

# **Neometaphysical Education**

**A Layman's Guide**

**To**

**Neometaphysics**

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## About the Author – Eleanor Swift

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She is one of the few precious people to have gained qualification as a Member.

## Introduction

This series of explanations was originally published in four parts during 1987. They were originally distributed as part of the “Neometaphysical Newsletters” during that year.

When illustrating the Law of Enclosure Eleanor uses the following example to make a point.

*“The fluent Norwegian speaker would be able to understand the word and grammar used by the beginner, but the beginner could not understand the words and grammar used by the fluent speaker”*

It is also true that the fluent Norwegian speaker would have to expend a lot of energy and patience to make himself understood to the beginner, and for certain concepts this would still be impossible.

Having known John Williamson, and having spent time editing this, and other documents from the society, I can safely say that the Law of Enclosure fully applied to the Society and its output. When you take into account that the published lessons and papers from the society was the results of years and years of philosophising on the subjects presented, it is easy to understand why they were sometimes difficult for the layman to understand.

The insight and interpretation provided by Eleanor, in this document, helps to provide the layman with a basic understanding of neometaphysics, true understanding comes with reading the remaining documents and a lot of hard thinking about the subject.

My suggestion to the reader is to keep this document open whilst reading the Elementary lessons.

## Part One - from “The Neometaphysical Newsletter”: March, 1987.

When someone writes to us and asks for information about the **Society of Metaphysicians** we send them details and tell them about Neometaphysics - in fact we tell them that Neometaphysics is the most important subject in the world. Every new member receives a copy of the Neometaphysical textbook, “An Outline of the Principles and Concepts of the New Metaphysics”, free of charge upon joining the Society, but very few read and understand it.

I suppose for many people, the way the textbook is written is a little off-putting, and the ideas can be difficult to grasp.

However, there really is nothing complicated or difficult about Neometaphysics. It is the Law of All things expressed in simple terms. Once you understand that Law and learn to work in harmony with it, you will be able to progress beyond the limits of your imagination, and more importantly, join those who are working with the Law to improve the world and to raise the consciousness of all Mankind.

So where do we start if we want to understand Neometaphysics? Well, there are fourteen Laws to consider and these are:-

1. Law of Unity
2. Law of Interpenetration
3. Law of Symmetry
4. Law of Cause and Effect
5. Law of Existence and Nonexistence
6. Law of Equilibrium
7. Law of Degrees
8. Law of Pyramidical Construction
9. Law of Parallelism
10. Law of Enclosure
11. Law of Convergency
12. Law of Finite Perception
13. Law of Reciprocal Action
14. Law of Factual Area.

I shall explain later why I have listed these in this particular order.

These Laws are not the human laws, which are merely the accepted rules of society - they are unchanging principles, like the law of gravity. They tell you how things really are. You can think of them as the skeleton of all creation, or the walls which contain and support it. Without them nothing could have form and existence.

The Laws can never be broken, If it were possible to break a Law, the entire universe would cease to exist, just as if you knocked down a supporting wall in a house the whole building would collapse. However, do not worry, it is absolutely impossible for anything to break any of these laws.

But why are these Laws so important to learn and understand? If they cannot be broken, what does it matter whether we understand them or not? Well, by understanding Fundamental Law, you can learn how your whole existence and the existence of the entire Universe is shaped. You can then act in the best possible way to get where you wish to go.

Imagine you want to drive from Exeter to Aberdeen. There are no road signs on the way to guide you and you have no compass or map. In fact, although you are in Exeter, you have no real idea where Aberdeen is at all - only that it is the place you need to go to. In this situation it would take you a very long time to reach Aberdeen, if you ever managed to find it.

This is the way most people spend their lives - travelling along unmarked roads with little real idea of where they are going or how to get there. Neometaphysics is a guidebook which tells you how best to travel, what delays you are likely to meet with and how to overcome them.

Seen in that light, I am sure you can begin to understand why we place so much importance on understanding Neometaphysics.

Let us now turn to the Laws themselves. I want to look at the first three on the list: Unity, Interpenetration and Symmetry.

### **The Law of Unity.**

The Absolute is that One state wherein ALL within Infinity and Eternity coexist. That is to say, ALL things exist as the state or unit referred to as the "Absolute".

