

Random Universe: A Lot of Flap?



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It has been noted by climate scientists and others that a butterfly flapping its wings in Brazil could give rise to a hurricane somewhere else on earth. This is due to the fact that small, almost imperceptible differences in initial conditions are amplified over time without bound.

It must also be true that an atomic scale event inside a neuron of the nervous system of a butterfly could also result in it flapping its wings or not. Since events on the atomic scale are subject to randomness as described by quantum theory, one must conclude that a large degree of randomness is “baked into” the nature of the material world. It would seem

to be a fools errand to expect that everything can ever be perfectly in order here.

The above raises an interesting question however. What would the world look like if there were no randomness in atomic scale events? Would it even remotely resemble the world we live in now? This question runs too deep for me to even know how to approach it. Food for thought.

—Ron Theriault

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Being Spiritual is not Part Time



"Our aim should be to induce, in a wholesome way, that sense of the spiritual in daily experience which the old writers called the consciousness of God. The monastic training in spirituality, slowly evolved under pressure of experience, nearly always did this. It has bequeathed to us a funded wisdom of which we make little use; and this, reinterpreted in the light of psychological knowledge, might I believe cast a great deal of light on the fundamental problems of spiritual

education. ...

"Further, in all this teaching, those inward activities and responses to which we can give generally the name of prayer, and those outward activities and deeds of service to which we can give the name of work, ought to be trained together and never dissociated. They are the complimentary and balanced expressions of one spirit of life;..." ~Evelyn Underhill

"Spirituality should not be something we do only on Sunday morning (or Saturday or Friday, depending on your faith). It needs to be part of our life every day. And not only part of our lives in the sense of saying our prayers before bed, or when we first wake up. It needs to be part of what we do all day. That doesn't mean that we need to stop our materialistic pursuits every hour or two and spend five minutes praying, although there is nothing wrong with doing that. It means that in all our activities, all our conversations, and even all our thoughts, we need to get our spiritual side involved."

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Conversing With Trees



A very spiritual young man was taking a walk through the forest one day. The fresh air and the auras of the trees energized him and he walked boldly and with a smile on his face. Yet, after walking for several hours, he became tired and lay down in the grass beneath a great old tree. As he began to doze, he started to overhear a conversation. The words were difficult to understand at first and he soon realized that he was not hearing it through his ears, it was coming directly into his mind from some unknown source. He managed to stay calm and in his very relaxed state, both physically and mentally. The conversation began to make sense and he finally figured out that he was hearing the great old tree he was lying under conversing with another tree, a younger tree that spoke like a student or disciple of the old tree. The conversation went like this:

“You have been here centuries great one. Long before any humans lived in this forest. How was it different without them?”

“Not as different as you might expect because while the humans were not here in body, their thoughts, which control much in this world, travel great distances and so had a profound effect on the forest, even though they themselves did not know it.”

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Civilization and the Mystery Schools



"It appears that all the perfection of civilization, and all the advancement made in philosophy, science, and art among the ancients are due to those institutions which, under the veil of mystery, sought to illustrate the sublimest truths of religion, morality, and virtue and impress them on the hearts of their disciples. ... Their chief object was to teach the doctrine of one God, the resurrection of man to eternal life, the dignity of the human soul, and to lead the people to see the shadow of the deity, in the beauty, magnificence, and

splendor of the universe.” ~Robert Macoy

✖ Many who have studied ancient history have come to the conclusion that the ancient schools of religion and philosophy, primarily the type known as mystery schools because most of their teachings were kept secret, were very much responsible for the creation of civilization. They taught these things primarily to the students of these academies and they in turn passed them on to others. When most humans were gatherer-hunters, the mystery school students taught them how to plant seeds and grow crops and how to capture certain animals alive and keep them and raise them. I suspect we can thank them for domesticating dogs and cats, though I haven't read anything specific about that. They taught people how to start villages and elect village leaders to govern the group (I know some people today consider government an evil thing, but without government we would have anarchy and chaos with the strong killing the weak and stealing their food, etc.) They created libraries and schools. They taught medicine and other sciences.

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About the Souls



“But if Soul and Essential Soul are one and the same, then the Soul will be an Ideal-Form unreceptive to all those activities which it imparts to another kind but possessing within itself that native act of its own which reason manifests.

“If this be so, then, we may think of the Soul as an immortal—if the immortal, the imperishable, must be impassive, giving out something of itself but itself taking nothing from without except for what it receives, ... it cannot be sundered.

