on the edge of the Fourth Quadrant of the Galaxy, and my planet Sola3 in the Second Quadrant. And we also decided that, although our two peoples are very different in size and appearance, simply because the conditions on our two planets are so different, we are both members of the same human race. This was quite a revelation for both of us. We both thought that our home planets were unique in having human beings inhabit them. The Galactic Web has certainly removed all sense of insularity and uniqueness! I have begun to suspect, however, that our physical differences may not be as important as other differences.

I first had this suspicion when you told me that there is a deep longing among your people, and that nearly everyone on Earth feels this. You told me that they feel that something very big is missing from their lives. They long for whatever that is, but they are not sure what it is and they

don't know how to get it. Would it surprise you to learn that it's exactly the same here on my world? People here feel that something big is missing from their lives, but they cannot put it into words. They know it is very important, but they don't know what it is. However, some of us here get a sense of what it might be from our spiritual traditions, which speak about "vision" and "music" and "the light", or when we experience what we call "undarkness" or "unsilence".

A growing number of people here on Sola3 feel that they have some extra "talents" or "senses" that they are not using. They get a hint of this when they "see" or "hear" things in ways that are very different from the ways they normally see or hear. The problem is that very few follow through on these experiences. They let the matter drop. And I think they let it drop because "seeing" and "hearing", in the sense that you understand the term on Earth, is simply not part of our experience. There is literally nowhere here to place a "seeing" or "hearing" experience because they are not acknowledged in our culture. They assumed to be impossible. The fact is that people on my world do not open their eyes or use their ears. Indeed, most people here would not accept that such things as eyes or ears exist. And just in case you are wondering, all of us have eyes and ears, and they are anatomically perfect. It's just that they don't get used! Find this hard to believe? Well, I can assure you it's true. As one of the very few people on my world who have opened their eyes and used their ears, I am constantly astonished that no-one else does. Perhaps it's because they don't know what they are missing. Or perhaps they are frightened of what they might discover.

Actually, there is another reason – it's our scientists. Whenever anyone suggests that light and sound might exist, scientists are quick to deny this possibility and they are quick to remind us what can be true and possible and what cannot. Judging from what you have told me about science and scientists on Earth, it seems that scientists the Galaxy over have made themselves the arbiters of what can be true and possible and what cannot. Our scientists here get quite emotional about this. The possibility of light and sight represents a really big threat to them. I am sure that this is because it fundamentally undermines their relatively narrow worldview, their belief-system.

Science is the dominant form of knowledge on our planet and the worldview of scientists pervades everything, right through to our values, institutions and everyday lives. Yet their worldview is an exact reflection of the fact that they do not use their eyes or ears or even admit to the possibility of light and sound. Now that I think about it, this seems to be a precondition for becoming a scientist here! If a scientist has the temerity to suggest that eyes and ears exist, that they can be used, and that light and sound might be possible, his colleagues would soon make him see the error of his ways. Hard as it might be for you to believe, most people on Sola3, especially our scientists, really do believe that:

The primary reality is darkness and silence

The world and the human being can best be explored and explained in terms of darkness and silence

Consciousness is simply a function of darkness and silence

People who say that they have experienced light or sound are mistaken or lying and should be ignored

Our spiritual traditions, which speak about "light" and "music", are mere superstitions, to be tolerated, but not to be taken seriously

That which, at first, appears to be light or sound will eventually be able to be explained in terms of darkness or silence. If it cannot, then it can be assumed not to exist

That, in essence, is the prevailing paradigm on our world, and it is very influential, believe me. Our economics, education, healthcare and politics can all be traced back, one way or another, to these beliefs (that's another interesting discussion we can have one day!). It is not as if our scientists do not keep discovering things, some of them very useful. They do, but all their discoveries remain at

the same of level of consciousness, so to speak. Our scientists are simply unaware that other kinds of consciousness – informed by light and sound - could exist. So, it embarrasses me to tell you that some of our leading scientists have been claiming that we (meaning they!) will soon know all the important things there are to know. Believe it or not, they actually say that they are “getting close to the mind of Universal Intelligence.” (I think you told me that your scientists use the term “mind of God”). What’s really embarrassing is that they are actually saying this kind of thing in public.