To put this more simply: All things are one thing and that one thing we call the Absolute. You might prefer to use the word 'God'.

However, most religions teach that God is in heaven and man on earth - separate forever. This is not so, All the Universe - all that exists - is within the Absolute and is a part of the Absolute. Everything that exists is a part of the Absolute and therefore the Absolute is everything.

Try and imagine every single thing as a “cell’ in the “body’ of the Absolute - just as you are made up from millions of different cells, but are still just one person.

Or you could imagine the Universe as a huge ball made up from everything that there is - all the stars and planets and all the unseen heavenly planes - just as the earth is made up from all sorts of different things, rock, water, plants, animals and so forth.

We are all a part of the Absolute and nothing could exist if it were not a part of the Absolute - for there is NOTHING outside the Absolute. The Absolute IS Infinity and Eternity - Infinity contains all dimensions of space whilst Eternity contains all moments of time.

Beings which live on Higher Planes - those which we might see as angels or gods - are all as such a part of the Absolute as we are. Every lump of rock or metal is formed of the fabric of the Absolute. All is One.

But how can that be? We are not rock or metal, how can everything be just One thing? It is all of a matter of consciousness. Can you see the cells that make up your body, or the molecules which make up those cells? No, not without a microscope. That is because you have a higher level of consciousness than a cell. You can see yourself as a single being, the cell cannot be able to - it would think that it was a single being. Which view is the right one? They are both right, of course, depending whether you are a human being or a cell.

So, you see, the higher your consciousness, the greater your awareness becomes of Unity. You can see the development of human consciousness over all if you look back into history.

First man lived in small families and only his family were his people, all others were potential enemies. Then villages grew up made from several families who found they could live better and more safely in a larger group. Then towns developed and a man’s idea of social unity grew to include more people. After this nations and even empires appeared uniting more and more people into common culture and common loyalty.

Today we link whole continents and speak of “the world situation’, “the peoples of the world’ or “the global village’. This shows how human perception - our view of unity - has grown slowly through history.

### **The Law of Interpenetration.**

”The Law of Interpenetration states that an infinite scale cannot be divided into finite ‘sections’ and hence, each point on the scale must contain infinity also - thus, each point must - in being infinite also - overlap perfectly with all other parts’.

Did you get that? No? I am not surprised. To those of you who have knowledge of mathematics the idea that 'Infinity contains itself' is probably familiar, being a simple statement of mathematical fact. But for those of us who never did get on with maths at school, this one is a bit harder to get to grips with. So let's put it a bit more simply. We have just said that everything is One thing - the Absolute. Now, something that is One - a single Unit - can have no 'bits' in it - it is all One thing. Which means that what we see as separate 'bits' are not really separate at all - again it is our low level of consciousness that makes it seem that way. For practical purposes you could say that every "bit" is in close contact with every other "bit" of the Universe, Or, to put the idea more simply; it is as if we all had a telephone link to everyone and everything else in the Universe.

This means that if you can raise your consciousness high enough, you can reach out to anywhere in the Universe - the higher your level of consciousness, the more telephone numbers you can dial.

It is this close "link" between everything, that makes it possible to Will things to happen - what most people call "magic".

### **The Law of Symmetry.**

"All", (the universe) being bounded by Infinity in all dimensions, is perfectly symmetrical throughout those dimensions".

Again, the mathematicians amongst us will already know that infinity is symmetrical. The rest of us, however, are probably not so sure what that means.

Well, for something to be symmetrical means that it has to be perfectly balanced and in proportion.

What does that mean? A cube is perfectly balanced and in proportion, all its sides are the same as each other. A tea-cup is not perfectly balanced and in proportion, it has wide top, a small bottom, a handle on one side.

The Absolute is perfectly balanced and in proportion - it is the most perfect symmetry that there is. We, however, do not exist in such a perfect state. The Absolute is complete perfection, but if you lower your consciousness just a tiny bit below that of Absolute Being, the perfect symmetry disappears.

Which is just as well really, because without that loss of perfection, the Absolute could not be made manifest in the Universe. If everything existed in a state of perfect symmetry, our entire Universe would no longer exist having been absorbed in perfection.

What you need to remember about this Law is that everything really IS perfectly symmetrical, but does not appear to be so at our level of consciousness.

