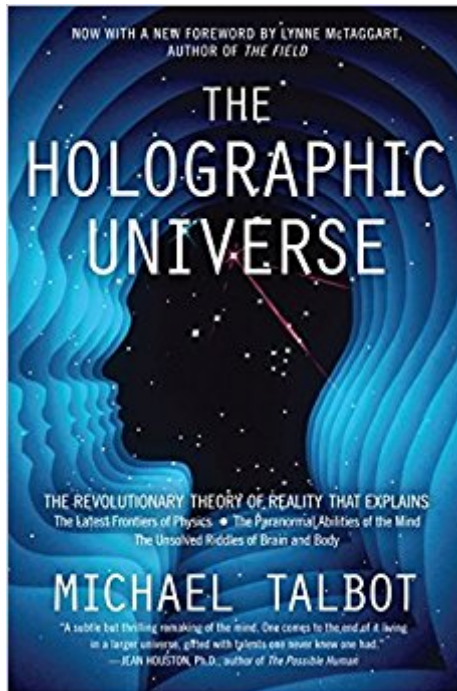




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# The Holographic Universe: The Revolutionary Theory Of Reality



## Synopsis

"Awake-up call to wonder, an adventure in ideas." —Larry Dossey, M.D., author of *Space, Time & Medicine Now* with a new foreword by Lynn McTaggart, author of *The Field*, Michael Talbot's classic treatise on the latest frontiers of physics reveals a revolutionary theory of reality, explaining the paranormal abilities of the mind, the unsolved riddles of brain and body, and the true nature of the universe. Lyall Watson, author of *Supernature*, calls *The Holographic Universe* "elegant, . . . writing, . . . [Talbot] helps to bridge the artificial gap that has opened up between mind and matter, between us and the rest of the cosmos."

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Author Talbot writes that ". . . there is evidence to suggest that our world and everything in it. . . are also only ghostly images, projections from a level of reality so beyond our own it is literally beyond both space and time." Hence, the title of his book. Beginning with the work of physicist David Bohm and neurophysiologist Karl Pribram, both of whom independently arrived at holographic theories or models of the universe, Talbot explains in clear terms the theory and physics of holography and its application, both in science and in explanation of the paranormal and psychic. His theory of reality accommodates this latest thinking in physics as well as many unresolved mind-body questions. This well-written and fascinating study is recommended for science collections. — Hilary D. Burton, Lawrence Livermore National Lab., Livermore, Cal. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

'One of the cleverest writers around today...his eclectic mind ranges far into the deepest and often most controversial mysteries of modern science.' Fred Alan Wolf PhD, author of 'Taking the Quantum Leap' --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A conceptual breakthrough for consciousness researchers and new physics theoreticians. Puncturing the Brain equals Mind theory, Talbot shows that we are greater than our physical boundaries, and rolls in new science into the equation, that man and cosmos are part of an interconnected hologram, with the whole in every part. Neuroscientist Karl Pribram, initially in collaboration with physicist David Bohm, reached the conclusion that the brain is a hologram. Dr. Bohm felt that the universe was was a hologram and not an objective reality, infinitely interconnected. In science, we learn about things by breaking it down to its parts, but the cosmic superhologram cannot be studied this way, because it is holonomic rather than reductive. We must put the mystery together. At the highest level, stars in the sky, fish in the sea, the heart in our chest, pulse as one entity. Time and space are illusions, because past, present and future exist simultaneously.

This is a book written for an open mind that if approached as such will make you think about your place in the world. It is not meant for glib minds ready with philosophical arrows of rejection. It is a masterpiece of cogitation through reflection. It was written for the general public and as such you will find many popular examples that might not add up. So, to approach it as a scientific treatise is to miss the point that the author is trying to make. The author is just trying to get you to think about your place in your mind and the title of the book says it all-"The Holographic Universe." If you read it as a New Age novel, you will be wasting your time. If you approach it with vapid, western philosophical questions, you will cease to think about its message. It is never easy anywhere trying to explain or interpret what is mind and what is matter and how they might interact. Or, for that matter, what is consciousness. So what if this model of reality is still based on the Cartesian view of reality? So what if it is a model still looking for the "I" in its implementation? So What? As more research is done and updated, the idea of a holographic view of reality might one of the tools that will assist us in chipping away at the mystery of consciousness. The limitation of the prejudice of not considering another angle or view of reality is what is the real limitation in perception. Unfortunately, scientific thought is the paradox that provides man's best tool for attempting to understand himself while at the same time constipating him and preventing him from continuing to observe himself from different angles of perception. For explorations beyond "the lure of the edge of completeness" that keeps rearing its

head in science and in our search for answers, you constantly have to break out of that rigid box which only allows you to see the four interior walls but nothing else beyond that. Other ideas will come along, but this is one of the best books about man's search for explanations of reality that you will read if and only if you really, really approach it with an open mind. Amazing how a little book that is already dated can still contain such powerful ideas.

A friend told me that when he read this book back in the early 1990s, it changed the way he viewed himself, his life, and in essence his entire world view. So I decided to read it. It turned out to be one of the most challenging and yet most rewarding books I've ever read. While reading it, in fact, I concluded that my friend was right. For, I sensed that if I'd read this book, or been exposed to this subject, as a much younger man, it might very well have changed my life's career path. For the subjects discussed in this book are so profoundly interesting, so thought provoking, and so intriguing that one could easily devote his (or her) entire life to their study and still not be satisfied. As for the book: It presents a unique concept of a holographic universe; one that is hard to believe but, given the wide-ranging non-scientific evidence, just as hard not to believe. The reason for this incongruity, I'm sure, is that although a holographic view of the universe seems to make sense and explains much that pure science can't explain; a holographic universe simply can't be visualized nor even satisfactorily expressed in mere words. True, it is based in limited-part on physical properties (particularly those of the human brain), but it relies almost entirely on psychic and spiritual (or religious) phenomena and a massive amount of anecdotal evidence. Perhaps, as someone noted somewhere in this book, the holographic universe is the point at which the physical world intersects with the psychic world. But, if so, it's still a bit difficult to envision. One thing for sure, however, the Holographic Universe, as described herein, opens at least as many thought provoking doors as it seems to close. Happy reading: go for it.

This is a must-read for everyone with questions about who they are, what is their purpose, how do they fit into the larger picture, or unresolved issues of religion and spirituality. It provides meaning and provokes many questions. It left me feeling both very powerful and also very small. I felt like I had a lot of learning and work to do to make use of this gift of life. For lovers of personal growth, this book is a fantastic find. Oh, and it's an entertaining read too. Get your pen and paper out to take notes. You won't be bored!

Published in 1991, this book borrows heavily from the work of quantum physicist David Bohm and neurophysiologist Karl Pribram, as well as others. The annotations are scholarly. I expected the book to be written more from a scientific point of view, but it was written basically from a paranormal perspective. If you have already done the hard work, this book will help you connect the dots to explain the universe in a different way. This book makes sense on many levels--but, only if you can do away with your rigid way of thinking. Your perspective and the rules that you assume to be in place will make all the difference in what you are able to take away from this book. So it is.

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