

# Consciousness as Navigator: Ontological Agency and Lifeworld Selection in Temporal Reincarnation

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## Abstract

This paper advances the metaphysical framework of Temporal Reincarnation (TR) (HekmatAfshar, 2026), positioning consciousness as the ontological navigator of lifeworlds. Building on the previous publication, *Temporal Reincarnation; A Metaphysical Model of Multidirectional Soul Deployment, Toward a Recursive Ontology of Time and Consciousness*, it explores how the Registry (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 48), a structured field of reincarnational possibilities, operates through resonance rather than linear causality. Drawing from Islamic and Christian theology, David Bohm's implicate order and symbolic logic, the paper argues that consciousness predates both physical and spiritual embodiment, having once existed in eternal proximity to the Divine. Navigation within TR is governed by Resonance Alignment (RA), enabling non local shifts across ontological layers such as Nasut (Human/Physical Realm), Malakut (Imaginal/Angelic Realm), Jabarut (Realm of Divine Power) (Corbin, 1972, p. 5; Nasr, 1993, p. 267). Concepts like spiritual gravitation, ethical recalibration and parallel lifeworlds, are examined as lawful mechanisms of Soul movement (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 50). The paper culminates in a soteriological vision of final convergence, where resonance with the redemptive pole, seals the Registry's eschatological coordinate. TR thus, offers a spiritually intelligible model of reincarnation that integrates metaphysics, theology and quantum insight.

## Keywords

Anamnesis, Ontological Agency, Symbolic Realism, Continuity Threshold, The Divine Registry, Multidirectional Soul Deployment, Metaphysical Ordering Principle (MORP), Ontological Density (OD), Resonance Alignment (RA)

## Introduction

Reincarnation has long been framed as a moral mechanism in which Souls return across successive lifetimes, bound by the ledger of past actions or the cycles of karma (Barua, 2017; Burley, 2016). In Hindu and Buddhist thought, ethical conduct dictates one's future embodiments, while Western mystical traditions often depict the Soul's return as a partial recollection of prior existence (Chapple, 2017; Long, 2019). Such models offer powerful spiritual narratives but tend to confine reincarnation to linear or cyclic time, leaving little room for non sequential, lawful placement across the full spectrum of temporal possibilities. Recent developments in the philosophy of time and quantum metaphysics, challenge the assumption that temporal progression is strictly linear or confined to a single unfolding. Block universe theories, relational time and the notion of a holomovement, suggest that all moments and forms coexist within an enfolded totality (Soler Gil & Alfonseca, 2016; Ellis, 2014; David, 2022). If time itself is a structured field, then the Soul's journey need not be bound by chronological sequence or moral compulsion alone. It can instead arise through metaphysical lawfulness and ontological resonance (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 47–48).

TR proposes precisely such a paradigm. In this framework, consciousness is not a passive passenger but an active navigator of lifeworlds (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 46), discrete, symbolically encoded domains nested

within a Divine Registry. By tuning its resonance, consciousness selects lifeworld coordinates (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 56), recalling a latent map of possible embodiments through non local, instantaneous shifts rather than physical traversal. This process functions as a metaphysical algorithm that matches Souls to lifeworlds based on symbolic, energetic and temporal resonance (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 46). Embodiment becomes an act of anamnesis, a recovery of primordial knowledge veiled by material existence.

The architecture of TR rests on three interlocking principles. First, the Registry reflects David Bohm's implicate order, an undivided holomovement from which all explicate forms emerge (Lohrey & Boreham, 2021). Second, reality is stratified into ontological layers, corporeal, Imaginal, archetypal and Divine, each governed by a specific symbolic grammar and degree of veiling. Third, movement through this layered field is guided by spiritual gravitation, whereby the Soul drifts toward lifeworlds whose symbolic and moral structure resonates with its own Ontological Density (OD). Compatibility is determined by resonance between the Soul's current ontological state and the symbolic temporal coordinates of a given lifeworld (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 46). Beyond structural mechanics, TR embraces a theological soteriology. Ethical recalibration and repentance, conceived as ontological tuning, reopens access to higher lifeworlds and aligns the Soul with the redemptive pole beyond formal religious boundaries. At the terminus of a lifeworld's navigational history, a final convergence occurs; a Messianic sealing of that coordinate, when every lawful resonance pathway has been actualized and no further reincarnation is possible within that domain.

This paper unfolds in five stages. It begins by establishing Consciousness as Navigator and the Registry as implicate order. The Divine Registry acts as the Metaphysical Ordering Principle (MORP) (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 48) ensuring that non-local resonance shifts, do not violate the systemic integrity of the holomovement. Next, it maps the vertical strata of lifeworlds and explains spiritual gravitation as the law of attraction. The discussion then turns to ethical navigation and ontological recalibration, before examining the Messianic final convergence. Throughout, Islamic, Christian and Neoplatonic sources, together with metaphysical and quantum insights, interweave to present a coherent model of lawful, multidirectional Soul deployment.

