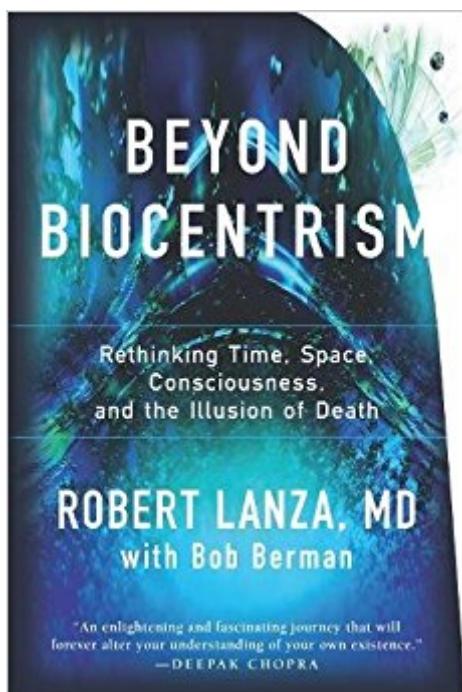


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# **Beyond Biocentrism: Rethinking Time, Space, Consciousness, And The Illusion Of Death**



## Synopsis

Biocentrism shocked the world with a radical rethinking of the nature of reality. But that was just the beginning. In *Beyond Biocentrism*, acclaimed biologist Robert Lanza, one of TIME Magazine's "100 Most Influential People in 2014," and leading astronomer Bob Berman, take the reader on an intellectual thrill-ride as they re-examine everything we thought we knew about life, death, the universe, and the nature of reality itself. The first step is acknowledging that our existing model of reality is looking increasingly creaky in the face of recent scientific discoveries. Science tells us with some precision that the universe is 26.8 percent dark matter, 68.3 percent dark energy, and only 4.9 percent ordinary matter, but must confess that it doesn't really know what dark matter is and knows even less about dark energy. Science is increasingly pointing toward an infinite universe but has no ability to explain what that really means. Concepts such as time, space, and even causality are increasingly being demonstrated as meaningless. All of science is based on information passing through our consciousness but science hasn't the foggiest idea what consciousness is, and it can't explain the linkage between subatomic states and observation by conscious observers. Science describes life as a random occurrence in a dead universe but has no real understanding of how life began or why the universe appears to be exquisitely designed for the emergence of life. The biocentrism theory isn't a rejection of science. Quite the opposite. Biocentrism challenges us to fully accept the implications of the latest scientific findings in fields ranging from plant biology and cosmology to quantum entanglement and consciousness. By listening to what the science is telling us, it becomes increasingly clear that life and consciousness are fundamental to any true understanding of the universe. This forces a fundamental rethinking of everything we thought we knew about life, death, and our place in the universe.

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"Lanza and Berman employ cutting edge science to rediscover ancient truths about life and death and reconceptualize our very notions of reality and consciousness. Beyond Biocentrism is an enlightening and fascinating journey that will forever alter your understanding of your own existence." *Deepak Chopra* "Beyond Biocentrism is a joyride through the history of science and cutting-edge physics, all with a very serious purpose: to find the long-overlooked connection between the conscious self and the universe around us." *Corey S. Powell*, former editor-in-chief, *Discover* magazine "This intriguing and provocative book will challenge some of what you know and push you into rethinking your view of science&#151;all the while entertaining you with a fast-paced, exhilarating narrative journey." *David J. Eicher*, editor in chief, *Astronomy Magazine* "[Beyond Biocentrism] offers a neurobiological point of view to help answer questions about the world around us. Lanza and Berman make the journey towards a better understanding of the role of consciousness and perception. . . . A fun read." *Kwang-Soo Kim*, professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Harvard Medical School, and director, Molecular Neurobiology Laboratory, McLean Hospital "Lanza and Berman's latest statement of their theory of &#145;biocentrism" changes the way we think about age-old religious questions such as the origin of the universe and human immortality. Based on cutting edge work in physics and biology and explained with exceptional clarity, Beyond Biocentrism is a must-read for anyone interested in science and religion." *Ronald M. Green*, professor emeritus for the study of ethics and human values, and former chairman of the Department of Religion at Dartmouth College "Will machines ever achieve consciousness? Are plants aware? Is death an illusion? These are some of the big questions tackled in Beyond Biocentrism, which serves up a new, biology-based theory of everything that is as delightful to read as it is fascinating. Tremendously clear and lovely writing&#151;a huge achievement." *Pamela Weintraub*, psychology & health editor for *Aeon Magazine*, former Executive Editor of *Discover Magazine* and former editor in chief of *OMNI Magazine* Praise for Biocentrism: "An extraordinary mind. . . . Having interviewed some of the most brilliant minds in the scientific world, I found Dr. Robert Lanza's insights into the nature of consciousness original and exciting. His theory of

