

Introduction

*It was six men of Indostan
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the Elephant
(Though all of them were blind),
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind.*

*And so these men of Indostan
Disputed loud and long,
Each in his own opinion
Exceeding stiff and strong,
Though each was partly in the right,
And all were in the wrong!*

— Excerpt from poem by John Godfrey Saxe

I often feel similar to those blind men from Indostan groping an elephant, with a limited view of something much larger than myself. Anyone claiming to know “the complete and final answer” to life’s big mysteries such as the origin and dimensions of the universe, where we came from, or how life began might sound misguided and a bit overconfident. The contribution of combined wisdom creates a more complete image of the greater whole.

Since first noticing number synchronicities while working as an archeologist in the 1970s, I possessed the propensity of a scientist to observe, document, and present my findings. With those obligations out of the way, I considered my duty as a scientist complete. Colleagues then informed me of the need to make the information more available to the general public.

To ascertain the extent of number synchronicity, I obtained subjective accounts through distribution of an international survey designed to gather experiential

information and beliefs surrounding the phenomenon. Survey responders reported number synchronicity in the context of time and dates, money and receipts, travel, addresses, nature, work, history, and current events. See Appendix II for details of survey results.

Many responders reported first experiences with digital clocks. It does not necessarily seem pertinent that one looks at the clock and sees the time 11:11; after all, it occurs twice a day. Likewise, for a particular event that occurs on the 11th or 22nd of the month. Significance lies in the synchronistic nature, meaning that the outer occurrence coincides with an inner state of mind, or at times of transition, and results in a meaningful connection for the person.

An open-ended solicitation resulted in examples of experiences or beliefs as to the underlying meaning of number synchronicity. Most accounts related how number synchronicity impacts their lives, mostly in a positive manner. Due to the extent and volume of experiences collected, it became impractical to detail all responses. So I provide a healthy, representative sample. See Appendix III for more comments.

- *It's like a verification. I know everything is going to be all right.*
- *I am not a groupie. I have been observing 11:11 occurrences since very young.*
- *The precise meaning is somewhat elusive. I don't claim to understand it intellectually.*
- *A Oneness...when it happens, I just stepped back on the trail that my life should be on.*
- *Signposts put there by us to remind us to open our eyes to a greater picture.*
- *It seems to appear as a 'Yes' from the Universe. If I'm personally on track it tends to materialize.*
- *This is a time to come into my highest being, a wakeup call.*

- *It shows up as Divine revelation, confirmation that I am not alone, on track, on the way home.*
- *It is guides (angels) on each side of me, protecting me, guiding me, telling me to keep going.*
- *This is a time to come into my highest being, a wake-up call, helps me help the planet evolve into heaven on earth.*
- *It has awakened me to communication with guides not a part of this physical reality.*
- *...tremendous insight into personal problems, put into motion my spiritual awakening..*
- *Seeing it on clocks is irritating. It must mean something.*
- *...focus on being with higher family, one with my true self.*
- *The 11:11 gives us the timetable and qualifying conditions for the ascension of our solar system, planet Earth and all evolution on planet Earth.*
- *No one experience is significant. All of them together have made me more aware of the world around me and have helped me to grow spiritually.*
- *A great deal of hope about understanding Oneness and working together as One.*
- *It makes me feel more alive, aware, awake.*
- *The message is the return home.*
- *Too difficult to put into words.*
- *Too many experiences to enumerate.*
- *The underlying message is to remember.*
- *Verification I'm on the right path.*
- *It relates to ascension.*
- *Love.*

Many people express elation upon the discovery that others have similar experiences with number synchronicity. Such discoveries often occur as a result of stumbling upon the information over the Internet. Considering that not all readers access the World Wide Web, Appendix IV presents an overview of Internet resources

and websites exploring number synchronicity. Demonstrating the widespread nature of the phenomenon, each resource provides a different viewpoint on the phenomenon, yet offers striking similarities.