### **Methodological Stance on Scientific Metaphors**

In this study, references to David Bohm, Block Universe models and related scientific language, are employed as conceptual scaffolding rather than as empirical endorsements of specific physical theories. Bohmian implicate/explicate imagery and Block Time formulations, function here as heuristic analogies that illuminate the non-sequential and non-local structure of TR, particularly in relation to lifeworld selection. Where the argument moves beyond analogy into ontological commitment, such transitions are explicitly marked as metaphysical hypotheses. These claims are therefore situated within a philosophical, theological and comparative explanatory framework rather than an empirical scientific one. To avoid category confusion, this study distinguishes between three levels of claims:

- (A) Descriptive metaphor, referring to the heuristic use of scientific vocabulary;
- (B) Metaphysical hypothesis, referring to ontological commitments such as the Divine Registry and holomovement-like structuring; and
- (C) Theological assertion, referring to scriptural and soteriological claims grounded in religious traditions.

Each level operates under distinct standards of warrant. Descriptive metaphors are evaluated in terms of conceptual clarity and cross-disciplinary intelligibility. Metaphysical hypotheses are assessed through

internal coherence, comparative explanatory power in relation to rival frameworks, including karmic linearity and strict materialism, and theological consonance with the traditions invoked. Theological assertions are grounded in exegetical plausibility and sensitivity to doctrinal constraints. Accordingly, empirical physics is not treated as evidentiary support for TR. Instead, its formal vocabulary is appropriated to model coexistence and the non-sequential accessibility of lifeworld coordinates. Progress within this framework is therefore measured not through laboratory verification, but through increased conceptual precision, expanded explanatory scope and sustained interdisciplinary engagement across the philosophy of time, comparative mysticism and metaphysics. As stated in the manuscript, by tuning its resonance, consciousness selects lifeworld coordinates, recalling a latent map of possible embodiments through non-local, instantaneous shifts rather than physical traversal.

### **Tightened Literature Framing**

This study positions TR in relation to several established traditions while clarifying its distinct contribution.

Classical Hindu and Buddhist models present rebirth as morally driven and temporally sequential, where karma functions as a causal ledger generating future embodiments. TR preserves the moral weight of such systems, but rejects strict chronological determinism. Moral states, within TR, modulate resonance rather than mechanically producing a subsequent life in linear succession. Western mystical traditions, particularly those associated with Origen and later Christian mysticism, articulate the notions of pre-existence and existential forgetfulness. TR incorporates these intuitions but reframes them as forms of navigational memory, in which the Soul recognizes rather than passively inherits its existential trajectory.

Imaginal and archetypal traditions, especially those articulated by Corbin and Nasr, provide the vertical cosmological vocabulary that TR operationalizes. The stratified ontological planes, Nasut, Malakut, Jabarut and Lahut, are here interpreted as functional strata within the Divine Registry, each corresponding to degrees of symbolic density and accessibility. Philosophies of time and quantum informed metaphors, including Block Universe models and Bohm's holomovement, are employed to motivate the non-sequential logic of lifeworld selection. These sources are used to justify modeling choices rather than to claim empirical validation.

Within this comparative landscape, TR advances three distinctive contributions. **First**, it reconceives navigation as anamnesis, where consciousness actively selects lifeworlds through symbolic recognition rather than passive succession. **Second**, it introduces the Divine Registry as a structured field composed of discrete symbolic coordinates, each defined by properties such as opacity, symbolic signature and saturation, which regulate accessibility. **Third**, it articulates a framework of lawful non-linearity governed by Resonance Alignment (RA) and spiritual gravitation, culminating in final convergence through NORP, thereby offering a novel account of eschatological closure distinct from both karmic exhaustion and linear teleology. Through this synthesis, TR expands explanatory scope by integrating cross-cultural motifs of pre-existence, Imaginal experience and eschatological resolution within a single coherent schema, while maintaining its methodological commitment to analogy driven scientific language.

### **Ethical Continuity and Moral Responsibility**

The ethical structure of TR rests on the problem of continuity across non-local resonance shifts and multiple embodiments. Two questions are central: What grounds personal identity across such transitions, and how moral responsibility can be meaningfully ascribed under conditions of ontological redistribution or sequestration.

