

SCIENTISTS COMMENTS: Go to Mentalism/Consciousness

I regard consciousness as fundamental. I regard matter as derivative from consciousness. We cannot get behind consciousness. Everything that we talk about, everything that we regard as existing, postulates consciousness. --Max Planck *The Observer* (25 January 1931)

“Mind no longer appears to be an accidental intruder into the realm of matter...we ought rather hail it as the creator and governor of the realm of matter.” (James Jeans *The Mysterious Universe*)

It is difficult for the matter-of-fact physicist to accept the view that the substratum of everything is of mental character. But no one can deny that mind is the first and most direct thing in our experience, and all else is remote inference." Sir Arthur Eddington, *The Nature of the Physical World*, 276-81

The mind-stuff of the world is, of course, something more general than our individual conscious minds.... Eddington, *The Nature of the Physical World*

As a man who has devoted his whole life to the most clear headed science, to the study of matter, I can tell you as a result of my research about atoms this much: There is no matter per-se. All matter originates and exists only by virtue of a force which brings the particle of an atom to vibration and holds this most minute solar system of the atom together. *We must assume behind this force the existence of a conscious and intelligent mind. This mind is the matrix of all matter.* (Max Planck: “The Nature of Matter”, speech at Florence, Italy, 1944)