

The god of philosophers, theologians, theosophists, and everybody else, could be better understood in the field of energy, than in an imaginary void. A dialog between science and religion would be more profitable, being God in this field rather than in the world of pure ideas. Some correlation could be found between God and energy, in that the latter is also uncreated and eternal, besides being always in movement. In the Bible, there are miracles that are easily understood as transference of energy to matter and vice versa. Angels turned to men and back to angels, chariots of fire, the meeting of Jesus, Eliah and Moses, the resurrection, the ascension, etc. Also, Muhammad's Miraj, the Báb's (3), Husayn's blood, and Bahá'-Alláh's Maid of Heaven, and many more. The World of Spirit or the Great Beyond is the World of Energy (E), and the Universe is the matter (m). Space and time are measurable. God is intelligent energy that moves in waves that could have, frequency, amplitude, spin, and phase. The form of energy could be radiant, nuclear, electrical, ionization, mechanical or gravitational; or all of them together. The spiritual world of spiritualists, with ectoplasm, telepathy, and telekinesis, does not exist, it is not measurable. The same goes for Dr. Rhine's (4) Parapsychology. God as conscious energy could be easily compared to pantheism (all is God) of some Eastern religions, or the Ethics of Spinoza (5) or the ideas of Giordano Bruno (6) that had him burnt at the stake by the Holy Inquisition; however, this is or not pantheism, since God is personal, one and unique; It has a new Name, al-ÁBHÁ, formerly known by other names as YHVH. "Veiled in My immemorial being and in the ancient eternity of My essence, I knew My love for thee; therefore I created thee, have engraved on thee Mine image and revealed to thee My beauty." (Bahá'u'lláh, Arabic Hidden Words, 3) The Creative Energy, the First Cause, produced the Instrument or Word of God, that turned energy into that matter that is called the Universe. "Know thou, moreover, that the Word of God ... is higher and far superior to that which the senses can perceive, for it is sanctified from any property or substance. It transcendeth the limitations of known elements and is exalted

above all the essential
and recognized substances. It became manifest, it is without any syllable or
sound and is none but
the Command of God which pervadeth all created things. It hath never been
withheld from the
world of being. It is God's all-pervasive grace [energy], from which all grace
doth emanate..."

(Baha'u'llah, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 139)

The known elements or "recognized substances" were given in the Periodic
Table of the
chemist Dmitri Mendeleev (7) in 1869. These elements are matter, not energy;
but can be turned into
energy. In it, this energy gave way to: "the cohesive mineral, the growing
vegetable, the sensible
animal, the mortal human..., the soul of the Kingdom, the soul of the Dominion,
and the Divine
soul the Heavenly court." ('Abd-al-Bahá' (8), Planes of the Soul, p.1,
Provisional Translation). In
man He placed a spark of the Divine, of He, Himself. "With the hands of power
I made thee and
with the fingers of strength I created thee; and within thee have I placed the
essence of My
light..." (Bahá'u'lláh, Arabic Hidden Words, 12)

This Word has been presented in the Bible thus: "In the beginning was the
Word, and the
Word was with God, and the Word was a god."—John 1:1, New World
Translation. A better
translation of "a god", would be "a Manifestation of God."

An elegant approach to the beginning of the universe, was done by the Big Bang
theory. On the
ideas of G. Gamow (9) and the description of an expanding universe of E. Hubble
(10), the Catholic
priest G. Lemaitre (11) calculated that the universe was created 13.8 billion
years ago. Since he had
the acceleration of the expansion observed by Hubble, he went back in time,
contracting the
universe to the point of reaching a small solid mass with the highest density
and extreme
temperature. And God? He could be a metallic god, or a god in a non-existing
vacuum. Some flows
have been found in this theory, but still is a good approach to cosmogony. What
was before? The
particles cannot be compressed beyond the Plank's (12) distance, that
is: 1.6×10^{-35} m.), an
extremely small distance; but, in a universe extremely compacted, it has a
bearing. It is well known
that at this distance the forces of physics do not follow their strict laws.