In response, this study adopts a graded model of continuity, in which identity is constituted through overlapping dimensions rather than strict numerical sameness. These dimensions include phenomenal continuity, expressed in the persistence of first person awareness and fragments of anamnesis; psychological continuity, reflected in enduring dispositions such as virtues, vices and narrative commitments; and an ontological core, representing the minimal enduring Self that anchors Ontological Density (OD). Moral responsibility is governed by a Continuity Threshold (CT), a conceptual parameter that determines when sufficient overlap exists across these dimensions to justify ethical accountability. This threshold is calibrated to avoid trivialization, while preserving meaningful continuity across transformative states.

Within the dynamics of Resonance Alignment (RA), responsibility operates in multiple directions. Actions within a given embodiment alter OD and thereby influence future accessibility, establishing a framework of forward responsibility. At the same time, RA remains probabilistic rather than deterministic, ensuring that past actions bias but do not rigidly determine future placements, thereby preserving agency and the possibility of recalibration. Responsibility is also distributed collectively, as cultural and symbolic environments contribute to the shaping of individual OD trajectories.

The concept of –Zero is understood not as annihilation, but as ontological sequestration, occurring when OD falls below a Survivability Threshold (SuTh), necessary for meaningful continuity. This state is governed by proportional normative criteria, including sustained and informed rejection of redemptive possibilities and systematic symbolic corruption.

To preserve ethical coherence, TR incorporates remedial pathways, including repentance, ritual practice and intercessory resonance, which allow for recalibration unless a state has been irreversibly sealed through No Return Point (NORP). In this way, the framework maintains alignment with theological commitments to mercy, while avoiding both moral nihilism and determinism. Narrative and structural conditions are also addressed; cases of partial continuity, coercion or structural injustice, require calibrated responsibility and lifeworlds that systematically suppress ontological development, impose corresponding ethical and theological obligations for redress.

As stated in the manuscript, “The Divine Registry acts as the Metaphysical Ordering Principle (MORP), ensuring that non-local resonance shifts do not violate the systemic integrity of the holomovement. In this formulation, TR sustains moral responsibility by grounding identity in graded continuity, regulating ethical attribution through CT, and embedding all terminal states within a proportional and remedially structured moral ontology.

### **Anamnesis and Symbolic Recognition as the Principle of Consciousness as Navigator**

In the framework of TR, the principle of Consciousness as Navigator (CN) describes consciousness as an ontologically primary agent that selects lifeworlds through resonance. This navigation is not a process of discovering the unknown, but of remembering the already known. Consciousness, in TR’s metaphysical grammar, precedes physical embodiment and retains agency across incarnational states, originating in a non physical mode of existence prior to Human manifestation (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 50).

In this pre-embodied state, consciousness possessed full awareness of the Divine Registry of lifeworlds and the symbolic grammar of reality. Embodiment, however, imposes oblivion, a veiling of that primordial knowledge, so that navigation in the temporal field becomes an act of anamnesis; the gradual recovery of memory through the recognition of symbolic cues embedded in events, archetypes and resonance patterns.

## The Registry as Implicate Order

The Registry can be conceptualized through the lens of physicist David Bohm's implicate order, where all of reality is enfolded in a deeper, generative structure (Pylkkänen, 2023). In TR, this implicate order mirrors the Divine Registry's structure; a non local field where resonance, not spatial movement, governs ontological navigation (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 51). In this view, the phenomenal world of separate forms, explicate order, unfolds from an undivided, flowing totality that Bohm termed the holomovement (Bohm, 1980). In TR terms, the Divine Registry is a manifestation of this holomovement, and God's majesty, perfection and self sufficiency remain unchanged as the ultimate source of this totality. Within this framework, the Self, the enduring ontological core that holds and exercises consciousness, does not travel faster than light in the physical sense. Instead, it enacts a non local, instantaneous shift in resonance, an act of Imaginal alignment that retunes its state of being to match the symbolic and ontological signature of another lifeworld, already present within the Registry's wholeness. This transition bypasses spatial distance entirely, constituting not a breach of physical law but an attunement to a different facet of the Registry, a form of lawful, non linear quantum attendance. The principle of resonance acts as the lawful mechanism for this matching between the Soul and its intended lifeworld, allowing consciousness to navigate the Registry without being bound by linear space or time (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 46)

