

Article 7: Your Life Is A Motion Picture

If, as Aristotle believed and is widely accepted today, all things in life are caused by a self-causing God (See **Life's Emergent Miracles**), then, once this first-cause sets matters into motion, nothing can possibly interrupt this process to cause something different, ...for, if this chain of causes and events or effects can be interrupted, what, outside of the original process, causes matters to change? And if the changes are part of the first-caused process, then nothing has changed ...or can ever be changed, because such "changes" exist as aspects of the original cause. Yet, many beliefs and religions today are founded on the principle that all things were created by and proceed from God and his plan for you and the universe.

Of course, if this is true, then you do not have free will or any aspect of self-determination, because all things were created by this self-causing God ...and continue today as expressions of the original-cause. And if you do possess the free will to choose the self and life you desire, and for which you are willing to be "judged" by self or another, then life cannot be a continuous chain of causes and effects ...and all things must arise as uncaused emergent events (See **Life's Emergent Miracles**).

Fortunately, Max Planck, the Nobel Prize winning physicist who established the revolutionary Quantum Theory of modern physics, revealed that energy is not continuous, that, like photons of light, it occurs in tiny packets that are so small that an action or event—which are streams of these energy packets—only appears to be continuous. These packets of energy or events, which Planck called quanta, are so tiny—and the intervening spaces are even smaller—that actions and events seem to be continuous; but between each energy-packet, the event disappears completely ...and reappears from that nothingness as the next packet.

Consider the motion picture of two dancers: as each "fixed-frame" of the filmstrip is brought into focus and projected, the dancers appear to move evenly across the screen, yet, between each frame, the dancers disappear entirely ...and reappear as the next frame comes into focus. All actions and events in life are much like the filmstrip in which the activity disappears completely and reappears ex nihilo—from nothing—slightly different at the next quantum. And as no frame is "caused" by a preceding frame, no event is ever caused by a preceding event, ...for each quantum is a complete emergent event.

And isn't that exactly what science reveals in declaring that for each action there is a simultaneous equal and opposite reaction? (See **Life's**

Goals.) Each action/reaction is a complete event-packet, a tiny quantum-event, a single frame in a motion picture that is your life ...which ends at each frame—or moment—and is resurrected in the next.

This disappearance and reappearance keeps actions and events, and your self and life, from being unchangeable, for as you can easily cut a filmstrip and splice in a different frame, or a new ending to the motion picture, actions and events in your life, occurring as quanta of energy, can just as readily be changed at each moment or emergent-quantum.

Every occurrence in your body and life, outpicturing exactly how you are living your life, is much like projecting the filmstrip that is you onto a screen of your life. And if you change your self, like splicing a new frame into a filmstrip, the next moment of your body and life changes.

If all of this seems a little weird and hard to understand and accept, remember that Max Planck, facing the disbelief of his Quantum Theory, indicated that, often, new ideas are not readily accepted; ...it takes time for the resistance and old ideas to die out with the disbelievers and acceptance to grow with a new generation that has been raised with these ideas. First these truths become familiar and ordinary; then, later, as “necessary” aspects of a vital and fulfilling life, many people wonder how they ever could have lived without them..