The alternative is: back to energy. God, the Creative and Intelligent Energy, through His Word created from the non-intelligent energy, the universe. The alternative is to change this energy into a compact matter, that contains all potential life and humanity (with a spark of Himself into it)

The high esteem that Bahá' -Alláh has for the Classic Greek Philosophers, particularly Socrates (13), have us thinking if they knew about Energy as we know it now. Platon's (14) forms and geometrical metaphysics might be well considered types of energy. Aristotle (15) contribution to the Abrahamic religions is well known. However, Plato's Immortality of the soul has poisoned these religions with something completely foreign to all the writers of Bible. Bahá' -Alláh's immortality of the soul, needs to be seen as a personality kept in the Memory of God, the Greatest Computer.

God is not an Entity in some unknown place that does not exist, He is here and now. "This most great, this fathomless and surging Ocean is near, astonishingly near, unto you. Behold it is closer to you than your life-vein." (Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings p. 326)

Scripture says that God knows, even how many hairs has our head; some plainly do not believe it, or others think that He has more important things to do. With the coming of computers, we can be sure that this is quite possible and that He has everything in His memory, the greatest computer. Everything that we have in the laptop that He gave us when we were born is there; when we died, the laptop is gone, and God decides to resurrect us to matter, that is the earthly paradise or physical resurrection, or to energy that is the spiritual resurrection. It will have what best befits its immortality. "When the soul attaineth the Presence of God, it will assume the form that best befiteth its immortality and is worthy of its celestial habitation" (Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings, p. 157)

In the golden age of this dispensation, Shoghi Effendi (16) considers "that more study will be done to the sharpening and refinement on the human brain." (Shoghi Effendi, The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 203)

The energy of the laser or other radiation, or the matter of the scalpel, will eliminate sin. The chosen angels, who are the neurons, will be ready to lead us to victory, but we

must command them.

Annex I

It is not coincidence that the coming of the Divine Prophet is accompanied by scientists of extraordinary insights. It is worthy to note, that the language of God in this case, is couched in energy words. An example is heat, that is energy transferred between systems, that can be measured in Joules, and its rate of heating in Watts (Joules per second) Others are electricity, light, active force, sound, power, vibrations, and so on.

From the Tablet of Wisdom by Bahá'u'lláh

“As regards thine assertions about the beginning of creation, this is a matter on which conceptions vary by reason of the divergences in men's thoughts and opinions. Wert thou to assert that it hath ever existed and shall continue to exist, it would be true; or wert thou to affirm the same concept as is mentioned in the sacred Scriptures, no doubt would there be about it, for it hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the worlds. Indeed He was a hidden treasure. This is a station that can never be described nor even alluded to. And in the station of 'I did wish to make Myself known', God was, and His creation had ever existed beneath His shelter from the beginning that hath no beginning, apart from its being preceded by a Firstness which cannot be regarded as firstness and originated by a Cause inscrutable even unto all men of learning. That which hath been in existence had existed before, but not in the form thou seest today. The world of existence came into being through the heat generated from the interaction between the active force and that which is its recipient. These two are the same, yet they are different. Thus doth the Great Announcement inform thee about this glorious structure. Such as communicate the generating influence and such as receive its impact are indeed created through the irresistible Word of God, which is the Cause of the entire creation, while all else besides His Word are but the creatures and the effects thereof. Verily thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Wise.” (Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 139. ‘Abd’al-Bahá explains this paragraph of The Tablet of Wisdom, thus: “The world of existence