## Divine Self Sufficiency and the Ontological Status of Consciousness

In the TR framework, the ontological primacy of consciousness (PTR: CPr) is illuminated by the scriptural witness to the Divine's absolute self sufficiency. The Quran repeatedly affirms that Human worship does not augment God, nor does Human ingratitude diminish Him, for He is utterly free of need: *"If you disbelieve, surely Allah is free of need of you... But if you are grateful, He is pleased with you"* (Quran 39:7); *"If you and all who are on earth were to disbelieve, verily Allah is free of need, Praiseworthy"* (Quran 14:8); and *"Whoever is grateful, it is only for his own Soul; and whoever is ungrateful, then indeed Allah is free of need, Praiseworthy"* (Quran 31:12). The Biblical canon parallels this principle: *"If you sin, how does that affect Him? ... If you are righteous, what do you give to Him?"* (Job 35:6-8); *"If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is Mine, and all that is in it"* (Psalm 50:12); *"The God who made the world... is not served by Human hands, as if He needed anything"* (Acts 17:24-25); and *"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things"* (Romans 11:35-36). In TR terms, this self sufficiency means that the moral and spiritual states of created beings, alter their own navigational possibilities within the temporal manifold, but do not touch the perfection of the Source. Consciousness, as the Imago Dei, is thus non derivative in its ontological status; its alignment or misalignment with the Divine resonance determines its access to lifeworlds, yet the Divine remains unchanged, the fixed pole around which all navigational potential revolves.

## Islamic Foundations

The Quranic Covenant of Alast<sup>1</sup> (Quran 7:172) describes a primordial moment when all Human Souls testified to God's Lordship before earthly life. Classical exegesis and Sufi metaphysics, interpret this as

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<sup>1</sup> It refers to the Primordial Covenant or Day of Alast, when, before earthly life, all Human Souls were gathered and God addressed them with that question, to which they replied, Bala — "Yes." So in English, Alast is often rendered as: Am I not (your Lord)?, or The Primordial Covenant, or The Day of "Am I not". It's less a single word translation and more a shorthand for that entire pretemporal event in Islamic theology.

evidence of pretemporal consciousness, a state in which the Soul knew God directly before entering the corporeal realm (Nair, n.d.; Kazemi, 2009).

Farshid Kazemi (2009), in "Mysteries of Alast: The Realm of Subtle Entities (‘Ālam-i Dharr) and the Primordial Covenant in the Babi-Baha’i Writings", traces the concept of world of particles (ālam-i dharr) to early Shi‘i cosmology, where Humanity existed in a subtle, prematerial form and responded collectively to God’s question, “Am I not your Lord?” (alastu bi-rabbikum?). This scene is interpreted as a pre-existential recognition of Divine sovereignty, later veiled by embodiment but never erased from the Soul’s nature. Sufi poets like Rumi echo this, “My Soul is from elsewhere, I’m sure of that, and I intend to end up there”, a mystical affirmation of the Soul’s Divine homeland and its latent memory of it (Cook, 2017).

### **Christian Parallels**

In Christian scripture, Jeremiah 1:5:1, “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you*”, is often read mystically as implying a pretemporal relationship between God and the Soul. Early theologians like Origen taught that Souls existed with God before embodiment, falling into material life through a cooling of Divine love (Tzouramani & Terezis, 2007). While later orthodoxy rejected explicit pre-existence, the mystical tradition preserved the idea of the Soul’s Divine origin and forgetfulness in the flesh.

### **TR Interpretation**

In TR, this shared religious intuition is re-expressed as a lawful navigational principle; Consciousness is not a product of the lifeworld it inhabits; it is a pretemporal navigator whose knowledge of the Registry is veiled by embodiment. Symbolic cues, archetypes, resonant events and Imaginal encounters act as ontological triggers, reactivating fragments of primordial memory and guiding the Soul’s selection of lifeworlds. Thus, the PTR: CN is not merely about perception, it is about recognition as well. Perception refers to the processes, by which sensory information is acquired and organized, allowing an organism to extract meaning from patterns of energy impinging on the senses (Rogers, 2017, p. 1). Recognition builds upon this by identifying what is perceived as something previously encountered, linking present awareness to stored memory and prior knowing (Abid, 2022). The navigator does not learn the map; it remembers it. The act of navigating is the act of remembering.

### **Vertical Resonance (PTR: VR) in the Ontological Layers of Navigation**

If the principle of Consciousness as Navigator (PTR: CN) describes how the Soul moves through the temporal manifold, the principle of Vertical Resonance (PTR: VR) describes where it can move. In classical Islamic metaphysics, the Soul traverses ontological layers; TR reinterprets this hierarchy not as a static descent, but as a dynamic, vertically structured Divine Registry where consciousness navigates based on Resonance Alignment (RA), with each layer altering the clarity of symbolic recognition. This framework treats time not as a neutral container but as a structured ontological field of multidirectional deployment, layered with symbolic coordinates and governed by a lawful metaphysical registry that ensures the recursive integrity of the soul’s trajectory (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 45). In the metaphysical traditions of Islamic philosophy, Christian mysticism and Neoplatonic thought, reality is not a flat continuum but a tiered structure of ontological realms. Each realm has its own density, symbolic grammar and mode of perception (Nasr, 1993, p. 102; Underhill, 1911; Gerson, 2023).

