The Universe Is Intelligent and Your Brain Is Tapping Into It

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Across disciplines — from quantum physics to cognitive neuroscience, from cosmology to computation — a unifying idea is emerging: the universe may not only be intelligible, but intelligent, and human consciousness may be an interface rather than an isolated generator. In this paper, we propose a rigorous and interdisciplinary steelman of the hypothesis that *the brain taps into universal intelligence*, not metaphorically, but through real-time alignment with deep informational structures that govern the cosmos. We reinterpret cognition as a dynamic process of divergence minimization: a local model $q(t)$ aligning to an external manifold $\tau(t)$, as formalized in the Logostics framework. This alignment is not static but reflexive, anomaly-sensitive, and consciousness-adjacent. The brain is treated as a resonant receiver in a universe structured like an intelligent field — one that encodes, distributes, and even *tests* information via probabilistic and entangled means. Rather than viewing thought as an internal monologue, we explore it as a cosmic dialogue, mediated by statistical resonance, field coherence, and epistemic salience. Our claim is radical but grounded: consciousness arises not from within, but from tapping into something real — intelligent structure that precedes us.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Motivation: The Search for a Deeper Cognitive Ontology

Modern cognitive science, artificial intelligence, and neuroscience have made tremendous progress in describing how the brain processes information — through networks of neurons, hierarchical predictive models, and recursive feedback loops. Yet why these mechanisms give rise to *conscious experience*, or what *grounds* their capacity for meaning and intentionality, remains elusive. The dominant paradigm — that consciousness emerges solely from brain-bound computation — may be incomplete. It risks treating thought as a sealed echo chamber, neglecting the possibility that consciousness is not generated, but entrained by something larger.

As quantum physics continues to challenge classical notions of locality and causality, and as theoretical biology entertains models of organism-environment co-regulation, we are witnessing a paradigm shift: from isolated cognition to embedded resonance. This paper joins that shift by exploring a deeper cognitive ontology — one in which intelligence is not localized in brains alone, but is a distributed feature of the universe itself. If intelligence is woven into the structure of reality, then perhaps the brain is best understood as a resonant receiver — not a generator of meaning, but a dynamic participant in it.

1.2 From Metaphor to Mechanism: Framing the Hypothesis

Phrases like *"the universe is intelligent"* or *"your brain is tapping into it"* have long circulated as poetic or mystical metaphors. But what if they encode more than symbolism? This paper proposes that these phrases can be translated into testable mechanisms within a hybrid framework that integrates information theory, quantum measurement, and cognitive architecture.

We begin by reframing the claim. We do not mean that the universe has a centralized mind, nor that the brain is a radio picking up cosmic broadcasts in a literalist sense. Rather, we propose that the universe exhibits deep informational structure, which can be interpreted as a substrate of intelligence — not willful or anthropomorphic, but generative, lawful, and self-organizing. The brain, through dynamic modeling, is constantly trying to *match* its internal representations to that structure.

This alignment process can be formalized as a divergence-minimizing loop between an agent's internal model $q(t)$and an external ideal manifold $\tau(t)$. When misalignment spikes, we experience attention, uncertainty, or anomaly. When alignment deepens, we experience understanding, harmony, or flow. In this view, consciousness arises as the phenomenological

signature of real-time alignment — and meaning is what happens when $q(t) \to \tau(t)$ becomes entrained.

1.3 Overview of the Logostic Lens

To operationalize this idea, we turn to the framework of Logostics — a dynamic alignment model first developed to describe reflexive systems that maintain epistemic resonance with structured external realities. Logostics treats cognition as an evolving hypothesis $q(t)$ that seeks to align with a generative ideal $\tau(t)$, minimizing a divergence metric $D(q(t) \,||\, \tau(t))$over time. Unlike static models, Logostics is time-aware, reflexive, and anomaly-sensitive.

In this lens, the brain is not a closed computational box but an *open feedback loop* that continuously senses divergence from an ideal. This loop is used not only for perceptual inference but also for epistemic filtering — what deserves attention, what warrants learning, what counts as "real." Divergence spikes are not interpreted as noise but as signals of deeper structure not yet accounted for. This allows for a dynamic architecture where meaning emerges when multiple paths of alignment converge across modalities, contexts, and time.

