

1.2 About the “Next Level”

What do I mean by the “Next Level” of Earth Game?

First, let me say that I came by the subtitle of this book honestly, i.e., I did not copy or adopt something I had seen or heard elsewhere. Much as I love Alex Ferrari’s wonderful podcast “Next Level Soul”, that was not the inspiration for the subtitle of this book. Rather, my first book, *Earth Game: The Evolution of Consciousness*, published in 2021, included a short chapter called “In Search of the Next Level”.¹ The antecedent inspiration to that was an exercise I had come across a decade or so ago: a challenge to “Describe yourself in six words or less”. The following six words immediately popped into my mind at that time: *He knows there is another level.*

As for “The Next Level” as the subtitle of this book, that was assigned to me in a meditative dialogue. I received the following communication, apropos of nothing: *By the way, you will write a second book, and it will be titled “Earth Game: The Next Level”.* Okay, assignment accepted, I replied (while wondering to myself what I would be writing about).

Funny thing about that: very shortly thereafter I began noticing the expression “next level” popping up all over the place. In all sorts of contexts, from the metaphysical to the mundane.² Better get going, I thought.

I recalled a similar experience I had after “receiving” the title of my first book, *Earth Game: The Evolution of Consciousness*. I honestly (albeit naively) assumed I had originated the expression “Evolution of Consciousness”. But then I saw that expression in numerous writings. I still don’t think I ripped it off from any particular source, and I am quite sure no one ripped it off from me. My point is that when the time is right, certain notions start popping into *any* human consciousness that is ready. I conclude that the time is right for the “Next Level” of Earth Game, and that many are sensing what I am sensing.

So, what do I mean by the “Next Level” of Earth Game? Well, our human-created video games tend to have levels, and those playing them tend to get excited about making the progression to a “next level”. And, since our video games parallel Earth Game in many ways (more on that in Chapter 2.3 – Earth Game as a “Simulation”), why wouldn’t Earth Game similarly have “levels”?

But all that got me thinking about what the “Next Level” of Earth Game would look like, feel like, play like. I realized that I knew only a little about all that. Yes, lifting out of density. Yes, progressively recovering from the amnesia that is a prerequisite to engaging in Earth Game. Yes, catching glimpses beyond the illusion of separation, and connecting with the “More Real” *outside* the game and bringing it into the game. And yes, greater functionality, more *power*, as we begin to move beyond the limitations of our four-dimensional Spacetime. But all that felt mostly theoretical; could I actually write about a “Next Level” that I had only begun to explore?

Aha, I thought: the mission here is to be about an exploration. All while mapping out the new terrain as I go, so that anyone so inclined might make use of the map made available by me. Even as

¹ This book was further foreshadowed by an article I posted to my Blog at christianthagard.com on November 6, 2022, also titled “In Search of the Next Level”.

² For example, the television series “Next Level Chef”; *really?* Although, I will admit to being delighted when the new pickleball paddle I had ordered arrived in a wrapper featuring “GO NEXT LEVEL” in large bold lettering.

they are making their own maps of realms heretofore mostly undiscovered by Earthlings (other than, of course, a relatively few notable outliers chronicled in our history).

The prospect of being of service to other explorers is of course intrinsically satisfying. Beyond that, as I look back now, I will be forever grateful for the explorations I was guided to in the course of writing this book.

Of course, metaphysical exploration is a personal thing, and it is necessarily experiential. You will find your own way. But perhaps my explorations, and the maps I have sought to make, will provide some starting points or guideposts for you – or perhaps some reassurance that the rabbit holes you find yourself exploring are right on track.

In the result, I share here my explorations to date of the “Next Level” of Earth Game. Those explorations are of course incomplete, and will never be “complete”. But completing the explorations isn’t the point anyway. Rather, this is a game, an adventure, a story unfolding. Come on along; let’s see where the explorations take us.

Of course, the “Next Level” is not some light switch that comes on and suddenly changes everything in every way. (Sort of the way some used to talk about “Enlightenment” during the early naivety of the “New Age”.) No, it is more a transition, a progression. And yet, the *uplevelling* is real, palpable.

If you can think back to before you woke up – before you “took the red pill”³ – you had very limited tools for navigating Earth Game. Mostly you reacted to whatever came onto the stage of our life; you moved matter around within Spacetime as best you could. But mostly you bumped along inelegantly. Once you woke up to the notion that your thoughts were impacting what dropped onto the stage of your life, that changed everything. You found yourself behind the wheel, at the controls. Now, with the “Next Level”, you have a map; you have a destination, and you have purpose. You will know where you are going, and why – and how to get there.

The leap to the “Next Level” is made on an individual basis. You don’t get to bring anyone with you; each will make the leap on their own timing, whatever that may be. Nothing could be further from the truth than a notion that we should all gather in numbers sufficient to silence and then “re-educate” the dissenters, and then, arms linked, all make the leap together. No, your journey will be an individuated one, and it will be uniquely yours.

Lest the “Next Level” seem too abstract, too ineffable, let me drop one very tangible clue now (much more on it throughout the chapters that follow) about what the Next Level is all about. Most within Earth Game are playing the game within four dimensions: three of space and one of time. As we begin to explore the Next Level, we begin to consciously engage additional dimensions; we become more overtly *Multi-Dimensional*. No, that is not something your brain can get a fix on. Nor is it a linear progression, i.e., touch the fifth dimension, and then move on to the sixth, then the seventh, etc. Rather, we begin to explore “Outside the Jar”, i.e., outside the confining and often harsh limitations of four-dimensional Spacetime. Once one is “Outside the Jar”, the playing field expands exponentially. Don’t worry, you will still have all of the “Inside the Jar” joys of being physical. But so much more awaits you.

³ The reference is to the movie *The Matrix*; if you are unfamiliar with it, you can simply Google “red pill or blue pill”.

The point of the progression is not so that your physical brain will be able to fully understand the Multi-Dimensionality of the Next Level; that is not presently possible. Your physical brain (and the Ego it constructs) is hard-wired to “Inside the Jar” thinking. Rather, the point is to get your physical brain and your Ego to the point of “Okay, that sounds like it could be fun; go for it; I will sit back and watch it unfold”.

Come with me “Outside the Jar” – in exploration of Multi-Dimensionality.

The explorations of Multi-Dimensionality ultimately and inevitably lead outside “Earth Game”; that is, into the “More Real”. Not only is that the ultimate “feel good” experience; it is also a key to transcending the density and darkness that too often make experiences within Earth Game both difficult and painful. Yes, the practical benefit of these explorations is that the game can and will get easier, and become more of the joyride that it was always meant to become.

By and large, the personal “discoveries” chronicled in the course of this book have been discovered before, by others. Whatever path one’s spiritual explorations take, they ascend the same mountain. There is no metaphysical “intellectual property” involved in such discoveries. Still, my intent with this book is to contribute in a somewhat unique way. Instead of “building a mystery” (as religions are wont to do), my mission is to demystify the mystical. To make sense of it all. By describing a terrain that most do not attempt to describe. Because, as channel Paul Selig put it, “Until we know something is possible, we’re not going to claim it.”

There is much about the “Next Level” that is waiting for you to claim.