“Now what can bring fear to a nature thus unreceptive of all the outer? Fear demands feeling. Nor is there place for courage: courage implies the presence of danger.” ~[Plotinus](#)

“Things get confusing when talking about the spirit and soul. Some will say that the soul is very emotional, others that it is not emotional at all. Some say the soul is concerned with matters of the material world, other that it is only concerned with spiritual things. This is very much like the conflicting ideas of God from Jesus and from much of the Old Testament. Just as the loving, forgiving Father that Jesus spoke of is not the same god in the Old Testament that is vengeful and jealous (what could the real God possible be jealous of?) are

actually two very different beings, the conflicting descriptions of the soul are the result of the fact that we have two of them!"

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**PATH TO LIGHT: Paul
Schmitendorf**



Hawaiian Sunset PHOTO: Paul Schmitendorf

In November 2007 I received an unanticipated email about a man from India who was going to give a lecture on sungazing. I was both intrigued and skeptical.

In the lecture he explained the basic concepts of looking at the sun, how to do it safely, and why it was a valuable practice for those open-minded enough to try it. So one morning, the following April, after a cold Chicago winter, I went out to the beach at Lake Michigan and waited for the sun to come up over the horizon. When it did, I looked at the sun for 10 seconds and then turned around and went home. I continued adding 10 seconds each day and before long I was looking at the sun for several minutes.

Slowly, I started to feel something happening. I felt calm, joyful, and sometimes euphoric. As the time looking at the sun each day grew longer, I started to feel something awaken in me. Around the time I reached 25 or 30 minutes a day I began communicating with the sun. I'd express my gratitude each day

and ask for guidance on different aspects of my life.

Finally, almost 2 years after the lecture, I reached the goal of 44 minutes a day. Looking at the sun had become an important part of my life, but reaching this goal was a bit anticlimactic. I continued looking at the sun but began to wonder if there was something more to this process.

I asked the sun to direct me on a path that would allow me to learn more about this ancient practice. The path led me to the film “Eat the Sun,” which I watched in September 2012. Once I saw the sunrise service and interviews, I knew Reno would be on my path.

I read the *Project X* book and then scheduled a visit with Bob Petrovich. Once I met some of the people in the Community, attended my first Sunrise Service, and learned more about the program, I knew I’d come to the right place. I’m grateful for the opportunity to become part of the Community of Cosolargy and continue working with the sun on a higher level.

The Soul and Immortality



“We have shown elsewhere that the ‘secret doctrine’ does not

concede immortality to all men alike. 'The eye would never see the sun, if it were not of the nature of the sun,' said Plotinus. Only 'through the highest purity and chastity we shall approach nearer to God, and receive in the contemplation of Him, the true knowledge and insight, writes porphyry. If the human soul has neglected during its lifetime to receive it's illumination from the Divine Spirit, our personal God, then it becomes difficult for the gross and sensual man to survive for a great length of time his physical death. No more than the misshapen monster can live long after its physical birth, can the soul, once that it has become too material, exist after its birth into the spiritual world.'" ~H. P. Blavatsky



"It seems that the vast majority of people fall into one of three schools when it comes to the soul and immortality: (1) either they believe that the soul and spirit does not exist at all and therefore immortality is impossible or, (2) they believe that all people are born with an immortal soul and spirit and no matter what they do in their material life they cannot change that fact and therefore they are immortal always, or (3) they believe in an immortal soul and spirit, but that does not make them immortal unless they do certain things in their lives."

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Sharing Spiritual Knowledge



“Christ, it is true, gives nobody any encouragement for supposing that a merely self-cultivating sort of spirituality, keeping the home fires burning and so on, is anybody’s main job. The main job, confided to His friends is the preaching of the Gospel. That is, spreading Reality, teaching it, inserting it into existence, by prayers, words, acts, and also if need be by manual work, and always under the conditions and symbolisms of our contemporary world. But since we can only give others that which we already possess, this presupposes that we have got something of Reality as a living, burning fire in ourselves.” ~Evelyn Underhill

“The quoted section is a little hard to follow, but basically it says that when we get into spiritual growth, we are obligated to help others do the same to the best of our abilities. If our interest is only in improving ourselves, we will have little success in our quest for spiritual enlightenment. If you are a Harry Potter fan, recall that at the end of the first book/movie professor Dumbledore reveals to Harry that the reason he was able to get the Sorcerers

Stone was because he wanted it, but did not want to use it. This is somewhat like that but it's more you only get enlightenment if you want it for non-selfish and non-egoic reasons. In other words, if you want it to help all people, to help the world, and most of all to help God."