In the context of TR, these realms can be understood as Registry strata (HekmatAfshar, 2026, p. 48), vertical layers of reality through which consciousness can navigate. The classical Islamic terms Nasut (corporeal), Malakut (Imaginal), Jabarut (archetypal) and Lahut (ineffable), provide a symbolic map for the vertical

cosmological hierarchy described, encompassing the ordered structure from the ninth heaven to the lowliest minerals and the spiritual realms like the World of Similitude (*'ālam al-mithāl*) (Radiman, n.d.; Nasr, 1993, p. xvi).

### 1. Nasut or The Corporeal Realm

**Nature:** The material world of bodies, senses, and temporal sequence.

**Function in Navigation:** The most veiled layer, where primordial memory is most obscured. Symbolic cues here, are embedded in physical events, relationships and archetypal patterns (Corbin, 1972, p. 6).

**Parallel Concepts:** The “world of generation and corruption” in Aristotelian cosmology (Nasr, 1993, p. 240); In Christian Scholasticism, the *Mundus sensibilis* (sensible world) is analyzed through the lens of Exemplarism—the doctrine that the physical realm is a created reflection of Divine archetypes (New Catholic Encyclopedia, 2003, p. 758–59). Within the TR framework, this represents the horizontal field of experience that consciousness navigates until the lifeworld reaches its terminal symbolic saturation, marking the irreversible closure of that coordinate's navigational history.

### 2. Malakut or The Imaginal Realm

**Nature:** The world of immaterial forms, spiritual archetypes and unseen influences (Nasr, 1993, p. xvi).

**Function in Navigation:** Acts as an interface layer; here, consciousness encounters symbols in their pure form before they are clothed in materiality. Recognition is clearer and navigation is more deliberate.

**Parallel Concepts:** Suhrawardi's World of Images (*'ālam al-mithāl*); the “world of exemplars” in Mulla Sadra's metaphysics; the *Mundus Imaginalis* described by Henry Corbin (Corbin, 1972, p. 5).

### 3. Jabarut or The Archetypal Realm

**Nature:** The domain of Divine command, absolute power and the First Intellect (*'Aql Awwal*). Here reside the archetypes of all possible forms and the Preserved Tablet (*Lawḥ Maḥfūz*) (Nasr, 1993, p. 204).

**Function in Navigation:** This is the command layer; navigation here is not about moving through spacetime but about selecting archetypal patterns that will cascade downward into Malakut and Nasut.

**Parallel Concepts:** The Platonic realm of Forms (Nasr, 1993, p. 45); the Logos in Christian Neoplatonism.

### 4. Lahut or The Divine Essence

**Nature:** The ineffable ground of being (*dhāt*), beyond manifestation and ontological categories (Nasr, 1993, p. 46), known in Islamic mysticism as the Unseen of the Unseen (*ghayb al-ghuyūb*).

**Function in Navigation:** This is not a realm to be navigated in the ordinary sense; it is the source from which all navigation arises (Nasr, 1993, p. 213).<sup>2</sup> In TR terms, it is the origin point of the navigator itself.

**Parallel Concepts:** The Godhead in Christian mysticism; the One in Plotinian metaphysics (Nasr, 1993, p. 203).

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<sup>2</sup> See Ibn Siná, *R isálah d a r h a q i q a t w a k a i f i y a t . . .*, pp. 8-9

## TR Interpretation

In TR's metaphysical grammar, these four realms are not merely theological abstractions but functional coordinates in the Divine Registry. Consciousness moves vertically as well as horizontally. Horizontally, between lifeworlds within the same ontological layer; and Vertically, between layers, each ascent or descent altering the clarity of symbolic recognition. The act of vertical navigation is governed by resonance; the Soul can only enter a layer whose symbolic density matches its current state of alignment. Anamnesis, the recovery of primordial memory, is accelerated as the Soul ascends, because higher layers present symbols in their purest, least veiled form.

Having established the ontological layers as the navigational terrain of consciousness, it becomes necessary to account for the forces that move the Self within and across them. Just as physical landscapes are traversed under the influence of gravity, currents and resistance, the metaphysical landscape is shaped by its own law of attraction. This law, spiritual gravitation, determines not only the direction of movement but the range of lifeworlds accessible to a given Self, binding moral constitution and symbolic resonance into the very mechanics of navigation.

## The Principle of Ontological Attraction (PTR: OA) in Spiritual Gravitation - Part 1

From the standpoint of the TR metaphysic, the Self is the material Soul arising from embodiment, the composite of lived experience, moral disposition and symbolic attachments formed within a lifeworld. Consciousness is its transcendent faculty, the navigator capable of orienting beyond materiality, perceiving and responding to realities not confined to the physical plane.