biocentrism is consistent with the most ancient traditions of the world which say that consciousness conceives, governs, and becomes a physical world. It is the ground of our Being in which both subjective and objective reality come into existence." &#151;Deepak Chopra "This is a brave new book. Instead of placing life as an accidental byproduct, the authors place life at the apex of universal existence and purpose. It is a very thrilling and disturbing read. While the proposals made in Biocentrism seem radical and counter-intuitive at first, a bit of reflection will soon make the images clearer and place us on the pathway to a better and more commonsensical mindset." &#151;Michael Gooch, author of *Wingtips with Spurs* "Both interesting and worth the effort of reading it . . . From the way [Lanza] chooses to present his arguments, itÃ¢â€”â„s clear he has a solid grasp of esoteric disciplines . . . His style is conversational . . . And his sense of wonder . . . is as infectious as it is delightful.Ã¢â€”â• &#151;Midwest Book Review

Robert Lanza, MD is one of the most respected scientists in the world&#151;a U.S. News & World Report cover story called him a &#147;geniusÃ¢â€”â• and &#147;renegade thinker,Ã¢â€”â• even likening him to Einstein. Lanza is head of Astellas Global Regenerative Medicine, Ocata Chief Scientific Officer, and adjunct professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He was recognized by Time magazine in 2014 on its list of the &#147;100 Most Influential People in the World.Ã¢â€”â• Prospect magazine named him one of the Top 50 &#147;World ThinkersÃ¢â€”â• in 2015. He is credited with several hundred publications and inventions, and over thirty scientific books, including the definitive references in the field of stem cells and regenerative medicine. A former Fulbright Scholar, he studied with polio pioneer Jonas Salk and Nobel Laureates Gerald Edelman and Rodney Porter. He also worked closely (and coauthored a series of papers) with noted Harvard psychologist B. F. Skinner and heart transplant pioneer Christiaan Barnard. Dr. Lanza received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was both a University Scholar and Benjamin Franklin Scholar. Lanza was part of the team that cloned the worldÃ¢â€”â„s first human embryo, as well as the first to successfully generate stem cells from adults using somatic-cell nuclear transfer (therapeutic cloning). In 2001 he was also the first to clone an endangered species, and recently published the first-ever report of pluripotent stem cell use in humans. Bob Berman is the longtime science editor of the *Old FarmerÃ¢â€”â„s Almanac*, and contributing editor of *Astronomy* magazine, formerly with *Discover* from 1989 to 2006. He produces and narrates the weekly *Strange Universe* segment on WAMC Northeast Public Radio, heard in eight states, and has been a guest on such TV shows as *Late Night with David Letterman*. He taught physics and astronomy at New York's Marymount College in the 1990s, and is

the author of eight popular books. His newest is *Zoom: How Everything Moves* (2014, Little Brown).

The first thing I must say about this book is that there are not enough stars to describe what a good read this book truly is. Robert Lanza, MD teamed up with Bob Berman (astrophysicist) to write this wonderful 200 page book that for me -- finally put it all together. I studied physics and can say for myself that I have a mind of scientist that is (over)loaded with logic. But I am also a yoga teacher and since my father's death nearly 10 years ago, I have been actively looking for answers about death, immortality and nature of space and time. I read so many books about the topic, I lost count. That was until I came across this book. Authors finally put it all together for me that both my scientific, logical mind and my spiritual mind could put it all together in a manner that it finally all made sense. One of the 'a-ha" moments was towards the end of the book when author Lanza acknowledges the fact that plants have consciousness. I was reading that part of the book on the train on my way from work and at one moment, I said out loud (without realizing it) - "Oh my God!" An older gentlemen, a professional man, sitting in a fine, tailored suit next to my seat, was startled and he replied: "Did you miss your train exit? Was I in a way?". I just looked at him and smiled and my response was simply:" Oh, no. It is just that I learned from this book that plants have consciousness! Can you believe it? And there is a proof!".. He was so kind, he looked at me and said after a longer pause replied: "Well, it does kind of make sense - the fact that plants have consciousness...." What can I say - I repeated the same story to my yoga students I was teaching that same night. The fact is that this book is so rich with references to ancient philosophical books, logic from ancient Greece and how all of that information is relevant today. Authors provide scientific insight on classical physics (Newton) to modern physics (quantum mechanics and relativity). For me personally, this book, every single page of it was food for my soul. Not to mention that I was delighted to learn (and accept) the premise that authors have that, after all, we are all immortal. Some of the very fortunate people on earth experience enlightenment, and this book will show every reader that there is a potential in each and every one of us to experience it. This book opened my eyes to possibilities that no one has ever presented in such a concise and beautiful way before. There is one portion of the book where authors discuss how human beings are used to observing and exploring universe by "looking" at the skies. This book missed it by a couple of months, since it's been announced a few months back that scientists in New Mexico, for the first time, "heard" creation of the black hole. This was just an idea that Einstein had nearly 50 years ago that the events in the universe can be heard and not just seen and it was only recently that scientists could prove that events in the universe can indeed be heard by human beings.