## **Part Two - from “The Neometaphysical Newsletter”: June, 1987.**

In the last chapter we looked at three of the Laws of Metaphysics the Law of Unity, the Laws of Neometaphysics further Law of Unity, the Law of Interpenetration, and the Law of Symmetry. Before we go on to look at some others, it might be a good idea to consider these three Laws again for a moment

If you refer back to the list of Laws given in the last chapter you will see that I placed these three before all others. Why was this? Are they more important than the other Laws?

These three Laws have something very special in common; they describe the highest understandable state of the Universe and tell us about that Perfection.

Imagine that you could reach up to the Absolute, what can you say about it to teach those who cannot reach so high? It is everything that exists; it is Infinite yet One; it is everywhere but in One place; it is Eternal but Timeless; it is in Perfect stability, balance and harmony. These statements tell you all you can really know about the Highest state of existence and are the first three Laws.

They describe that highest possible state, they tell you how the Universe is in its most Perfect state - United, Whole and Balanced. These Laws give us the best possible description of the Absolute - beyond them lies a veil and the indescribable state of the Unmanifest.

Let us now consider the next Four Laws: The Law of Cause and Effect, the Law of Existence and Non-existence, the Law of Equilibrium and the Law of Degrees.

### **The Law of Cause and Effect**

All effects must have a cause. If ALL things are as One, then no reaction can occur upon any single thing in Creation without an effect upon All else. The extent and mode of this effect is determined by the degree of the original cause or reaction and by the degree of the factor involved.

Which is another way of saying “there is no smoke without fire.” Everything that happens must have been caused by something. This Law is easy to see working around you every day. For example

*Editors Note - The following tables have been reproduced as originally published however an errata was issued suggesting that they be read in the opposite order. I have included both for convenience and from a desire not to make mistakes and loose anything.*

**Original text**

<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>EFFECT</b>
You have a bath.	Because you are dirty and want to be clean
Why are you dirty?	Because you fell over in a muddy puddle.
Why did you fall?	Because you tripped over a cat.
Why did you trip over the cat?	Because you were running to catch a bus.
Why were you running to catch a bus?	Because you woke up late.
Why did you wake up late?	Because the alarm clock had broken down.

As you can see, this chain of causes and effects could go on forever. But there are crossing chains of causes and effects as well - one cause may have several effects, or one effect may have been brought about by several causes. To return to our example:

<b>EFFECT</b>	<b>CAUSE</b>
Why was there a muddy puddle?	Because it had been raining
Why did it rain?	Because of the atmospheric conditions, etc.

And:

<b>EFFECT</b>	<b>CAUSE</b>
Why was there a muddy puddle?	Because the drain was blocked.
Why was it blocked?	Because the people responsible were on strike.
Why were they on strike	Because they wanted more money.

And:

<b>EFFECT</b>	<b>CAUSE</b>
Why was there a muddy puddle?	Because the drain was blocked.
Why was it blocked?	Because someone had swept all the leaves into the drain.
Why had they done that?	Because they were too tired to gather them up etc.

**Corrected text**

<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>EFFECT</b>
You are dirty and want to be clean	You have a bath.
You fell over in a muddy puddle.	You are dirty and want to be clean
You tripped over a cat.	You fell over in a muddy puddle.
You ran to catch the bus	You tripped over a cat
You woke up late.	You ran to catch the bus
The alarm clock had broken down.	You woke up late

As you can see, this chain of causes and effects could go on forever. But there are crossing chains of causes and effects as well - one cause may have several effects, or one effect may have been brought about by several causes. To return to our example:

<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>EFFECT</b>
It had been raining	There was a muddy puddle
Atmospheric conditions	Made it rain

And:

<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>EFFECT</b>
The drain was blocked	There was a muddy puddle
People responsible for drains were on strike	The drain was blocked
People responsible for drains wanted more money	People responsible for drains were on strike.

And:

<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>EFFECT</b>
The drain was blocked	There was a muddy puddle
Someone had swept all the leaves into the drain.	The drain was blocked
The leaf sweeper was tired	They swept the leaves into the drain

As you can see the causes and effects have spread like ripples across a pond already and we have not even begun to consider such important factors as:

why was the cat was involved in the incident?

what led to the breakdown of the alarm clock?