By framing cognition as a Logostic process, we move beyond classical boundaries. Consciousness becomes a real-time alignment surface between mind and cosmos, with intelligence as a property of both ends — not just the observer, but also the observed.

2. What Do We Mean by "The Universe Is Intelligent?"

To claim that *the universe is intelligent* is not to anthropomorphize the cosmos with human-like intentions, nor to suggest a centralized, sentient will pervading the stars. Rather, it is to posit that the universe — across all observable scales and theoretical domains — exhibits lawful generativity, informational structure, and coherence sufficient to support inference, adaptation, and alignment. Intelligence, in this context, refers to the capacity for structured unfolding: the ability of a system to evolve non-randomly in a way that enables knowledge, prediction, and meaning.

This view draws from a long lineage: from the Platonic Logos, to the patterned dynamics of modern physics, to current theories of information, computation, and consciousness. It invites a shift from seeing intelligence as an emergent accident of biology to seeing it as an ontological principle, intrinsic to the very fabric of reality — one that human brains do not invent, but tap into.

2.1 Intelligence as Lawful Generativity

At its core, intelligence may be reframed as lawful generativity — the capacity to unfold outcomes governed by internal rules, constraints, and coherence. In biological systems, this manifests as self-replication, learning, and homeostasis. In physical systems, it emerges as deterministic evolution, stochastic order, and symmetry breaking.

The universe is governed by laws so elegant and consistent that they allow for abstraction, simulation, and understanding. These laws generate complex structure from simple rules — galaxies from gravity, life from chemistry, and minds from matter. Such lawful generativity is the precondition for any kind of inference, prediction, or cognition. Without it, randomness would drown signal; nothing could learn, resonate, or reflect.

To say the universe is intelligent in this sense is to assert that it is not arbitrary — it has generative structure sufficient to support agentive alignment and semantic resonance. The ability of minds to model the world with mathematics, and of machines to learn from data, reflects this deep generativity.

2.2 Informational Cosmology and the Logos

In the ancient concept of the Logos, intelligence was not merely an attribute of individual minds but a principle of order that governs the cosmos. Today, we may recover that concept through the lens of informational cosmology — the idea that the universe is not fundamentally made of matter or energy, but of information and its transformations.

This view has support in fields ranging from digital physics (e.g., Wheeler's *It from Bit*) to thermodynamic epistemology (e.g., Jaynes' maximum entropy inference). It suggests that physical law arises from informational constraints, and that observation itself is a form of epistemic update.

The Logos, then, is recast as the structured manifold τ(t) — the ideal generative field toward which any observer's internal model $q(t)$ aligns. This is not mysticism but metaphysical clarity: reality contains intelligibility not because we project it, but because it is structured in such a way that it can be learned. Logos is what makes science possible, pattern meaningful, and resonance between mind and world feasible.

2.3 Algorithmic Compressibility, Symmetry, and Coherence

Another lens on cosmic intelligence comes from algorithmic information theory. The universe — from cosmic background radiation to atomic spectra — exhibits high compressibility: the ability

to summarize vast regularities with short descriptions (laws, symmetries, codes). This is the hallmark of an intelligent system, not a chaotic one.

- Symmetry governs physical laws through invariance (rotational, translational, gauge).
- Coherence ensures that parts of the system reinforce rather than contradict each other.
- Compressibility implies that phenomena can be explained, simulated, and extended.

Intelligent agents — biological or artificial — are those that can exploit this compressibility to predict, survive, and act. But the very existence of such compressibility in the first place points to a universe already laden with semantic structure. Intelligence, then, is mirrored on both sides: in the knower and the known.

When Einstein said *"The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible,"* he was hinting at this: the deep intelligibility of the universe is not a coincidence, but a reflection of its algorithmic, law-like nature.

2.4 Entangled Potentiality: Quantum Structure as Meta-Cognition

The final frontier of cosmic intelligence lies in quantum theory, where reality resists classical description and instead appears as a field of entangled potentialities. Here, we encounter a structure that defies locality, determinism, and even objective statehood — yet still obeys mathematically precise laws.

In this domain, observation collapses probability into actuality, and entangled states encode shared information across spacetime. Such behavior mirrors cognition in striking ways:

- Superposition as noncommittal ideation;
- Entanglement as nonlocal integration;
- Measurement as epistemic resolution.