During the course of writing this book, people would casually inquire as to the topic. When I replied with “number synchronicity” reactions varied from a glazed look of confusion to delight and exhilaration. Once explained, it became clear to me that nearly everyone expresses a familiarity with the sensation of synchronicity, even without knowing what to call it: a chance encounter, an unusual dream come true, déjà vu, or premonition. When a series of events in the outer physical world parallels inner thoughts and feelings in meaningful ways, it is referred to as synchronicity.

A dimension of synchronicity similar to the classic variety possesses the added significance of numbers.

People of all ages experience number synchronicity, from diverse cultural and spiritual persuasions, even those not inclined to the metaphysical; some since childhood, others later in life. Considered personally meaningful, these experiences often result in a transformation or awakening of individual consciousness. Number synchronicity stimulates spiritual awakening, growth, and enlightenment. Feelings of love, comfort, and guidance are common; and the experiences remind, verify, and unite. A repetition of common themes include: confirmation, increased awareness, signposts, and a wake-up call.

But, questions remain. Primarily, “Why these numbers?” and “What does it mean?” Even more curious, why has mainstream science neglected it? Does it suggest a higher intelligence, a code, message, or beacon? Who sent it? Is it a message we sent to ourselves? Can it be deciphered?

I propose that as more people have these transformative experiences, triggering a shift in consciousness, modern humans may be propelled to another level — physically, spiritually, and otherwise. Continued survival compels humanity to evolve consciously. In doing so, number synchronicity may represent a tool to gauge the direction and rate of evolution along the soul’s journey.

Growing awareness in self-transformation and spirituality has given rise to countless books on spirituality, consciousness, synchronicity, and numerology. However, other than rare exceptions from the 1920s to 1950s, no explicit connection between the separate subjects has been established.

Those risking their professional careers by giving the matter serious attention were Paul Kammerer, a biologist; Carl Jung, a psychologist; and Wolfgang Pauli, a physicist. Keeping meticulous logs of synchronistic events, some involving numbers, each gave the phenomenon a different name yet agreed on the significance and need for further study.

Taking the opposite extreme, examinations of the number synchronicity enigma couched in flowery terminology and dogma make some readers uneasy. Theories incorporating ascension through a series of doorways, our Sun's dark twin, communication from Sirius, conspiracy, DNA encoding, and UFOs are offered.

Although some people find temporary solace in such ideas, no matter how unbelievable, not all of the millions of people having these experiences are content with such esoteric explanations. The same questions unanswered by scientists remain unanswered.

In exploring the inexplicable, we must go beyond the amusement of numerology books that show how to use numbers to gain insight on love, money, or success with a name or birth date. Plenty of good books for that already exist.

Considering the implications of a consistent and repetitive numerical pattern, *Number Synchronicity: A Beacon of Light for the Soul's Journey* stands as a definitive exploration of a unique phenomenon, and bridges the gap between scientific objectivity and outrageous speculation. In pursuit of the truth, seemingly separate threads weave the fabric of a new understanding.

Section I, Knowledge, provides a brief history of numbers and numerology, demonstrating how numbers play a significant role in human lives. Professional and academic numerologists identify master numbers (11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, 88, and 99) as more significant than the zero through nine numbers, because of their unique double vibration. Explorations of coincidence and synchronicity, and

the latest research into consciousness provide the remaining sides of a connecting framework.

Through my research, it became evident that people report synchronistic appearances of all master numbers, in addition to combinations such as 11:11, 12:12, 38:38, and 13:13. These numbers are as meaningful and significant to the persons experiencing them as any other numbers. Many people have reported a particular affinity for 23 or 53, and others have reported a similar propensity for noticing triple digit numbers such as 111, 222, 333, and sequences of numbers such as 1234. There seems to be no limit to the numbers involved in a synchronistic context, considered meaningful to the person having the experience.

After noticing master numbers due to their persistent and repetitious nature, and learning of their significance among numerology professionals, I began documenting their occurrence synchronistic or not. The habits of a scientist die hard. The collection grew and, more than twenty years later, distinct categories emerged.