Were there other consequences were of the fall in the puddle apart from the bath?

did you have to go home immediately?

were you late for work or an important interview?

did you catch a cold as a result?

were your clothes ruined, etc. ?

I think you can begin to see the endless web of events and reactions to events which is subject to the Law of Cause and Effect?

To look to a higher level, this Law is telling us that something must have caused the Universe - since nothing can exist without a cause. We call this Prime Cause the Absolute.

But, I hear some of you say, if everything has a cause what caused the Absolute? Is there a God beyond God? Not necessarily at all. You see Law ceases to work at the level of Absolute existence. The Absolute is not bound by the laws of the Universe, because it exists in the state beyond our Universe as well as within it. Like a true monarch, the Absolute is above the Law and does not obey the same rules as the Manifest Universe. ““In the perfect state the Cause IS the Effect - and the Effect IS the Cause””. (Incidentally, this explains why we can say nothing about the Unmanifest, that which IS or beyond the state of the Absolute - because it lies beyond the Law. )

There only remains one point to be made about this particular Law, and that is that every cause has an effect on everything else in the Universe, because everything is linked closely to everything else. If you remember, the Law of Interpenetration tells us that everything in some way “touches’ every other thing that exists. Therefore, anything that happens to one thing will have an effect on everything else.

Imagine a house made out of playing-cards, if one card falls over, the whole structure collapses. Or imagine a close family, if one person catches an illness, all the others will probably get it too.

This is a difficult idea to grasp, especially if you have not properly understood the Law of Interpenetration. So, if you do have difficulty with it, go back and study that Law again first.

## The Law of Existence and Non-Existence.

“Existence of Anything within ALL is dependent upon Cause; further non-existence does not imply that the existence of a specific state or thing is not possible. Create the requisite conditions then the desired Effect will come into Being. ”

This Law is derived directly from the Law of Cause and Effect and is really a specialised application of that Law, so we shall not spend too much time considering it.

Basically, this Law states that for something to be able to exist it must have had a Cause, and that if you want something to exist all you have to do is provide the right conditions for it to come into being - in other words, if you want something to exist you must set up the correct chain of Cause and Effect to make it happen.

For example, a couple who want to have a baby will deliberately set up the best possible conditions to make that dream come true. Awareness of the usage of correct Causes, is one of the major principles in creating the effects that people call “magic’.

Finally, this Law states that just because something does not exist at the moment, does not mean that it can never exist - it is just a matter of getting the circumstances right, or if you prefer, you have got to find the right Causes to produce the desired Effect.

## The Law of Equilibrium

Let an external force transfer energy from one half of a perfectly symmetrical figure to the other; we shall now have two systems - one at a higher and the other at a lower energy level, but each obeying the laws of difference or equilibrium. As long as the force that that caused the energy difference to appear exists, so shall the systems exist as individual systems with a common origin; but, when energy flow between the two systems has again reduced them to the same level, then they shall once again be One If the Law of Existence and Non-Existence can be considered as a special case of the Law of Cause and Effect, then the Law of Equilibrium can be seen as bearing a similar relationship to the Law of Symmetry. I personally like to regard the Law of Equilibrium as being the Law of Symmetry in action.

Let me explain further. When something exists in a state of equilibrium, it is perfectly balanced like a set of scales with an equal weight on either side. However, if this balance is upset, then there is a reaction against the imbalance until equilibrium is gained once more.

Imagine a pendulum swinging. It will swing to one side and then to the other and back again, until it returns to its starting place.

The Universe works in a similar way. It was in a state of perfect Symmetry, then the Prime Cause set the pendulum of existence swinging and thus generated the first step away from Unity by creating an apparent duality - the swing one way and the swing the other - positive and negative, light and dark, male and female.

It is the Law of Equilibrium which assures us that everything will one day return to Complete Unity - just as the pendulum stops swinging and comes to rest. The forces of Equilibrium are constantly seeking the balance and harmonise, giving a reaction to every action, to find the still centre between. Energy flows from higher to lower levels to raise the lower to the higher.

### **The Law of Degrees.**

This Law is basically the same as the Eastern Karmic principle - by which evolution is gained through seeking perfect balance.

