



Open Intelligence: Introduction

It's really important to take it easy one moment at a time, one day at a time—for one moment at a time to rely on open intelligence. Open intelligence is very easy to recognize: just stop thinking for a moment. There it is—open intelligence, alert, clear, responsive, continuing on whether there is a thought there or no thought is there. By relying on open intelligence rather than the reactivity of automatic descriptions to everything, open intelligence becomes more and more obvious.

Open intelligence is simultaneous to the description of the data. So, say there is anger, and maybe before we automatically went into some kind of reactive angry state, but now instead the anger appears and the open intelligence appears in, of, as and through the anger. Without one the other would not be. There is either recognition of open intelligence in that anger or not.

When we begin to rely on open intelligence, at first it's a little like a cat watching a mouse. The cat is open intelligence and it is keeping an eye out for that "mouse," the data. "Where is it? I'm going to pounce on it once it comes around." But by simply returning again and again to open intelligence for short moments, it very easily becomes obvious.

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People rely on open intelligence in different ways. Some people just listen to the media and to the talks; some write out the texts and hang out with the community, and in each case open intelligence becomes more and more obvious. We come to life, we feel real, totally aligned with reality and at ease—at ease, but potent at the same time, filled with beneficial energy.

One of the things that is totally marvelous for me personally about open intelligence is that it is inexhaustibly beneficial, so that's really how life is experienced: as inexhaustibly beneficial and unendingly auspicious. Once we connect with reality, then there is immediately a sense of magic—immediately—and that magical quality is more and more present in life, more and more present in life in a very real way.

A sense of what you can call the miraculous has come in place—two unexpected events coming together, like you being in this room and I'm in this room as well. Data and open intelligence, indivisible, everything indivisible.

If we just look around, we can see that everything is indivisible; it can't really be divided up. There is no way to take anything or anyone out of this. There is no way whatsoever for anything or anyone to be separate or apart from this. There isn't any argument that can stand up about anything like, "Oh, maybe everyone else is endowed with open intelligence but not me. I have the fatal flaw. I am the terminally unique one who has the fatal flaw."

Open intelligence is reality itself; *it is reality itself!* It aligns us with reality. All the questions we might have about just about anything whatsoever are really answered by growing familiar with open intelligence. When a commitment is made to open intelligence, a commitment is made to seeing our identity as it actually is—seeing our nature as it actually is rather than as a collection of facts accumulated to date. Many of the things that we have learned about ourselves become automatic, and we automatically decide whether the data stream that is flowing through is positive negative or neutral. We ask, "Is it positive, negative or neutral?" and we want lots of positive data and we don't any negative data.

In open intelligence we allow all that data to be just *as it is*. We don't prioritize the data as being positive, negative or neutral. In that we move beyond that particular type of intelligence, level of intelligence or kind of

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intelligence. That kind or type of intelligence is always parsing and nuancing data as to whether it is positive, negative or neutral. In open intelligence that other level of parsing and nuancing intelligence is superseded or subsumed in a more comprehensive level of intelligence, a level of intelligence that doesn't need to parse and nuance data in order to live effectively.

All the data is just dynamic energy that is named something. When it is allowed to be *as it is*, we find an expanded definition of all data. We used anger as an example earlier: of giving a name to data and calling it "anger." What can we do with anger? We can indulge it, avoid it, replace it or expand it—clarify its definition. What is it actually? Actually it is open intelligence. It is the power and energy of open intelligence first and foremost, so we extract that power. By just letting it be *as it is*, the data flows on by. Open intelligence is prioritized. Our energy doesn't go into the ineffective action of indulging, avoiding or replacing the data stream with another data stream. Everything is allowed to be *as it is*. This is clear seeing, absolutely clear seeing of everything as it is.

We learn through our current worldview that humans somehow have a basic original flaw that needs to be corrected. That is the worldview or model that we have been living out of, but actually we are seeing more and more through our own invention that we are not a closed system. Each individual isn't a closed system with some kind of fatal flaw that needs to be corrected. Our intelligence is alive and vital, and it is networked. Our intelligence is collectively networked, so we can already see that we are not a closed system. We are an open system; we are naturally connected.

We can even invent things that display our networked intelligence, like the Internet, for example. So we are evolving this leap into open intelligence. It is an evolutionary imperative that we subsume the ineffective model of intelligence we are using with one that is powerful, one that is beneficial, one that exalts us rather than disempowers us. We get to see just how powerful we are at benefit-creation and open-ended knowledge-creation.