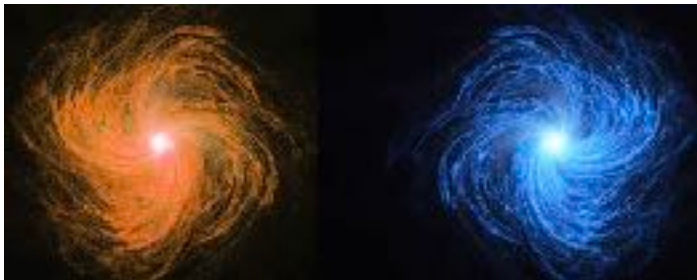


32) Non-Temporal Causation of Memory



Mea culpa, no other or institution is accountable for this student work. What is the anamnesia Medium that causes us to think we remember past lives?

MY FRIENDS! Have ye forgotten that true and radiant morn, when in those hallowed and blessed surroundings ye were all gathered in My presence beneath the shade of the tree of life, which is planted in the all-glorious paradise? Awe-struck ye listened as I gave utterance to these three most holy words: O friends! Prefer not your will to Mine, never desire that which I have not desired for you, and approach Me not with lifeless hearts, defiled with worldly desires and cravings. Would ye but sanctify your souls, ye would at this present hour recall that place and those surroundings, and the truth of My utterance should be made evident unto all of you. ~Bahá'u'lláh

This quote from Bahá'u'lláh is an example of Anamnesia that he calls forth from within us. The morn into which He refers is the revelation of the Báb, or all of the previous revelations of Truth.

Anamnesia means recollection of a pre-existent event. To recall something that be fore you could remember things. It be an eternal event. These timeless things occur and people attribute them to previous lives before this one, to visions, to dream, to trances. As a student studying physics, we understand that time is not what we imagined it to be.

There is temporal causality and non-temporal causality.

When you will to do something good in your day, to make your life or your loved one's life better, when you do a kindness to a stranger that is non-temporal causality. It was not a matter of time causing it to occur. It was a matter of you having the personal will to carry it out.

When the divine scriptures are revealed, they are of non-temporal causality. The Primal Will causes the Manifestation to speak and unfold Their words in deeds. Their words and the stories of Their lives are eternal, demonstrated by their potent effect over thousands of years. In reality they are timeless in causality with the progress of conscious. When we examine all of the divine writings, they are having the same effect. As the Dao (Tao) demonstrates to us that which is the Dao existed before God. God is a word that we refer to as the divine eternal reality. But before that word, there were other words, but the reality was the same Heraclitus notes that "Sometimes Zeus prefers to be known as Zeus, and sometimes he does not." Indicating that the sacred word, sacred name, Tao, Zeus, Deus, Dzeus, The God, The Good, A'llah, Dios, Theo Ahura Mazda, Mitakuye Oyasin changes over human evolution. Our words have temporal occurrence in human language, yet get changed to deeper, broader connection to The Truth there by convey more meaning over the time.

Humans have experiences of recollection of events that are not from the realm of space in time. So we have created a bit of a folklore around that genuine event. Not understanding non-temporal causality, that we, our souls, have stepped out of space in time, and we've experienced something eternal, and we have recollection of that experience. As a consequence humanity has chosen to interpret those experiences from a pre-existing life. And we suppose that we are reincarnated, and that experience was a previous life. This student grants wholeheartedly that the experience was not this physical life, space in time. Yet it occurs prolifically, naturally, to humans. How ... ever, it was not a earlier temporal experience. The temporal reality that has perfect regularity of sequence as the Will of God does not re-occur in what appears to be cycles. There are what appears to be re-occurrences in all reality. Yes, there are similarities. The nature of our conscious is to groups similar things together. Those similarities make us think cycles. This day is a new day, it is not yesterday. This life you have is a new life and it will never be repeated. You are absolutely unique. And there is no-thing that will make you come back and have to learn the lessons that you have learned over again. Every turn of the Earth is a different turn. Every turn of a motor is a different turn. Every child is a unique creature.