*"All facts are distributed in an infinite series of levels, each level possessing facts of the same - dependent on the consciousness of the observer - stated dimensionality. "*

Confused? Well, imagine a ladder with birds perched on every rung from top to bottom. All the birds on each rung are of the same size, and each rung has bigger birds than the rung below and smaller than the one above.

Or, if you prefer, imagine a jar filled with sugar, salt and coarse sand. If you shake the jar, all the salt will go to the bottom; the sugar will stay in the middle; and the sand will rise to the top.

Still more simply, fill a jar with some oil and some water. Shake it up and watch how the oil will separate out and float on the water.

Once you have this image of natural layering, you are beginning to understand the Law of Degrees.

Everything has its correct place in the Universe according to its nature - in neometaphysics we would say "according to its dimensionality'. The "dimensions' of an object or individual being are its basic characteristics and limitations. It is our dimensionality that makes us able to breathe air and unable to breathe in water.

The place occupied by an individual in the Universe is decided by its dimensionality - it automatically finds the right place. Some of these limitations cannot be overcome - a fish can not breathe air, for example. But limitations can be gradually conquered, this is why it is possible to develop spiritually. Just as an athlete can train his or her body to perform better, so the human psyche can be trained to overcome the limitations we normally live within. This is what evolution is all about.

Ultimately, there are no limits to development. After all, fish did eventually develop the ability to breathe air and evolve into land animals - but it took them millions of years to do so. But at any one time, we are limited to our own level of degree and the limitations of our present dimensionality. On the Cosmic scale, the Law of Degrees came into existence as soon as there was no longer perfect Unity. As soon as something existed that was not Absolute, it was one degree away from perfection - one of existence. Degrees which are slowly eroded away by the working of Equilibrium to attain Perfection once more.

## Part Three - from “The Neometaphysical Newsletter”: September, 1987.

So far, we have looked at seven of the Neometaphysical Laws in depth. You should now be beginning to understand why they are so significant and how they work in practice.

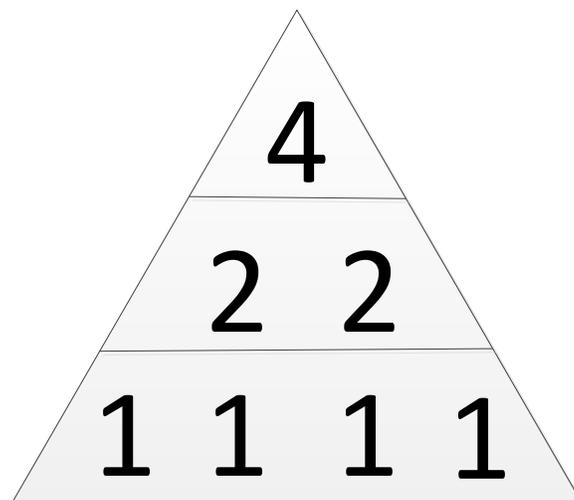
These Laws are not a list of things you should or should not do - they are statements of the way the Universe works, As you come to understand them and live your life in harmony with them, so you will find yourself progressing and in harmony with All.

### The Law of Pyramidic Construction

“Correlation of Facts (progress) is pyramidic in construction. To embrace ALL this pyramidic structure must be within an infinite number of dimensions.”

This Law helps us to understand how All is One and how the individual parts of All - which are called “facts’ in neometaphysical terminology - are joined together.

The idea of an infinitely dimensioned pyramid is probably a bit mind-boggling for most of us to come to terms with straight away, so let’s look at what it means from our own perspective - at the bottom, looking up.



Look at the diagram above. The first thing you will notice is that each level of the pyramid adds up to the sum of the numbers below it (e.g.  $4=2+2$ , and  $2=1+1$ ). Thus the numbers which begin as separate units on the base line, have become united into a single figure on the top line.

This is where the whole ideal of pyramidal construction is leading to. Everything that exists (every Neometaphysical “fact”), is a part of the whole which we call the Absolute. Now if you were to image a pyramid with the Absolute on the top, then the Universe would be the fabric of that pyramid.

As our consciousness becomes greater, we learn to encompass more and more facts. In this way we work our way up the pyramid from being a ‘1’ person, to a “2’ person, to a “4’ person and so forth.