But it’s not all doom and gloom here. There are a few chinks of light and sound. For example, as on your world, we have our human potential and personal development movements. This has become quite an industry here in the last few decades, with practitioners, workshops, conferences and schools springing up everywhere. Although a lot of useful work goes on in this area, it is in one respect no different from our science, in that there is little recognition of the existence and potential of sight and light. Most of the personal growth that takes place on Sola3 takes place in the dark!

It might be helpful if I tell you a little about my work. I do two kinds of work. I work with organisations, and I also help individuals awaken and develop their latent senses of sight and hearing and their understanding of light and sound. In organisations, because I use my eyes and ears, I tend to know what’s happening more clearly than other people and usually long before they do. You might think that this makes it easy for me to help them. In fact, it makes it quite difficult, because people are not receptive to my knowing something when they don’t know how I know. So, in practice, my work with organisations consists of helping people get to the point of knowing what I already know, without my telling them what I know and that I know. Does that make sense?

In my work with individuals, we talk about “insight”, which means “knowing things without knowing how we know”. I believe on your planet you use the word “intuition”. And we explore what life would be like if we developed and used our dormant senses of sight and hearing. Since everyone in my groups accepts the existence of insight and is keen to make sense of our spiritual traditions,

my work is relatively easy. The only hard part is to get them to believe that they have eyes and ears in the first place, that they are perfectly usable, and that when they start using them they will experience light and sound directly for themselves, rather than having to rely on the interpretations of the great spiritual teachers. In my experience, once people do begin to use their eyes and ears, there is no going back. Their lives change forever. Their consciousness expands in ways that they would not have believed possible. There is a passage in one of our most famous spiritual traditions: "Everything will be revealed to those with eyes and ears to see and hear". Until I plucked up the courage to open my eyes and use my ears, I had no idea what this meant. When I finally opened my eyes, it all became very clear.

Okay, well, it's easy to see what's missing on Sola3. We do not use our eyes and ears. That much is very clear. As one of the tiny number here who has opened their eyes and used their ears, I can see how human development on our world has been significantly held back by this. And it's very easy for me to see how our world would change for the better if everyone opened their eyes and used their ears. Most, if not all, the big problems of our time would disappear. But the real challenge is to get people to understand this when they are in complete denial about eyes and ears and light and sound.

José, unless I am completely wrong about all this, you have on Earth what we do not have, but long for, and we have on Sola3 what you do not have, but long for. You have well-developed "outer senses" - such as physical seeing and physical hearing - and your knowledge, science, beliefs and daily experience all reflect this. We, on the other hand, have equally well-developed "inner senses", and our knowledge, science, beliefs and daily experience reflect this. The outer senses are denied on our world, while the inner senses are denied on your world. Both our worlds are the poorer for it. But I am running ahead of myself. You are probably wondering what I mean by "inner senses".

Well, just as it is very hard for people here to accept that people on your world have physical eyes and ears and that you actually use them, people on your world will no doubt find it just as hard to

accept that everyone on Sola3 is telepathic and clairvoyant. We do hear and see, but we do so in an *inner, non-physical way*. By contrast, you hear and see in an outer, physical way. What's normal on our world, you would regard as weird and impossible. It's exactly the same for us. Your normality is our weirdness!

Just as the people of our world have the possibility, at some time in the future, of being able to see and hear physically, because we already have the "apparatus" in the form of anatomically perfect eyes and ears just waiting to be "awakened" and used, so too do the people of your world have the possibility of "inner seeing" and "inner hearing" because, although they may not know it, they already have anatomically perfect "inner eyes" and "inner ears", just waiting to be activated and used. How do I know this? The truth is that I cannot be absolutely certain, but I am almost certain because, like us, you are human beings and therefore have what all other human beings in my experience have – the capacity to perceive physically (your norm) and the capacity to perceive non-physically (our norm). The big question, of course, is whether human beings, wherever they reside in the Galaxy, will choose to exercise the whole of this capacity, or just parts of it.

So, you see, my friend, each of our worlds has what the other world lacks and what the other longs for at some deep level. Each has the missing piece for the other.

José, this is getting really interesting. I can hardly wait for your response.

Your good friend

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