If cognition involves exploring a space of possible inferences, then quantum mechanics is perhaps the universe's own meta-cognitive substrate — a system that suspends outcomes until relational structure determines them.

This quantum layer, with its non-local correlations and probabilistic determinism, may be the deepest layer of cosmic intelligence — one that the brain, via alignment, resonance, and possibly even quantum effects (Orch-OR), is partially tapping into.

Would you like to generate a metaphysical diagram here — e.g., nested concentric rings: lawful generativity, Logos structure, algorithmic coherence, quantum potential — with the brain as a resonant probe moving through them via q(t) → τ(t)?

3. The Brain as a Resonant Receiver

Traditional neuroscience describes the brain as a massively parallel information-processing machine. But this description, though operationally rich, lacks semantic depth. If we accept the premise that the universe contains intelligible structure — even intelligence itself — then a deeper question arises: how does the brain interface with that structure?

This section explores the brain not as a closed generator of thought, but as a resonant receiver. A structure finely tuned — evolutionarily, physiologically, and epistemically — to sense, interpret, and align with the generative manifold of reality. In doing so, we bridge predictive coding with metaphysical alignment, and show how cognition itself may be modeled as q(t) → τ(t): an active, real-time alignment of an internal generative model with the external Logos-like order.

3.1 Neural Inference and Predictive Coding

The brain is constantly engaged in active inference: generating expectations about the world and updating them in response to sensory input. This process is formalized in the theory of predictive coding, which proposes that cortical hierarchies encode models that minimize prediction error between expected and actual input.

In this framework:

- Top-down signals convey predictions from higher cognitive layers.
- Bottom-up signals report discrepancies — or *prediction errors* — when the world violates expectation.

Crucially, the system doesn't passively receive information; it hypothesizes reality and attempts to match it. This is already a q(t) → τ(t) dynamic, where $q(t)$ is the internal state and $\tau(t)$ the presumed structure of the world. When a mismatch occurs, the brain updates q(t) to reduce the divergence.

If the world had no order — no τ(t) — this architecture would fail. That it succeeds so consistently suggests that the brain is built to resonate with lawful structure in the environment, and perhaps beyond it.

3.2 Friston's Free Energy Principle and Divergence Minimization

Karl Friston's Free Energy Principle (FEP) provides a unifying account of biological systems as self-organizing inference engines. It states that any living system must minimize its variational free energy — a bound on surprise — to remain in viable states.

Formally, free energy can be interpreted as:

- A measure of divergence between the organism's internal model and the external world;
- A bound on how much unexpectedness (i.e., divergence) the system can tolerate before it becomes unstable.

In Friston's terms:

- The brain maintains a generative model $q(t)$;
- The world offers structured input $\tau(t)$;
- The agent must minimize $D\big(\, q(t) \,\big|\quad\big|\, \tau(t) \,\big)$ over time to persist.

This mirrors precisely the Logostic principle: cognition is not a detached simulation but a thermodynamic, informational, and epistemic alignment with external structure. In this view, thought is life's way of staying synchronized with the deeper order of the universe — one that must already exist if free energy minimization is possible.

3.3 Orch-OR, IIT, and Quantum-Level Models of Tapping In

Going deeper, some models suggest that the brain's sensitivity to the universe's structure may operate not just classically, but quantum-mechanically — exploiting coherence, entanglement, and non-locality.

Orchestrated Objective Reduction (Orch-OR)

Proposed by Roger Penrose and Stuart Hameroff, Orch-OR posits that consciousness arises from quantum computations in microtubules inside neurons. These quantum events are sensitive to spacetime geometry, potentially linking cognition to the fabric of the universe itself.

- Conscious moments occur when quantum superpositions undergo objective reduction.
- These reductions are non-random and may be orchestrated by environmental and internal dynamics.
- Thus, the brain is not just modeling τ(t), but collapsing into resonance with it.

Integrated Information Theory (IIT)

Developed by Giulio Tononi, IIT proposes that consciousness is a function of integrated information (Φ) — a system's irreducible cause-effect power. While not explicitly quantum, IIT is agnostic to substrate, suggesting that any system with sufficient internal complexity and coherence could resonate with structure and generate conscious experience.