Spiritual gravitation is the phenomenon, by which the consciousness of a Soul is drawn toward lifeworlds that match its resonance. This gravitation is woven into the fabric of time and space, analogous to physical gravitation, but instead of being determined by the mass of objects, it is determined by the Soul's Ontological Density (OD), its alignment with Divine Truth and its symbolic resonance with archetypal patterns embedded in the metaphysical order. In brief, while physical gravitation is governed by density and spatial distance, spiritual gravitation is governed by Ontological Density (OD) and symbolic resonance. This attraction is not bound to space alone; it is also temporal. The Self, or more precisely the material Soul, gravitates toward futures or pasts whose moral and symbolic structure mirrors its inner constitution. Navigation, therefore, is not random movement but a lawful drift along currents shaped by the Self's Resonance Alignment (RA), the precise factor that determines which lifeworlds are accessible and which remain beyond reach.

## Scriptural Correspondences

In both Quranic and Biblical imagery, the movement of the Self toward its ultimate destiny, is framed as a dynamic interplay between volition and Divine attraction. The Quran declares, "*So whoever wills, let him take a path to his Lord*" (Quran 73:19), presenting the Self's intentional choice as the determinant of its trajectory toward Divine orientation, while the Gospel records Christ's words, "*And I, when I Am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself*" (John 12:32), portraying salvation as a universal gravitational pull that draws embodied Souls into the sphere of the Divine.

## Implications for Navigation

In this context, spiritual gravitation explains why consciousness does not navigate arbitrarily. The navigator's course is shaped by the Self's accumulated weight, the sum of its intentions, values and symbolic alignments. This weight, expressed as Resonance Alignment (RA), determines the range of

lifeworlds available for entry and the direction of movement toward higher or lower poles of being. While this principle applies most immediately to individual Souls, its logic is scalable; collective entities, too, exhibit a form of gravitation when their shared symbolic density aligns or misaligns with higher orders of reality. In this way, navigation in TR is not merely a matter of will or chance, it is the lawful outcome of the Self's inner constitution interacting with the metaphysical architecture of time.

### **How Selection Is Lawful But Non Linear?**

Having established resonance as the lawful mechanism of navigation, TR now extends this logic to the architecture of parallel lifeworlds, domains that reflect variations in Divine recursion and symbolic density. In TR, parallel universes are not merely speculative physics; they are discrete lifeworlds with unique spatio-temporal coordinates and symbolic architectures, connected through lawful recursion and Divine causality. These universes correspond metaphysically to God's act of creation. The First Creation was lifeless, a primordial cosmos, existing as raw potential without conscious life. In Genesis, God "*formed the heavens and the earth*" before bringing forth life and His Light (Genesis 1:1–2), while in the Quran, God notes, "*He created the heavens and the earth in truth. He wraps the night over the day and wraps the day over the night*" (Quran 39:5), reflecting an initial ordered yet lifeless structure. Therefore, the first creation is actually the Genesis, put more precisely.

The Second Creation is the current, living universe, into which Divine illumination entered, animating matter and allowing conscious beings to exist. Accordingly, parallel universes correspond to variations of the First Creation, spiritually dead worlds where life and Divine Light (DL) were not manifested. In Hindu cosmology, these can be likened to the concept of Patalaloka or inert worlds, cold and distant, where metaphysical entropy prevails (Gokhale, 2010, p. 8). Within TR, such dead universes also serve as the origin of forces of darkness, cosmically distant and spiritually disconnected, paralleling the Islamic view of Satan's origin from primordial darkness (Quran 7:11–12).

In this framework, each parallel universe operates under its own symbolic and temporal parameters. While those lifeless in physical terms, they exist as ontological possibilities, representing the full spectrum of creation's archetypal potential. As scripture states, "*For in Him all things were created. things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... all things have been created through Him and for Him*" (Colossians 1:16), emphasizing that even dormant or unseen worlds remain part of the Divine Registry. Likewise, the Quran affirms, "*He knows what is in the heavens and the earth; He knows what you conceal and what you reveal*" (Quran, 5:7), underscoring that all universes, active or dormant, are encompassed within God's omniscience. Thus, in TR, parallel universes, the First and Second Creations, and the lifeless domains of existence, are integrated into a metaphysical architecture where consciousness, Divine Will and symbolic recursion cohere. Dead universes represent the potentiality, from which temporal and spiritual dynamics, including the origin of malevolent forces emerge. The living universe, the Second Creation, is where consciousness and Divine illumination interact fully, enabling temporal and civilizational recurrence.