Nevertheless, this book is priceless and I am keeping it as a reference in my library. It has underlining all over the place and I just cannot stop talking about it to everyone I know. Another wonderful thing that must be mentioned is that one author (Lanza) relies strictly on science and logic, while the other co-author (Berman) believes in a "gut" feeling in spite of the fact that he received a training as a scientist. Perhaps the part of the reason is the fact that for the period of three weeks, Mr. Berman experienced enlightenment himself. I must quote one part of the book, where Mr. Berman says: "We trust our instincts. We need no textbook to teach us to love, or to recognize danger, or to be swept into a joy by a beautiful garden. Yet when it comes to grasping the nature of existence, we fumble and stumble through insensate theories, our eyes glazed over as we hear about string theory's extra dimensions". My personal struggle my entire life has been to reconcile my scientific mind with my deep sense of intuition. For a long time I denied myself my intuition because my rational mind always felt that there has to be a rational "proof" first before I make up my mind and fully accept my gut feeling. This book has finally thought me a lesson that I will allow my intuition to lead me first, I will trust it unconditionally and rationality will follow in its own time and show itself when it is ready. For that lesson I am so thankful to both of these authors. They are my personal heroes.

Fascinating book by an informed and articulate scientist explaining the impact of many aspects of updated quantum theory on conventional views of time, consciousness and the origins of the universe. The authors' accessible and readable prose argues convincingly that much of what has been learned through advances in physics challenges established scientific answers to these and related questions, and argues for the disconcerting possibility that there is no 'out there' out there. The difficulties of distinguishing between what we conventionally think of as 'life and 'death' make particularly interesting reading for Buddhists. However, a book of this nature is relevant to everyone, and anyone who reflects on these and related scientific and philosophical questions should read it.

These two books, Biocentrism and Beyond Biocentrism, are well written in a humourous way yet are detailed seriously in an easy to understand way as regard to the scientific knowledge so far gained by Quantum Physics. They also tackle these issues from humanity's perspective in general, and how we're all affected. They have given real food for thought with these two remarkable books. Thank you.

Unlike most scientific books written for the layperson, this book is beautifully written. When Lanza

comes to a difficult issue - and there are some - he goes back over it to make it clearer. His ideas will be brand new to many people and probably unbelievable. But consider the source; Lanza is not some semi-scientist, he's top in the field of stem cell research. This, if you know anything about DNA and RNA, says a ton about his intellect. The fact that he's taken what he's learned in his field and applied it to all things, including life, is the mark of a real scientist. You'll enjoy this book although you may have to read a few paragraphs over twice. Loved it!

I bought the kindle edition as well as the hardcover book.....one review for two purchases. Dr Lanza's credentials are impeccable. As a scientist, he ranks among the most important of our time. It is not a difficult read. Indeed, there is a suggestion on the section that covers Quantum Mechanics that for some it could be skipped if too difficult to follow. For the more religious devotees, it might be irritating that heaven, hell, purgatory and "the pearly gates" get no mention. This book is hard science and facts that are currently in the forefront of scientist of the western world. If you are Asian or very familiar with eastern philosophies and cultural deities, it will not be shocking. Quantum Mechanics shook up western scientist that had gotten comfortable with their Newtonian view of nature, the universe and the individuals that live on the planet earth. The examination of the conscious of the mind and the reality it brings to concepts of life and death need to be examined, discussed, and widely disseminated.

I took advanced physics in college and Quantum Mechanics wasn't ever mentioned. Everything I know about Quantum Mechanics I have learned from Dr. Lanza in his two books on Biocentrism. It is an important and factual revelation and needs serious consideration as a new branch of scientific research. Dr. Lanza outlines the strange phenomenon of Quantum Mechanics and how our consciousness directly affects matter. Documented scientific experimentation has revealed what a truly supernatural world we live in. Thank you Dr. Lanza for sharing this with us. If it weren't for you I would still be putting along in my "world of illusion" oblivious to the fact that life is much more than just a perceived physical existence.

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