Do Harry Potter and Saddam Hussein have anything in common? How about Ariel Sharon and Yasser Arafat? Can you think of any connection between sunspot cycles, sodium atoms, and human spinal columns? Do the zodiac, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the Stealth Fighter share any similarities? The answer is a resounding "yes" to all of these and more seemingly absurd associations. Dialing phone numbers and diamonds may seem as different as night and day; Soviet time zones and Liberace's dogs as unrelated as the Iditarod dogsled race and slot machines. Pi and pianos, the Hearst Mansion and Hinduism; George W. Bush and the 2004 Democratic presidential candidates; the unlikely relationships are endless, sharing a common characteristic of master number significance.

Section II, Information, presents nearly a thousand familiar facts assembled in categories of nature, world religions, space exploration, sports, entertainment, trivia, and history. The trail of numbers indicates that certain numbers appear at conspicuous times and places, since the beginning of time and before recorded history, independent of human influence. Readers arrive at their own understanding based on the abundance of facts and evidence.

As a writer equating number synchronicity to a beacon of light for the soul's journey, it became necessary to bare my own soul. Section III, Manifestation, presents the chronological progression and ubiquity of number synchronicity as manifested in my journey. Déjà vu dreams come true, presidential premonitions, mystical experiences at Machu Picchu, a mysterious stranger from the past, a blessing by the Dalai Lama and other true adventures interspersed with relevant world events through the year 2003.

An episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* entitled "Cause and Effect" illustrates the concept of recognizing synchronistic occurrences, especially those involving numbers, as a form of communication to enhance survival while on a journey or during times of chaos. The story begins with the Starship Enterprise exploding.

The next scene shows four characters involved in a poker game. Following a series of events the ship encounters an "unusual distortion in the time-space continuum." Another ship emerges from the distortion and collides with the Enterprise which spins out of control and explodes.

The action resumes at the poker table where the players are dealt the same cards as in the previous game. A brief hint of familiarity; subsequent events repeat; and once again the ship spins out of control and explodes. Each time, before the ship explodes, a flurry of confusion develops while various options are considered. In their indecision, the right course of action is never taken.

The card game repeats. This time, awareness comes sooner and the players predict the events about to occur, including which cards dealt to each player. The crew refers to this as déjà vu, premonition, and a sense of repetition, and express frustration and a sense of impending doom. After analyzing the situation, the crew realizes that the ship may have entered a "temporal causality loop" resulting in a repetition of the same fragment of time.

If what they learn each time around becomes forgotten, perhaps sending a simple message into the next loop might help. But how would the message be recognized? Data, the one artificial intelligence member of the crew, suggests that

it would resonate to his positronic network, his version of a subconscious level. The purpose of the message: to remind them to do something different. The only catch... nobody knows which different to do.

Once again the same events occur and Data sends the message to himself just before the ship explodes. The card game repeats and the players predict the sequence of cards being dealt as in previous games. Instead, each player receives a 3 card. Then each is dealt three of a kind. The subsequent events repeat themselves and during a level-three diagnostic of the ship the results appear as all 3's. Crewmembers encounter the number 3 an "inordinate number of times" throughout the ship. So many conspicuous examples cannot occur by accident.

Someone proposes that a message was sent. But what could three possibly represent?

The disastrous events begin to repeat and Data sees the rank insignia of three pins on a fellow officer's lapel and *remembers*. He concludes that this officer's suggestion for avoiding disaster to be the preferable course of action. A decision is made and the crew of the Enterprise survives to inform the other ship, unknowingly trapped in the loop for more than eighty years, how to escape the situation. Data apologizes, admitting that he may have inadvertently been responsible for the unusual occurrence of numbers.

As a universal form of communication, transcending human alphabets and dialects, numbers make an ideal candidate for a common message decipherable by all. As an archaeologist for a decade, and another decade a metaphysician, I maintain the middle path between science and spirituality, intellect balanced with philosophy. Skilled in finding fragments overlooked by others, I demonstrate how number synchronicity may represent a message we have sent ourselves; a message to remind us how to escape the cycle of perceived destruction. An awareness of number synchronicity provides guidance and comfort during periods of chaos, uncertainty, transition, and growth as a beacon of light in a storm on the soul's journey.