

Abstract to SAND 2018

Conscious spacetime

Higher dimensions and faster than light in physics and spirituality. Towards synthesis of Manzotti's physicalistic mind-object identity and Spira's consciousness unity of mind and matter

Light is central in *enlighten-ment*. What is light?

Einstein said that nothing could go faster than light. But what about thoughts when we think of far away places and more directly in near-death-experiences when "I could see everything at the same time and it was not limited by distance" and entanglement in quantum mechanics? Einstein missed the possibility for faster than light, which can be described in a six-dimensional spacetime, three space and three time.

Near-death-experience seeing one's whole life at once is interpreted as a direct experience of Einstein's 4D spacetime.

Sensory experiences are never experienced in the brain and Riccardo Manzotti argues strongly for that sensory experiences are identical with the objects we experience. But how about memories, hallucination and thoughts? They are not in the space now so must be in brain? No as Manzotti argue these are related to earlier experiences still existing as causes as events in Einstein's 4D spacetime. There even the future might exist and this seemingly supports determinism. But in 6D we have freedom to choose between many possibilities. Manzotti convincingly argues that consciousness is real and physical, but not in the brain but is one and the same as the physical world around us. Rupert Spira starts from consciousness as the fundamental underlying reality of the apparent duality of mind and matter. Even if Spira truly says that the highest teaching is Silence he also knows that we often need to use language on our path to enlightenment. And Spira uses space and time metaphor for speaking of consciousness, which in the form of thought appears to itself as time and in the form of perception appears to itself as space.

Manzotti's *physicalism* and Spira's *consciousnessism* are seemingly contradictory or rather starting at different ends of *experience* but both express the identity of mind and object/matter and I hope and think they can meet in the language of *six-dimensional conscious spacetime*.