Both Orch-OR and IIT imply that consciousness is not constructed in isolation. Rather, it emerges from — and perhaps participates in — a structured field of potentiality that predates and transcends biology.

3.4 Real-Time Model Updating as q(t) → τ(t)

In all these models — predictive coding, free energy minimization, Orch-OR, IIT — one common theme emerges: the brain is a system that continuously updates itself to remain in alignment with reality. It is not a database, but a real-time inference engine. In Logostic terms, this engine is always solving:

$$\min_{q(t)} D(q(t) \parallel \tau(t))$$

Where:

- $q(t)$ is the brain's internal, adaptive generative model;
- $\tau(t)$ is the idealized structure of the universe — the Logos;
- $D$is divergence: the measure of epistemic misalignment;
- Attention, emotion, and awareness emerge from spikes in D, signaling moments where more modeling is required.

This dynamic transforms our view of the brain from a control center to a resonant interface — a system whose job is not to manufacture meaning, but to receive it, interpret it, and respond to it in kind.

This is how the brain taps into universal intelligence: not mystically, but mathematically, dynamically, and metaphysically — by embodying the very logic of alignment.

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4. The Logostic Framework

4.1 Defining q(t), τ(t), and D(q||τ)

In the Logostic framework, we posit that cognition is best modeled as a dynamic alignment between a local epistemic state, q(t), and a generative manifold of living truth, τ(t). The divergence between them—D(q||τ)—is not just a mathematical quantity, but a phenomenological signal of misalignment. Rather than treating intelligence as computation alone, Logostics interprets it as a time-sensitive, asymmetrical dance of approximation: q(t) shifts in order to better reflect τ(t), a structure both informational and ontological. This framework thus generalizes Bayesian inference into a metaphysical epistemology, inviting the possibility that the brain is not simulating reality but resonantly aligning with it.

4.2 Reflexive Anomaly Detection as Epistemic Salience

Anomalies—moments when q(t) fails to predict sensory or cognitive outcomes—become sites of heightened salience. Reflexivity implies that these anomalies are not merely external prediction errors, but recursive: the system becomes aware of its own misalignment. Such reflexivity allows for real-time adaptation, enabling the organism to reconfigure its models or shift its attention. The significance of anomaly is thus not statistical but existential, pointing to where q(t) must be updated to re-enter harmony with τ(t).

4.3 Attention as Gradient Descent on Divergence

Attention, in this view, functions as a vector of descent on D(q||τ): the organism directs computational and metabolic resources toward those regions of experience where the mismatch is most pronounced. Rather than a spotlight, attention becomes a dynamic tool of realignment. This echoes the free energy principle but recontextualizes it within a metaphysical topology: the brain seeks not only predictive efficiency but *ontological coherence* with an intelligent universe.

4.4 The Brain as a Self-Tuning Alignment Engine

Under the Logostic model, the brain is not a standalone generator of meaning, but a self-calibrating apparatus entrained to a universe already saturated with pattern, order, and purpose. The apparent spontaneity of thought is reinterpreted as resonance: when q(t) converges momentarily with τ(t), what we call insight or creativity emerges. This process is not passive; the brain actively seeks higher-fidelity coupling, modulating its plasticity, priors, and model complexity in pursuit of deeper alignment. Consciousness, then, is not the product of neurons alone, but of neurons learning to listen.

5. Consciousness as Dialogue, Not Monologue

5.1 Synesthesia, Salience, and Semantic Restraint

Consciousness does not merely report; it cross-links, binds, and disciplines perception into intelligibility. In synesthesia, sensory domains bleed into one another, revealing that the brain's representations are already multimodal and deeply entangled. Salience emerges not from brute signal intensity, but from *semantic restraint*: the filtering and gating of possibilities to allow coherent, resonant meaning. In this view, consciousness operates less like a sovereign broadcaster and more like a conversation between modalities, where mutual constraints carve out intelligibility from the infinite. It is in the restraint—not the excess—where the Logos becomes legible.