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PATH TO LIGHT: Crystal Rae

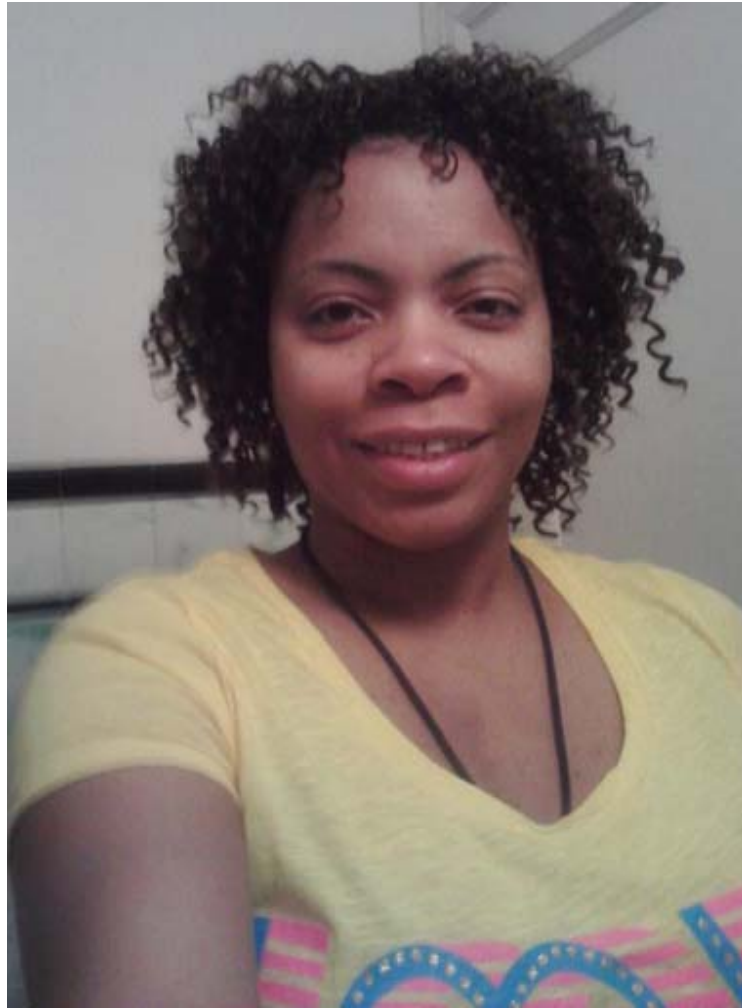


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Greetings,

I want to give a little background on my spiritual journey. I've been married for almost 15 years, and I had met my husband at a Seventh-Day Adventist conference, about 8 months before we married. I've always been a seeker of knowledge. What had originally guided me to the Seventh-Day Adventists was the subject of the "Sabbath."

As I'd progressed and learned much in that setting, I still sensed that there was more to learn. I had done some research here and there on some biblical subjects, and about 5 years ago—I believe I was approaching the age of 35—I noticed a mark on me that appeared to be somewhat of a birthmark in form, but I didn't have this at birth. I'm a lighter-skinned black woman, and this mark appeared as a brownish tan circle

underneath my left breast bone, but almost centered in the chest. Anyway, what was unusual about this mark was that it started as a full circle, maybe twice the size of a quarter. Well, the full circle started to pull apart and break up into several tiny circles. They spread out and kind of made a link, or chain, of some sort.

I don't recall the time period over which all of this happened, but the circles made a formation and then came back together to the full circle, and then sometime after, the full circle completely disappeared. I thought it was peculiar but didn't think too much on it. Well, as time went on, my curiosity and searching for other spiritual subjects had deepened. If I didn't know better, I would have thought that the mark was some type of activation within me, as I've often reflected upon it.

Well, in my seeking I had come across information that stated that the Bible was mythical stories, as if a lot of the characters hadn't existed or that the stories were taken from "Ancient Egypt." This started a shift for me. My foundation was shaken regarding "Jesus" and the teachings of the Bible. I started seeking all kinds of information for answers.

I've had an experience, as I imagine we all have, where I spontaneously projected outside of my body. One time this happened, early into my marriage, when, somehow, I was in the hallway of my house and in front of our bedroom. I knew my husband and I were in the bedroom that was in front of me. I thought I had died, because I was in one place and also another. I didn't actually see my body but sensed that my husband and I were in the bedroom. It made me afraid because I didn't know about "astral projection" at that time.

I had another experience of hearing some women talking, but my sight was complete blind, as in blackness; I couldn't see anything, but I could hear them discussing something. In my mind, I asked myself, "Why were they discussing this?" and I

wondered, "Who are they?" Then one of the women says to another, "I think she can hear us." That really shook me up, because I didn't know what was going on; it appeared I was somewhere, someplace else. Another time, while in a very relaxed mood, I saw this energy moving from the back of my head, or side of it, and it floated or moved in front of me. It looked like a "spider web" of energy. I just watched it and was amazed. It later dissipated. I had never seen anything like that before; later, I learned from reading, and seeing on the Internet, about an "astral cord" and thought perhaps that is what I had seen.

I have followed some teachings of a certain teacher that have helped me, in some ways to be familiar with energies and beings, etc. I still have no teacher. Some systems are very expensive, and I am unable to afford them at present. I've always wanted to travel to sacred places, meet various beings/teachers, etc.

