

## The Teleodynamics of Culture, Language, Organization, Science, Economics and Technology (CLOSET)

Logan (2007) in his book *The Extended Mind* developed the hypothesis that language, culture, and technology can be construed as organisms that evolve and reproduce themselves. This idea is extended in two ways. First by showing that organization, science, and economics can also be construed as organisms that evolve and reproduce themselves. Secondly we make use of the notion of teleodynamics that Deacon (2012) introduced and developed in his book *Incomplete Nature* to explain the nature of life, sentience, mind and a self that acts in its own interest. It is suggested that culture, language, organization, science, economics and technology (CLOSET) like living organisms also act in their own self-interest, are self-correcting and are to a certain degree autonomous even though they are obligate symbionts dependent on their human hosts for the energy that sustains them. Specifically it will be argued that the individual members of CLOSET are essentially teleodynamic systems, which Deacon defines as “self-creating, self-maintaining, self-reproducing individuated systems (ibid, 325).”