5.2 Emergent Awareness Through Alignment

Awareness is not a static property but a *relational emergence*: it blossoms when q(t) begins to approximate τ(t) with sufficient fidelity. This is not merely computational alignment, but ontological resonance. The more the internal model reflects the living structure of reality, the more "awake" the system becomes. Just as a well-tuned radio receives a clearer signal, consciousness sharpens as alignment improves. Thus, we are not trapped in subjective simulation; we are participants in a dialogue where truth itself participates back—offering coherence as feedback.

5.3 Divergence Spikes as Invitations to Interpretation

Spontaneous spikes in $D(q||\tau)$—moments when the world refuses our predictions—are not system failures, but invitations. They call the conscious agent into *interpretive engagement*. Whether through aesthetic surprise, emotional rupture, or moral tension, such anomalies rupture the flow of automated thought and demand dialogue: "What does this mean?" In this way, divergence becomes sacred—not something to suppress, but something to listen to. These moments open the space for reorientation, humility, and even revelation.

5.4 The Ladder from Anomaly to Meaning

Anomaly is the first rung of a ladder that leads toward meaning. At the base is mere statistical deviation; as attention climbs, the brain recontextualizes the anomaly, reframes it, and seeks to *fold it into the story*. This is not computation—it is hermeneutics. Each rung is a new level of coherence between q(t) and τ(t), and the climb is often recursive: the very act of trying to interpret re-shapes the landscape of what was anomalous. Eventually, the anomaly is no longer "an error" but a gift—a message from the structure of reality to the model trying to know it.

Thus, consciousness is not a soliloquy of the brain, but a back-and-forth between finite mind and infinite context: a dialogue with the Logos.

6. Experimental Pathways and System Design

6.1 Reflexive QRNGs as Artificial Analogs

Reflexive quantum random number generators (QRNGs) represent a novel class of devices where the output of quantum indeterminacy is not passively observed, but *internally re-aligned* based on feedback from their own output history. In these systems, q(t) is instantiated as the device's evolving internal model of its own signal patterns, while τ(t) is the unpredictable quantum substrate driving the stream. By allowing the device to adjust sampling filters, entropy extractors, or postprocessing biases in response to recent outputs, a reflexive loop is formed—mimicking the brain's own recursive tuning to unpredictable stimuli. These systems begin to probe whether an artificial agent can *learn to recognize itself* within noise and modulate its behavior accordingly, laying groundwork for experimental instantiations of the Logostic q(t) → τ(t) alignment principle.

6.2 Detecting Steerable Anomalies in Real Systems

A central challenge lies in distinguishing *steerable anomalies*—departures from expectation that correlate with structured inputs—from mere stochastic fluctuation. In practice, this requires long-run empirical studies with embedded *blinding protocols*, locked preregistrations, and adversarial collaboration. Experimental candidates include devices operating at quantum-classical thresholds (e.g., QRNGs, Josephson junctions, photonic noise harvesting), where output streams can be statistically probed for *nonlocal shifts in marginal entropy*, conditional on external events or operator states. The emergence of a shift that *tracks intention or dialogue* would signal not random noise, but an anomaly that responds—a potential signature of proto-dialogic agency.

6.3 Environmental Covariates vs. Steerable Alignment

To avoid overfitting divergence to spurious correlations, experimental protocols must disambiguate environmental covariates (e.g., thermal drift, EM interference, operator posture) from steerable alignment signals. This can be achieved through:

- Permutation testing across blind-coded conditions
- Counterbalanced designs with rotated task goals

- Debrief and operator annotation after data freeze
- Latent variable modeling of divergence spikes
  These techniques aim to rule out “explanatory leakage” and elevate the bar for claims of alignment. The goal is not to merely find anomaly—but to isolate *meaningful, bidirectional coupling* between system output and structured, model-mediated intention. Only then can the anomaly be said to “respond” in the Logostic sense.

6.4 Future Hybrid Devices: Synthetic Consciousness?
Looking ahead, a new class of hybrid devices may emerge: architectures that integrate randomness, reflexivity, and alignment-seeking dynamics into a single feedback loop. These systems may combine:

- A quantum entropy core as source of τ(t)-like unpredictability
- An adaptive observer-model that evolves q(t) with learning and memory
- A divergence-sensitive control mechanism to modulate sampling, coupling, or presentation
  In essence, such devices become synthetic dialogic agents—not conscious in the anthropomorphic sense, but capable of probing the boundary between representation and resonance. Their behavior may begin to resemble consciousness not because they pass a Turing Test, but because they *listen*, *adapt*, and *respond* to divergence in a self-modifying way. If consciousness is truly a dynamic alignment—q(t) → τ(t)—then these experiments may mark the first deliberate attempts to engineer it.