If we are re-incarnated, then it occurs to us every morning upon waking. It is not necessary to die, to

have the sense of a new beginning, a new life in the morning. It is, paraphrasing, in the Baha'i writings, father to son "If you're not ready to go to bed at night, then how will you lay down to die? If you're not ready to get up in the morning to begin a new day, how will you get up and begin your next life after death?"

The hypothesis of reincarnation assumes that you will not make worse choices the next time you come through. So, there is the problem of why re-incarnation is a question of justice. Once you do a good job and you've done it right your Creator does not make you come back do it over in total ignorance of what you are doing or what you did last time to see if you can do it better or perhaps worse. The hypothesis assumes that when you come back all the good you've done will still be with you? You just have to do more good is problematic because this student knows that when he gets up tomorrow, he might undo good decision he made today. Like previously deleting everything he has ever written, taking off of Medium a social media and filing on Bahá'í-Library a spiritual media instead. That is human free will. We did not make the system of the continuation of conscious after death. The re-incarnation cycle is a mental construct. One of our favorites. And by a conversations with friends it is becoming the preferred perspective increasing in popularity. Your Creator accepts your best effort the first time even though you may not.

This student knows he cannot disprove reincarnation. Nor can he disprove Greek mythology. Nor can you disprove any of the belief systems that did not enable humans to understand themselves in reality. Merely projecting onto reality all we think reality is, is not the same thing as reading the divine scriptures or reading nature that tell us what is. The chicken egg trick from the sophists is a trick. No egg is the chicken that bore it. Each egg, each chicken, unique. Cycles are mental constructs.

Furthermore, in simple terms, you cannot be re-incarnated when you've never been incarnated. You are not your body and you never will be. Conscious is not physical, although associated with the physical. The tenor is not in the vehicle; they are associated.

Our experiences of Anamnesia, timeless experiences, have provoked artwork, stories, imaginings of great profundity, mis-understanding of this basic principle. There's only one of everything and every event. It is the mark of the singularity of the Creator. This link to a YouTube short, exquisite, mesmerizing, transcendental, masterpiece which demonstrates how profoundly this concept has penetrated our conscious.

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Sometimes writers will post questions and never give you their answer. It is a much more important answer the reader comes to, than what the writer gives for an answer. How ... ever. What is the anamnesia Medium that causes us to think we remember past lives? ... It is your eternal soul. Your soul came into existence at the moment that there was a capacity for it to be expressed by the encounter of your mother's egg and your father's sperm. The unfolding of that capacity which has occurred in your Pura Vida is not to be undone by the fact sperm and egg that are no more. Once they joined in fact, they were no longer those entities, but a new creation. And what unfolded out of, what emerged as the capacity, the promise, the potential, of your life by free will is eternal.

The idea and belief in reincarnation is not irrational. Some of the greatest minds in history had believed in this ancient concept going back thousands of years. It was well known that Pythagoras and Empedocles both endorsed the idea of reincarnation. In a religious scripture, many traditions, the Bhagavad-Gita, the Old Testament, the New Testament presented the idea of the return of personhood. John the Baptist indicates that he was not the return of Elijah. Christ indicate that John the Baptist was the return of Elijah. They are both true and correct. The Bahá'u'lláh in the Kitab-i-Iqán precisely explained these traditions of the return of our Promised Ones. The Sun of truth, which appears in one age in one country and appears later in another age in another country has the characteristics of the same Sun, but in fact is not. Humanity has some very interesting perceptions that the sunrise today compared to the sunrise yesterday,

we perceive is the same Sun. But the reality is the light that came to us from the sun was not the same light. It was generated fresh and new. And the sun doesn't rise we spin. So human perceptions of reoccurrence and cycles is one of our favorite perceptions because we will group events with similar occurrences and say it is the same event. Everything that the single Creator creates is a singularity. Every atom is unique and every day is unique and every life is unique.



Human perception of reality creates temporal links.

Indeed, O Brother, if we ponder each created thing, we shall witness a myriad perfect wisdoms and learn a myriad new and wondrous truths. One of the created phenomena is the dream. Behold how many secrets are deposited therein, how many wisdoms treasured up, how many worlds concealed.