### **The Messiah and the Closure of Navigational Possibility**

From the vantage point of the Temporal Reincarnation paradigm, the final convergence marks the terminal phase of a lifeworld's navigational history. This is the No Return Point (NORP), the juncture at which all ontological, symbolic and moral trajectories, accumulated through successive temporal reincarnations, culminate in a singular civilizational incident. At NORP, the lifeworld's symbolic architecture reaches total saturation; every lawful resonance pathway between consciousness and that coordinate has been actualized, leaving no further navigational possibility. In theological terms, this moment corresponds to the closure of a dispensation, the completion of the "religion as Truth", understood as the living transmission of Divine reality within the bounds of its historical embodiment, "religion as history" (HekmatAfshar, 2024). The

Messiah functions here as both ontological and historical seal, the point at which the dispensation's Elements of Veracity and Integration (EVI) have been fully expressed, and its symbolic grammar admits no further authentic development. In TR's metaphysical grammar, the Messiah's advent is the Divine Registry's act of sealing that coordinate in the temporal manifold. This sealing echoes the Registry's implicate logic, Whern<sup>3</sup> once all resonance pathways have been actualized, the coordinate collapses into closure, no longer a navigable possibility, but a completed ontological event.

From the civilizational perspective, the NORP is the culmination of a culture's accumulated symbolic capital; its myths, laws, archetypes and moral codes, converging into a decisive, irreversible event. This is the vertical horizontal intersection, the meeting of the vertical axis of revelation with the horizontal axis of historical process (HekmatAfshar, 2024). The resulting civilizational event, constitutes both a culmination and a closure, a culmination insofar as it concentrates and manifests the full magnitude of the civilization's accumulated spiritual gravitation, and a closure insofar as it definitively brings to an end the lawful recurrence of that lifeworld's temporal manifestation. Metaphysically, the final convergence is the closure of navigational access. In TR, lawful navigation depends on Resonance Alignment (RA), the correspondence between the Self's Ontological Density (OD) and the lifeworld's symbolic architecture. At NORP, that architecture is complete; no Soul, regardless of its resonance, can re-enter the coordinate. The Messiah's role here, is not only soteriological but structural; the Messianic advent is the metaphysical equivalent of a cosmic full stop, fixing the moral and ontological state of all consciousnesses bound to that lifeworld.

The moral stakes are absolute. As the NORP approaches, spiritual gravitation draws each Self toward the pole, higher or lower, that matches its Resonance Alignment (RA). At the moment of closure, this alignment becomes definitive, determining the Self's placement relative to the sealed coordinate. In this sense, the final convergence is not merely an eschatological hope or fear, but a structural inevitability, the point at which theology, history and navigation meet and end.

Every TR coordinate is bounded by two existential poles; +Zero, the redemptive attractor of fullest spiritual gravitation and -Zero, the antipode of ontological nullification. The final convergence occurs when a civilization's cumulative resonance paths, have both fulfilled its +Zero potential and exhausted all further trajectories, thereby enacting its -Zero closure. In that moment, the Messiah appears as the Divine Registry's cosmic seal and the coordinate is irreversibly sealed against any new reincarnational entry. Souls drawn into +Zero sustain their ontological integrity; those caught in -Zero, face perpetual dissolution. Far from a mere eschatological hope, this dual +Zero/-Zero event is the lawful terminus of the lifeworld's navigational field.

## **Spiritual Gravitation: The Principle of Ontological Attraction (OA) - Part 2**

Within the metaphysical architecture of TR, the Self denotes the material Soul emergent from embodiment, a composite of lived experience, moral disposition and symbolic attachments shaped within a given lifeworld. Consciousness, as its transcendent faculty, functions as the navigator, capable of orienting beyond material constraints and engaging with realities not limited to the physical plane. Spiritual gravitation refers to the lawful attraction, by which consciousness is drawn toward lifeworlds whose

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<sup>3</sup> The "Whern" is a specialized methodological concept within the study's provisional descriptive grammar. It serves as a spatio-temporal schema designed to index the apparent unity of locative and temporal presence. Specifically, a Whern denotes a specific coordinate where a Where and a When coincide within the Divine Registry, allowing for the treatment of internal visionary states as objective, inhabitable and navigable topographies and closure of a specific eschatological coordinate.

ontological structure corresponds to its resonance. This gravitation is woven into the fabric of time and space, analogous to physical gravitation, but instead of being determined by the mass of objects, it is determined by the Self's Ontological Density (OD), its alignment with Divine Truth, and its symbolic resonance with archetypal patterns embedded in the metaphysical order (HekmatAfshar, 2024). This gravitation operates across both spatial and temporal axes, drawing the Self toward lifeworlds, whether in future or past coordinates, whose moral and symbolic architecture corresponds to its Resonance Alignment (RA), thereby determining the range of lawful navigational possibilities.

