

## Article 298: Some Mindstuff About Mind –part 3

1. In an effort to “prove” that an immortal-self or soul does not exist, philosopher Derek Parfet suggested that by taking all the information from your brain, an exact replica of you could be built ...and that replica would essentially be you, for it would have your memories ...and believe it had been you all the time. Of course, there would not be two of you, because in Parfet’s example, all of your body cells would be sucked dry, so there would be no *you*, ...but then, there would be a *you* because you would be the replica ...and the replica would be you, ...therefore, he reasoned, in the model there is no immortal self, there is only body and brain.

Of course, the cells his theory destroys because of the removal of brain activity are actually the destruction of *solid mindmemories* which occur as data coalesces to information to particular energy to specific cell-matters, ...therefore, to replicate you completely, it would be necessary to reduce or disassemble the matter•memory-cells to mindful-information and then reassemble you, ...therefore, the self we are referring to is not just brain and body ...and it’s more than skin-deep, it is mind that is you, which forms the particular mind•matter-cells that you are, which functions through brain as it functions through every cell, ...therefore, if you are properly replicated in Parfet’s example, the youmind~aka soul, spiritual self, immortal being~is re-embodied ...and thus remains.

To protect yourself and free will, the universe offers no possibilities ...and gives you nothing, yet fully supports all possibilities and things you choose for yourself. In much the same way, can you understand that the universe offers no mindful information, wisdom, awareness, or realization ...yet fully supports whatever you choose?

In this, as possibilities act through you as you choose and are you, and are *not* potential within you ...yet are, ...mind acts through your brain as you choose and becomes youmind, and in that is you ...and is *not* potential wisdom or understanding within you ...yet is. There is no source of possibilities or wisdom in the universe for you to attain to, ...you are the “simultaneous creator”, not the source (as in potential), ...therefore, what you do not create by putting into your self and life, you do not have.

If you understand this, you can easily realize how mind is the process of brain ...yet is not! And you can understand that mind precedes brain activity ...yet is the consequence of that activity, ...and can depend upon such activities ...yet exists and functions completely free of the brain. Just as all things are possibility and promise ...yet gives you nothing, mind

is all things yet no thing in particular until you mind promise and particularize mind, ...would you want it otherwise?

2. Years ago, a minister declared, "I am a theologian of considerable gifts, and yet I can no more imagine immortality than I can image the void that existed before matter took form." However, had we been there, we would have asked, "But can you imagine yourself imagining these things? ...and could it be that nothing lies before your imagining? ...or beyond your imagining as an effect? ...that imagining itself is the whole? And could it be that *the stirring of mind* is life itself? If so, then mind is life, minding is living, and that is the beginning and the all, which continues as mind~not brain~ continues endlessly from one thought to the next in infinite variation and immensity.

"As you think of yourself being yourself, can you think of yourself being someone other than you are today? If you can think of yourself as having been John Smith in a past life, you can easily think of yourself as Jane Smith in the future ...and you can build both John and Jane into yourself today! ...and, in that, you have imagined your *immortality* and *the void that existed before* you took form in this life."

*"All of life is mind, ...and all of your life is in your mind!"*

3. What awareness would you gain about mind from the illustration of three individuals suffering a stroke which resulted in one patient being completely able to function normally but his personality changed radically; another's mind seemed intact but she could neither function, remember, or express a personality; and the third could neither speak nor move?

Most people and neurologists would probably indicate that these differences reveal the brain areas that were damaged in each patient ...which indicates that mind is merely brain function ...or is generated by the brain functioning. Yet, as these same patients recovered full mobility and a complete sense of self and memories ...their original brain damage remained and other areas took over these functions, ...doesn't this indicated mind, and each patient's mind in particular, functioning through the brain ...yet being independent of brain ...or a particular part of the brain? ...for if the mind's functioning depends upon a damaged brain or part of brain which does not offer mind-functions ...or particular mind-functions, how did mind use another part of the brain? ...and what mind minded this changed use of normal brain activities?

4. If we ask, "Will you promise to live your greater self and life as spirit or mind?" ...you would probably choose mind ...yet you probably don't really mean that, for actually, all your life, in one way or another,

you've chosen spirit as a way to be relieved of physical mind ...and the problems, difficulties, restrictions, and limitations you feel are created by mind ...so, you lied to yourself, didn't you?

You chose mind hoping to overcome mind, ...didn't you? ...or if you chose spirit, you were hoping that this choice would also overcome mind and mind problems, ...didn't you? Does any of this make sense?

Since beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, emotions, words, and actions are all mind, you can only put "mind stuff" into your self and life, so why ever would you want to get free of the only thing you can put into your mindful self and life? Of course, you don't agree that you are trying to overcome your mind ...and maybe you're right! ...you are struggling to overcome your languaged-beliefs•thoughts•feelings•actions.

In maintaining your language, judgments, and languaged-beliefs ...and concepts of self, you have, like it or not, chosen spirit, ...and, in that, you cannot know or understand yourself ...or anything, or even communicate with yourself, ...thus every aspect of your self and life is completely unknown and out-of-control, but not realizing this, you continue struggling in the unknown darkness of your self and life to make some kind of sense out of anything.

You've heard me say before that you cannot speak of spirit ...and you probably agreed with my words, yet you don't believe it, do you? You've bet your present self and life on spirit ...and your future or on-going life on spirit, ...so what is this spirit?

You deserve an intimate relationship  
not to make you happy or feel fulfilled,  
but to shape the richness of who you are.