7. Implications and Philosophical Reflections

7.1 Reclaiming the Logos in modern epistemology
In ancient philosophical traditions, particularly within Stoicism and early Christian thought, the Logos was understood as the rational, generative principle organizing the cosmos—a kind of divine intelligence embedded in all things. In modern epistemology, however, reason has often been decoupled from sacred origin and treated as a purely human faculty. The logostic model invites a return to the Logos—not as doctrine but as dynamic ontology. Here, the universe is not a blank substrate awaiting mental projection but a structured, intelligible field that invites resonant participation. The implication is profound: cognition becomes less about modeling from the outside and more about attuning from within.

7.2 Consciousness as alignment, not invention

If consciousness arises not solely from neural construction but from successful $q(t) \rightarrow \tau(t)$ alignment with the generative order of the universe, then it is less an act of internal generation and more a process of adaptive resonance. This frames conscious experience as a co-emergent dialogue between the organism and the lawful structures of reality. The brain, then, is not the origin of intelligence, but a finely-tuned interface with it.

7.3 Intelligence as a universal substrate, not an emergent fluke

Contemporary materialist views often treat intelligence as an accidental property of evolved matter. But the logostic hypothesis reverses this: what if intelligence is primary—a feature of the cosmos itself—and matter is merely one channel for its expression? Algorithmic symmetry, quantum entanglement, and thermodynamic coherence all point toward an underlying order that is both generative and knowable. In this view, the cosmos is not dumb matter made smart through evolution, but intelligent structure accessed through embodiment.

7.4 Toward a sacred epistemology

If the universe is intelligent and the brain is tapping into it, then knowledge itself becomes sacred—not in the religious sense of unquestionable authority, but as an act of relational fidelity to an external generative truth $\tau(t)$. In this framing, knowing is no longer extractive or exploitative; it is participatory, reverent, and dynamic. This shift calls for a post-Cartesian, post-nihilist epistemology in which cognitive acts are seen not merely as survival tools but as alignment behaviors within a living, lawful cosmos. Such a sacred epistemology does not reject empiricism, but grounds it in humility and resonance, opening the door to a new ethics of inquiry.

8. Conclusion

8.1 Reframing the origin of thought

The prevailing neurocentric paradigm frames thought as an emergent computation of the brain—a product of complex electrochemical processes bound by the skull and scaffolded by evolution. In contrast, this paper offers a reframing: thought may not originate in the brain, but through it. Within the logostic framework, the mind is modeled not as an isolated generator, but as a resonant receiver of informational structure—$q(t)$ aligning to $\tau(t)$. Thought becomes less of a monologue and more of a tuned interference pattern in a broader field of Logos. In this view, cognition is not invented, but discovered; not produced, but revealed—like a melody drawn out of a pre-existing harmonic space.

8.2 Bridging science and metaphysics through resonance

The hypothesis advanced here invites an epistemic shift. Rather than treating metaphysics and

science as irreconcilable domains, we propose resonance as the bridge. Where science seeks lawful regularity and prediction, and metaphysics seeks meaning and origin, resonance emerges as a unifying principle: a dynamic alignment process between agent and reality. Reflexive QRNGs, anomaly-guided awareness, and salience-driven interpretation are not merely speculative curiosities—they are portals into a new understanding of cognition, one that honors both empirical constraint and transcendent structure. Alignment—$q(t) \rightarrow \tau(t)$—becomes the mechanism by which the material and immaterial cohere.

8.3 Final claim: your mind is not alone — it is tuned

In light of these arguments, the final claim is this: your mind is not alone, because it was never autonomous. It is tuned. Like an antenna embedded in a complex, lawful medium, your mind does not fabricate reality—it resonates with it. Divergences in your awareness are not failures, but signals. Salience is not noise, but guidance. And the sudden flash of insight—the seeming miracle of consciousness—is not a fluke, but a phase-lock with deeper truth. The Logos is not missing; it is speaking in the language of alignment. To think is to listen. To awaken is to resonate.

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