Perhaps now you can begin to see why we use the term “Pyramidal Construction’. Of course, as the Universe itself is infinitely dimensioned, so too must our “pyramid’ be infinitely dimensioned. This is a very simplistic explanation of a rather complicated Law, but it should give you an impression of the concept involved.

### **The Law of Parallelism**

“All knowledge has the same basic laws, or the Laws of ALL are parallel. The Law of Parallelism, is the common bond between all things, enabling us to investigate the unknown by use of the known. ”

Sometime before the beginning of the Christian era, a wise man wrote down these words, words which have echoed down the centuries and form the bedrock of all western philosophy:

“I speak not fiction, but what is certain and most true. What is below is like that which is above, and what is above is like that which is below for performing the miracle of one thing. And as all things were produced from One by the Mediation of One, so all things are produced from this one thing by adaptation. ”

This passage is from the piece known as “The Emerald Tablet of Hermes Trismegistus” and is often misquoted simply as being: “As Above, So Below. ”

The Tablet tells us two things of vital importance: firstly that Law is consistent throughout the Universe; and secondly, as we have already seen, all things are in truth One. Just as every cell in your body carries your genetic imprint within it and acts according to this genetic “law’, so too does everything in the Universe operate to the same system of Law, being a part of the original Unity.

Every science, every art, every discipline, every consciousness, be they human or non-human, operates according to the same Laws. These Laws are more universal than the laws of Physics, which are a derived adaptation of Law and accord to it perfectly but only apply in the material world.

Therefore, if you understand the workings of Law, you can understand the principles underlying any situation. This is why we can use our understanding of Law to explore an area that is unknown to us, and be certain that we will find the principles of Law within it and hence be able to understand it.

In the “Cranwell Lectures” series you will find that Law is often expressed in terms of electronics, showing just how easy it is to see Law operating in everyday life. I am not an electrical engineer, my fields are Egyptology and history, but I can perceive Law functioning there too. In fact, I feel that looking back over history is one of the best ways to see how Law works: the slow movement of Equilibrium; the deliberate - and accidental - results of Cause and Effect; the repeating pattern of Pyramidic Construction, etc. etc. The natural and man-made events form a continuing dance to the rhythm of Fundamental Law. If you take the time and trouble to consider your own field of interest or daily occupation you will be able to observe the workings of Law around you - for example Cause and Effect is very easy to spot.

Without this Law there could be no link between us and higher states and no way in which we could hope to understand and experience them. Without this Law we would be no more than mortal clay, condemned to tread the weary road of material existence. But by its existence, this Law gives us the clue to our own divinity and the ability to work out the way to fulfil it.

In brief the Law of Parallelism tells us that EVERYTHING obeys the same Laws. By understanding those Laws you can learn how best to live in harmony with them and the Universe, thus progressing in knowledge and wisdom. These Laws which are the Key to the Universe itself are the Laws which I am trying to explain to you.

## Law of Enclosure

“A higher degree can enclose a lower, but a lower degree cannot enclose a higher.”

You can put a pint of water in a gallon container, but you cannot put a gallon of water into a pint container. This is plain common sense and is the simplest expression of The Law of Enclosure in action. It can be expressed also in terms of our “pyramid”. The top level can encompass all of the rest of the pyramid; the middle level can encompass the facts below it but cannot encompass the top level; the bottom level can only encompass its own immediate sphere and has no understanding of the higher levels or degrees.

The consequences of this can be simply demonstrated. Someone who is fluent in Norwegian will be able to use complicated words and grammar to say what they want to say in a very few words. A beginner would have to use many simple words and simple grammar to say the same thing. The fluent Norwegian speaker would be able to understand the word and grammar used

by the beginner, but the beginner could not understand the words and grammar used by the fluent speaker.

Thus the fluent speaker would be able to encompass the knowledge of the beginner, but the beginner would not be able to encompass the knowledge of the fluent speaker.

The same is true in a spiritual sense. The more highly advanced can encompass of the less well advanced. The Absolute can encompass the Universe, but we cannot hope to understand and encompass the Absolute. Our bodies can encompass the cells that form them, but these cells cannot encompass our bodies.

## The Law of Convergency

“The Law of Convergency is an intermediate law arising from and between the Laws of Unity and Pyramidic Construction.”