I had started doing some solar practices and others things that I had learned from Dr. Mitchell Gibson's YouTube videos, and other videos that I had purchased from his website. One time, I had seen these two HUGE beings in my room. The thing is, my eyelids were closed, and I was trying to understand how in the world was I able to see them. They appeared transparent with a bunch of tiny lights throughout their beings. They appeared as if they were statues, but they weren't. I can't even begin to fully express that experience. What I do remember saying to them, by some way of telepathy, was, "You're real, you're really real." I don't know why I was saying that to them, as if I knew them on some level within. I do know that whoever these beings were, they had revealed themselves to me for a reason; one, I think to let me know that they are there and perhaps always have been. They almost looked like two huge cat beings. It's hard to describe them, but it was quite amazing. I also believe spiritual beings can take many forms, sometimes; the same being may be appearing to

us, but in another form.

I had learned about staring into a candle flame, etc. and later was able to see beings around the energy of the candle flame. The head had begun small, then it started becoming bigger; at first, I was a little apprehensive because I didn't know what was going to happen. Oh, initially, the face started out faintly, and then it started to come in much clearer. I grew accustomed to the images. Later, the flames from the candle would emit geometric symbols of all sorts. Some forms I had never seen before. One could have been a blueprint for something, I don't know. What was amazing was that it was golden energy, or plasma or something, that did its thing in the area facing me. Later, the energies had started spinning, clockwise and counterclockwise.

I had seen much activity with the sun gazing that I do around sunset and sunrise. There have been various times, in my meditations while listening to something at very low volume, or listening to attunement, that I was able to hear a kind of garbled speech or someone talking in my left ear. It was always my left ear; never the right ear. Also, for some time now, I have been sensing an energy presence on my left side. Sometimes, around the crown area, as well, but mainly on the upper left side of my body. I have often wondered if some being was checking in on me. I had been told by a couple of people that it was my solar body etc.

For some time, I've been desperately seeking a teaching and direction in my life. I recall on the night of July 6, 2014, how I poured out my heart while sitting in front of my candle flames. There are several faces I'm seeing now and just white flames within the flames as well. I had been saying a prayer, the Ana Beko'ach, and asking for direction, wanting to make sense of the energies I see, and asking whether I have a teacher, and where is my teacher—I had so many questions. The energy of the flames just did its spinning out of energies as usual, but it appeared as if I was heard somehow.

The next day, I heard in a lecture the word *Cosolargy*, and it had triggered a search within me. I was doing some solar work and had seen information regarding solar techniques, etc., on the Jamilian website. I've always been a curious being. I was able to connect with a man named Robert (Bob) at the University. I admit, I do have some financial challenges in my life that I'm working on. My income is limited; however, I am persistent and will do all I can to pursue this chapter in my life with the teachings that this University has to offer me. I believe I'm right where I'm supposed to be at this time. I trust that this Community will assist me further with my spiritual unfolding.

Crystal Rae

Laws on Earth and in Heaven



"I am not influenced by the mere formal actions of men, or by empty sacrifice. Lighted lamps and candles, days of fasting and self-mortification by man cannot sway Me in his favor. I am not to be bribed, for I am God. He who handles fire carelessly and gets burnt cannot blame the fire; neither can he who goes into swift waters and drowns blame the waters."

There are laws, the violation of which brings retribution in its train. They who by their own deeds bring pain and suffering upon themselves cannot blame Me for what ensues. These are the effects of the lesser laws which are easily understood, but above these is the Great Law, which is not so incomprehensible. Men reap as they sow and I am the Fertile Field, which takes no part in the sowing or the reaping.”
~The Kolbrin Bible GLN:15:45

“There was a time, several centuries ago, when the Catholic church allowed the wealthy to essentially buy their way into heaven by making a donation each time they sinned to gain relief from that sin. I think most of the priests and bishops knew that this didn’t work, but I guess they figured that once the rich guy died and discovered the truth, it would be too late for him to come after them for lying. You would think the story of Cain and Abel would have cleared this up, but people with money love to think that it can buy everything including a ticket to heaven. God does not accept bribes, period. Why should He? He can have anything He wants, you have nothing to offer Him, nothing except your dedication to serve Him in completing the Great Plan to return this planet and everyone on it to the realm of Light, the realm of God.

“It never fails, whenever there is a disaster of some sort, there are those who ask why God allows such things to happen. It isn’t God allowing it to happen, it is us making it happen. Yes, even hurricanes and earthquakes are our fault because our thought and our emotion have a great deal of control over this planet. As the quote says, when you stick your hand in fire, you get burned. God didn’t burn you. You knew the nature of fire, but you stuck your hand in it anyway.”

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