

LISTENING. One of the hardest things is to listen properly. We are all good at talking. We are good at putting our point forward forcefully. Our convictions, our beliefs, our truths are of the utmost importance to us; we feel we must convince others! **B**ut to truly, honestly, listen with compassion and understanding is difficult; yet, we can train ourselves once we realize how important it is to listen to the viewpoints and arguments that may be opposite to ours, but are equally valid and important. **T**o listen sincerely, with accuracy, makes us a better person.

To be a good listener increases our chances for happy and fulfilling relationships ... trustworthy, genuinely attentive listeners are much appreciated, whether in personal or in business relationships.

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MATRIX. In the future computers will be very powerful. One day it will be possible to re-create all of our world - with all beings that ever lived - in a computer simulation. **I**n his book *The Physics of Immortality**, Frank Tipler predicted that this process will culminate in an all-powerful artificial intelligence, which he compared to God. Tipler referred to this virtual reality exercise as the Resurrection of the Dead. **T**he stored information of the simulated reality will be a matrix - rows and columns of numbers and mathematical symbols. **T**he processor containing the matrix will be dispatched on a trip to the far reaches of our galaxy, or - since our galaxy will fail at some point in the future - to another galaxy in the universe. **T**here the space probe will find an environment that has the building blocks to rebuild our world - with the use of the computer and the information contained in the matrix. **W**e do not know if this hasn't already happened in the past.

**In the book The Physics of Immortality Frank J. Tipler, professor of mathematical physics, challenged our concept of a higher power in the universe, which has always been disowned by the sciences, due to the fact that there is no proof of its existence.*

In his book Tipler, a theoretician in the field of global general relativity, presented an astonishing and purely scientific argument for the existence of God; he then devised a mathematical model of the end of the universe, which he called the Omega Point Theory.

O·me·ga Point

Tipler theorized that all matter will converge to an infinite all-knowing point at the end of a closed universe and that this point to which the universe is moving is the Omega Point. This Omega Point is the 'god' that necessarily exists, but is not the personal God of traditional theism. (Encyclopedia.com)