came into being through the heat generated from the interaction between the active force and that which is its recipient. These two are the same, yet they are different.' That is to say, the primary matter of contingent beings is the ethereal power, which is invisible and can only be established through its effects, such as electricity, heat, and light, which are vibrations of that power. This is established and proven in natural philosophy, and it is called ethereal matter. This ethereal matter is itself both the force active and the recipient; in other words, in the world of corporeal existents it is the sign of the Primal Will. "God created man by the Will, and He created the Will by means of itself." Therefore, this ethereal matter is, in a certain respect, the active force, since light, heat, and electricity appear from it. It is also the recipient, for as vibrations take place in it, it becomes visible. For instance, light is a vibration occurring in that ethereal matter. From these vibrations the power of sight is affected, and the result is seeing. Likewise, vibrations take place in the air and from them the eardrum is affected. That effect is sound, and the result is hearing." (Lawh-i Qúchání, translator, Kevin Brown).
God is the Conscious, Intelligent and Creative Energy.

Footnotes

- 1) Bahá'-Alláh (or Bahá'u'lláh), Born Mírzá Husayn- 'Alí Núrí (b. Tehran, 2 Muharram 1233 A.H. (Nov. 12, 1817); d. 'Akká, 2 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1309 A.H. (May 29, 1892). His parents were Mírzá 'Abbás (Buzurg) and Khadijih Khánum. The Sháh exiled Him to Baghdad. Later the Sultán brought Him to Istanbul and then, exiled Him to Edirne and finally to 'Akká, where died and is buried. His extensive writings cover the mystical, ethical, social and political interests, all envisioned the New World Order and the Most Great Peace. "His Holiness the Abhá Beauty [Bahá'u'lláh] is the Supreme Manifestation of God and the Dayspring of His Most Divine Essence. All others are servants unto Him and do His bidding." (Abdu'l-Bahá, The Will and Testament, p. 19)
- 2) Einstein, Albert (b. Germany, 1879, d. USA, 1955) He is considered the best physicist ever. His most important writings are about the Special Relativity that contains the well-known formula: $E = mc^2$ and his General Relativity.

- 3) The Báb, Born ‘Alí’ Muhammad Shírází (b. Shíráz, 1 Muharram 1235 (Oct. 21, 1819), d. Tabriz, 28th of Sha‘bán 1266 A.H. (July 9, 1850). His parents were Mírzá Muhammad Rida and Fátimih Bagum. He wrote about every subject but, His main concern was a Personage that will be come after Him, referred to as “He Whom God Shall Make Manifest” i.e. Bahá’u’lláh.
- 4) Dr. Rhine (USA 1895-1980) Founder of Parapsychology.
- 5) B. Spinoza (Netherland 1632-1677) Influential philosopher.
- 6) G. Bruno (Italy 1548-1600) Philosopher and Astronomer.
- 7) D. Mendeleev (Russia 1834-1907) Famous Chemist.
- 8) ‘Abd’al-Bahá (or ‘Abd’ul-Bahá), Born Mírzá Abbás (b. Teheran, May 23, 1844; d. Haifa, Nov. 28, 1921). Son of Bahá’u’lláh and Ásiyyih Khánum (Navváb). He was appointed by Bahá’u’lláh, “The Center of His Covenant and Interpreter of His Teachings.”
- 9) G. Gamow (Russia 1904-1968) Physicist and Cosmologist.
- 10) H. Hubble (USA 1864-1934) Astronomer and Cosmologist.
- 11) G. Lemaitre (Belgium 1894-1966) Priest and Astronomer.
- 12) M. Plank (Germany 1858-1947) Well-known Physicist.
- 13) Socrates (Greece 470-399 BC) Influential Moral Philosopher
- 14) Plato (Greece 427-348 BC) foundational thinker in the West.
- 15) Aristotle (Greece 384-322 BC) Polymath. “The Philosopher” par excellence. His work has greatly influenced the Western World.
- 16) Shoghi Effendi. (b. ‘Akká circa 1897; d. London, Nov 4, 1957) Son of Mírzá Hadí Shírází and Diya’i’yyih (Ziaiyyih) Khánum. He was appointed by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá as “The Guardian of the [Bahá’í] Cause.”

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