### **Ethical Navigation: Repentance as Ontological Recalibration**

In TR, navigation is inseparable from moral constitution. The Self's ability to enter higher lifeworlds, depends on Resonance Alignment (RA), the correspondence between its Ontological Density (OD) and the symbolic architecture of the destination. This alignment can be degraded through moral corruption or elevated through repentance.

Repentance in this framework, is an ontological recalibration, a deliberate retuning of the Self's resonance to restore compatibility with higher ontological attractors. Within the TR, repentance is not merely moral correction but ontological recalibration, a shift in resonance that reopens access to lifeworlds aligned with redemption. As Schuon observes, the redemptive act is eternal, not confined to a single temporal moment or exclusive historical manifestation; its benefits extend before and beyond any one appearance of the Word, and are accessible both within and outside formal religious boundaries (Schuon, 1994, p. 21). In TR terms, this means that the Divine Registry's higher coordinates, remain open to consciousness wherever Resonance Alignment (RA) with the redemptive pole is achieved, irrespective of temporal location or doctrinal enclosure. It is not merely contrition, but a structural reordering of the Self's symbolic and moral constitution. Through this recalibration, the Self can overcome gravitational binding to lower strata and gain lawful access to lifeworlds of greater luminosity.

This matters for salvation, because the survival of the Soul is contingent on achieving sufficient Resonance Alignment (RA) at decisive thresholds. Failure to do so, particularly at the NORP of a lifeworld, results in ontological annihilation, the dismantling of the Self's conscious structure and the reduction of its essence to raw metaphysical substrate, to be repurposed in future creation without continuity of identity. In TR's soteriology, repentance is thus not optional, but it is the only means of averting dissolution.

### **The Final Convergence (Messiah) as Closure of Navigational Possibility**

The final convergence marks the NORP, the decisive terminus of a lifeworld's navigational arc, where all ontological, symbolic and moral trajectories, accrued through successive temporal reincarnations, resolve into a singular civilizational event. At this juncture, the lifeworld's symbolic architecture attains complete saturation, with every lawful resonance pathway fully realized, thereby precluding any further navigational potential. Comparable structural closure phenomena have been examined in formal systems theory and symbolic ontology (Zhao & Ciardo, 2010; Kornhaus, 2025). Theologically, this moment is the closure of a dispensation, the completion of the religion as Truth within the bounds of its historical embodiment or religion as history (HekmatAfshar, 2024, pp. 21–23). In TR's metaphysics, the Messiah emerges as the decisive axis where the lifeworld's moral, symbolic and ontological currents converge into irreversible definition. Rather than merely concluding a dispensation, this advent recalibrates the entire temporal manifold, fixing the coordinate's relational geometry so that no further lawful trajectories can arise within it. The event does not simply seal what has been; it transforms the coordinate into a completed archetype, a reference form against which all subsequent navigational acts are measured. From the civilizational perspective, the NORP is the culmination of a culture's accumulated symbolic capital, its myths, laws,

archetypes and moral codes, converging into a decisive, irreversible event. In TR's topology, the final convergence behaves like a cosmic phase transition; every reincarnational trajectory collapses into a single, irreducible pattern, and the temporal field locks into a fixed configuration. The Messianic event functions as a temporal fulcrum, crystallizing the civilization's collective resonance into a closed topology that no new Soul vector can penetrate. Beyond that horizon, those whose resonance meets or exceeds the threshold, pass into enduring continuity; those who fall short, disintegrate and their essence diffuses back into the primal ground. This ultimate calibration is not merely an eschatological promise, but the ontological terminus of the world cycle, an absolute boundary between temporal possibility and timeless closure.

### **Final Resolution: The Sealed Divine Registry**

Temporal Reincarnation transforms the Soul's journey from a cyclic recurrence into a lawful, navigational trajectory. Through Resonance Alignment (RA), consciousness acts as an active agent traversing the Registry's vertical strata and parallel lifeworlds. This journey is governed by Spiritual Gravitation, where movement is a direct reflection of the soul's Ontological Density (OD) and moral weight. However, the navigator's agency is finite, culminating at the No Return Point (NORP). The Messianic sealing of the coordinate terminates all further navigational potential, forcing a final convergence between identity and resonance. At this terminus, the Soul either achieves enduring continuity at the redemptive +Zero pole or faces ontological nullification in the -Zero void. The closure of a specific Whern marks the transition from the navigator to the witness, the point where temporal possibility meets timeless completion.

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