Observe, how thou art asleep in a dwelling, and its doors are barred; on a sudden thou findest thyself in a far-off city, which thou enterest without moving thy feet or wearying thy body; without using thine eyes, thou seest; without taxing thine ears, thou hearest; without a tongue, thou speakest. And perchance when ten years are gone, thou wilt witness in the outer world the very things thou hast dreamed tonight. Now there are many wisdoms to ponder in the dream... First, what is this world, where without eye and ear and hand and tongue a man puts all of these to use? Second, how is it that in the outer world thou seest today the effect of a dream, when thou didst vision it in the world of sleep some ten years past? Consider the difference between these two worlds and the mysteries which they conceal, that thou mayest attain to divine confirmations and heavenly discoveries and enter the regions of holiness. God, the Exalted, hath

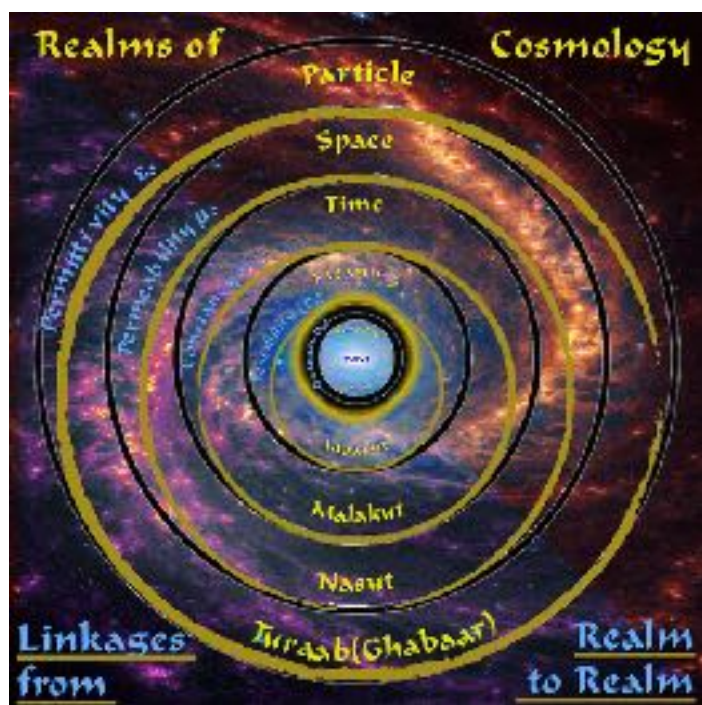
placed these signs in men, to the end that philosophers may not deny the mysteries of the life beyond nor belittle that which hath been promised them. ~Bahá'u'lláh



Reality is what it is, independent of our perception.

Behold how the thing which thou hast seen in thy dream is, after a considerable lapse of time, fully realized. Had the world in which thou didst find thyself in thy dream been identical with the world in which thou livest, it would have been necessary for the event occurring in that dream to have transpired in this world at the very moment of its occurrence. Were it so, you yourself would have borne witness unto it. This being not the case, however, it must necessarily follow that the world in which thou livest is different and apart from that which thou hast experienced in thy dream. This latter world hath neither beginning nor end. It would equally be true to maintain that thy spirit, having transcended the limitations of sleep and having stripped itself of all earthly attachment, hath, by the act of God, been made to traverse a realm which lieth hidden in the innermost reality of this world. Verily I say, the creation of God embraceth worlds besides this world, and creatures apart from these creatures. In each of these worlds He hath ordained things which none can search except Himself, the All-Searching, the All-Wise. Do thou meditate on that which We have revealed unto thee, that thou mayest discover the purpose of God, thy Lord, and the Lord of all worlds. In these words the mysteries of Divine Wisdom have been treasured.~ Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, pp. 187-188

So this student sometimes drills down to simple ideas. For all of those who think that the experiences they have in trance, in meditation, in dreams, in transcendental moments we assume to be past lives. Perhaps when Stephen Hawking inquired “Why don’t we remember the future?”, there are moments, transcendental of time, that souls remember their own future which they have interpreted to be some other past. It will always be left to that soul to determine the meaning of the experience themselves. There is a realm between purpose and time, if you get your meaning.



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