All progress is convergent, i.e. proceeds from chaos to absolute perfection. The term “convergency” refers to the continual narrowing of the number of facts (Cumulative Progress), as chaos is erased in the erasure of difference’.

In our pyramidic model mentioned earlier, the Absolute was placed at the top. The bottom would therefore have to be the opposite of the Absolute. Instead of perfection in Unity there would be an infinite number of completely separated facts - this is what we call chaos.

As the Universe evolves there is an urge from chaos to unity. In human terms this can be seen as the operation of love: the desire to share with and become in harmony with another person or a group of people. In cosmic terms this can be best expressed by the Law of Convergency.

All movement is thus ultimately “up’ the pyramid from chaos to Unity, gathering a richer store of wisdom, knowledge and experience in this progression. At each “step’ up the pyramid of this infinite progression, there are less facts than on the “step’ or degree level below, as they proceed towards Unity.

It is possible for an individual fact or group of facts to move in a divergent path - i. e. not towards Unity - for a short time, but they can only do so to the limit of their own energies before being “corrected’ by the workings of Law and set back on course once more.

This means that everything is ultimately evolving towards perfection, no matter how long it may take them. No one is “damned for all time”, even those who conscientiously oppose the forces of Truth and progress. All, in time, will be corrected and placed back upon the true, convergent path. This should go some way to explain why there is no such thing as ultimate evil. Chaos and evil exist indeed but the extent of their power is limited by the amount of

energy they possess as individual facts. The Law of Convergency makes absolute evil impossible to maintain, all must progress eventually and become One in absolute perfection.

## Part Four - from “The Neometaphysical Newsletter”: December, 1987.

### The Law of Finite Perception

The Law of Finite Perception states that “any part of ALL can only perceive the remainder within its own degree and hence that which is infinite and Eternal (Absolute) will only be seen as a series of discontinuities or apparently isolated parts.”

You will probably remember that the Law of Unity and Interpenetration tell us that everything is One Thing and all things are therefore linked with all other things. The Law of Finite Perception explains why it is that we cannot see the essential Unity of All clearly for ourselves.

When we look at another person (something which is of our own degree level) we see one thing - a human being. We do not see a man or woman as an intricate collection of cells because cells are below our degree level - below our step on the pyramid. Equally we see a table as a table and as several pieces of wood put together of a collection of woody cells or even as a swirling mass of atoms. On our degree level that a object is a table - nothing more or less.

We have the ability to view the table as a collection of smaller “bits’ because these “bits’ are below our degree level. But in everyday life we would only see a table, that being of our degree level, and we would have to stop and think to see it as anything else.

Since we are at the degree level of humanity we cannot look at Higher Levels and see the greater Unity. We cannot look at the Universe around us and see that it is all One Thing. We can only see it as lots of separate bits and pieces. In this we are like an individual atom which would view what we call a “table’ as being a collection of completely separate atoms - it would view the table from the limited (finite) perception of its own degree level.

Higher Beings may well look at us and see only “humanity’ as single thing, because at their degree level individual are like the cells of one body. Of course, they can perceive individual humans too, just as we can perceive separate cells.

The ability to see and understand Unity is limited by how highly advanced something is - how high its degree level is.

It is not only a question of perceiving Unity. All perception is limited by degree level. For example, someone who is not intelligent will not be able to understand academic knowledge to the same extent as someone who is highly intelligent. Thus we would say that everything or

neometaphysical “fact’, is subject to finite perception (limited ability to see and understand) depending upon its degree level.

## The Law of Reciprocal Action

“Only when facts are in degree alignment (possess the same factual area, extent, dimensionality, degree - or whatever we use to indicate “measure of unity’) do they unify to that maximum possible (optima) for their state. “

The key word to remember for this Law is “harmony’. Everyone knows that when people are harmonious they work far better together than when they are in conflict and that the more harmonious a group is, the more effective it will be. This applies to a project team of engineers, a group of friends, a family, a government or any association of individuals - be it formal or informal.

A further clue to understanding this law can be found in the musical usage of the word “harmony’ - an arrangement of differing notes which vibrate together to form a pleasing sound. If one of those notes is flat the result is not harmonious and pleasing to listen to.

