The “Universe”

- Matter
- Energy
- Space
- Time
- “All that there is out there”
- Ideas and forms
- “Nonphysical entities”
- Spirit

“All that could exist even if we did not exist, and even if it is not available to us through measurement, sensation, perception, introspection, deduction, … (I don’t want to argue right now about metaphysics, the “true” existence of nonphysical entities, etc. If you can imagine imagining it, then it could well populate this “universal reality”…OK, OK, it’s a crowded universe, but no matter!)

This is the “backdrop” or context for all the things that allow us to function as social beings in a social structure. For example, the concept of money is part of our social reality. So are social taboos, codes of behaviour, organised religion, … .

There are at least as many “social realities” as there are “societies”.

This is our sensation of that which is real only through direct experience, deduction, creation, or introspection. It defines each of us uniquely. All our personal categories (things that to you are beautiful and ugly, interesting or boring, dangerous or safe, …) “reside” here. There is at least one “personal reality” per person.
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- "I"

Increasingly "detached" from the individual.

Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.

In fact, it you continually discover more about "it".
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- "I" and "You"
- "We"
- PR, SR, U.

Consensus needed for: "I", "You", "We", PR, SR, U.

Continual "mediation" among all entities: one provides a view of another.

Stability amid considerable variation.

"We"

"I" and "You"

Introspection

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- perception
- mysticism
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Communication

"We"

Many different PRs across individuals in small groups (families, homes).