

Models of The Matrix



The Wonder of the World and The Matrix: Movie Tie-In

THE BOOK *THE WONDER OF THE WORLD* by Roy Abraham Varghese seeks to show that a meta-scientific matrix underlies science. It is the womb that gave birth to science. Inevitably the question is asked: What relation, if any, is there between the idea of “matrix” here and in the movie by the same name?

At least in one respect, the theme of the movie could serve as a useful model for this notion of a matrix that grounds modern science.

Underlying the physical, observable world is a network of fundamental laws, constants and interactions. This is the framework that “creates” the world we observe and experience. This framework, by its very nature, is intelligent and has as its source and ground an infinite Intelligence, what scientists have called the Mind of God.

If we look “beneath” and “beyond” physical reality, as we must if science is to begin at all, then we’re led to this underlying infrastructure of Intelligence. This is the Matrix of modern science. Only by recognizing this Matrix on which science is built can we see what reality as a whole is like.

If we fail to see the Matrix, we live in an illusion: we see ourselves as irrational automatons, slaves of blind forces, puppets on strings of selfish genes.

If we recognize the Matrix, however, we realize that there is a “we” that thinks and wills and that intelligence is all-pervasive. We come to see that things really do exist and that they exist only because there exists One who cannot not-exist, who exists without beginning or end or any conceivable limitation.

In the movie, the Matrix is a virtual-reality program hard-wired into the brains of unsuspecting humans who live in a make-believe world while actually serving their machine masters. Thus the Matrix of the movie locks its subjects in an illusion. It enslaves them.

The Matrix that underlies modern science, on the other hand, liberates those who discover it. It purges the superstitions of skeptics who have lost faith in reason and “unplugs” the myth of materialism. Once our minds wake up, the Matrix offers us a dynamic vision of the Real. The Real is endlessly energizing, supremely rational and infinitely creative. Thus the Matrix takes us from the Wonder of the World to the Mind of God.

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