The Law of Reciprocal Action tells us that for two or more “facts’ to co-operate they have to be in harmony, and that the more harmonious they are the more complete will be their ability to co-operate with each other.

Let us give an example to help explain this more clearly;

A German construction company is hired to build a bridge in Greece. In order to complete the work, they have to subcontract to an Italian company and a French company. They hold a meeting for representation of all interested parties. However, they find that no one present can speak the same language as anyone else. The group is not in harmony and therefore cannot work effectively.

The meeting is cancelled and at the next meeting each representative brings along an interpreter, they can now carry on the necessary discussions, but it is a slow process with many misunderstandings due to the difficulties of translation. However, the work can now progress because the group has a degree of harmony.

By the time of the third meeting, everyone has realised that they are not working as efficiently as they could be, so new representatives are chosen and briefed all of whom speak English fluently.

Now they have a much higher degree of harmony, discussions can take place far more easily and the work can progress efficiently and quickly.

Obviously, complete harmony is only possible when the two things co-operating are equal - otherwise, one side would have to give more than the other, which would lead to a breakdown of harmony.

For example, an adult and a child say build a wall together, but the adult has greater knowledge and strength than the child and would therefore have to do most of the work.

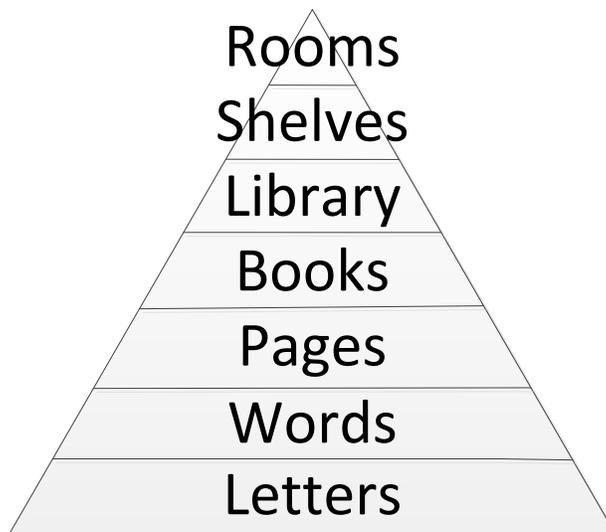
Complete harmony and co-operation, means that each participant must give and receive equally, and that is only possible when the participants have an equal amount to give. This is what the Law of Reciprocal Action is telling us - not that it is impossible to harmonise at all with those of a different level, but that the best possible harmony can only occur between those of the same level.

### The Law of Factual Area

“The Factual Area is proportional to the Degree concerned - the number of facts within a degree will be proportional to the value of that degree.”

This Law sounds incredibly complicated but is really very simple. Let us begin at the beginning. As I have already mentioned on several occasions, in neometaphysics all separate things are referred to as “facts’. Hence the “factual area’ tells you about the size of a “fact’. The size of a fact depends upon how many lesser facts it can co-ordinate.

For example; let us draw up a plan of a library using our pyramid model. It would look something like this;



In this example, a single letter is taken to be the smallest possible fact. Therefore, a letter has the smallest possible factual area. A word may contain several letters, therefore it has a larger

factual area and belongs to a higher degree level - a higher step on the pyramid. A page may contain many words, thus it has an even larger factual area and belongs to a still higher degree level. A book contains many pages, a shelf can hold many books, a room contains many shelves and the library itself can have several rooms. Thus each step of the pyramid contains facts of a greater size - a greater factual area - than the step below and a smaller size than the step above.

There will also be fewer facts on each step than on the step below. A library may have thousands of books, but it will only need a hundred shelves and these can be put into only three or four rooms.

Thus, there may be bigger facts on each step than the step below, but there are less of them.

Now we can return to the Law of Factual Area itself. It states that the number of facts within a degree will be proportional to the value of that degree. In other words, the less facts there are in any given degree (the less facts there are on any step of the pyramid), the higher the value of that level.

A library is more valuable than a single book, or a single shelf of books. A book is more valuable than one word or one page of words.

This can also be seen on a Universal scale, where at the top of the pyramid is the Absolute which is One and at the bottom of the scale is chaos, which is an infinite number of separate bits.