

# Review of: "Primal Awareness - Science, Religion, and a Route to Consciousness"

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Everyone admits that present-day natural science does not admit to understand consciousness or provide a comprehensive view of the nature of the Universe. However, the text of Cottam and Vounckx is in no way helpful, not even to shed a clarifying light on some partial aspect. I feel that the present version is unreadable. On the one hand, there are too many undefined entities, with references to the missing definitions in a hardly accessible book. On the other hand, one does not see clear consequences of having chosen these entities and relationships.

Yet, the primal idea is interesting: It may be that a more mentally-oriented fundamental entity, with some special properties, might give alternate, or even better, answers to those great questions, instead of the presently dominant material entities and relationships. I would suggest that the authors include clear definitions of the entities and relationships on which their exposition rests. The conclusions based on their ideas should be worked out more clearly. This would help to strengthen a possibly fruitful search for a mentally-based fundamental concept for "everything". However, for the present version of the text, I can give only one star.