

The Nature of the Spiritual Realm

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Drop Down Exercise

- Think about someone or something that you really love
 - Can you tell where your conscious mind is?
- Feel your love for them
 - Can you feel where your heart/soul is?
- Drop down further into your spirit and sense the spirit of your love for them
 - Can you sense your spirit different than your emotions?
- Look even deeper and find God, the Spirit of Love itself.
 - What does God feel like?
 - How is it different from your own spirit?

Nature Reveals the Spiritual

- The natural/physical things reveal concepts and understandings about some spiritual things
 - This is how we get the basic level of understanding about the spiritual realm
 - But there are higher level spiritual things that have no parallel in the physical
 - But understanding the spiritual things that do have physical parallels is the first step in understanding the rest
- John 3:12 NASB

"If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

Natural Training Ground

- God made both the physical realm and the spiritual realm, so they must be consistent
- The physical realm is much more limited than the spiritual realm
 - So it is easier to comprehend
 - It makes a good training ground to understand the basic spiritual concepts
 - We just have to remember that the spiritual is much more free than the physical realm so we don't get stuck in a limited physical box

God's Covenant

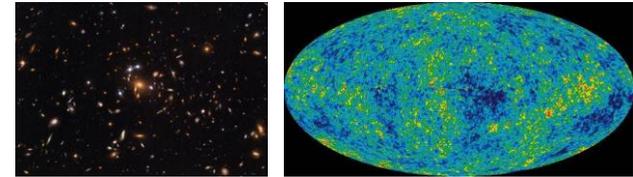
- Jeremiah 33:25

This is what the Lord says: 'If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the fixed laws of heaven and earth, then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them.'

- God will not violate his covenant with the laws of nature
- But He does frequently manipulate them
- God has given us dominion over nature also (Psalm 8, etc)
- We need to know what the laws are and how they relate to the spiritual realm

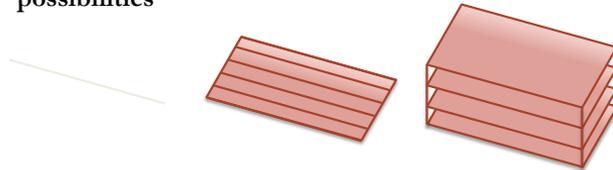
The Biggest Things

- 93 Million miles (8.317 light minutes) to the sun
- 4.22 light years to Proxima Centauri
- The Milky Way is 100,000 light years across
- 46.5 Billion light years to the edge of the visible universe (4.4×10^{26} m) across (and growing)



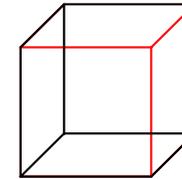
Higher Dimensions

- 1 time
- 3 space (150 Billion Light Years across)
- 6-7 non-physical dimensions
- 10-11 total dimensions
- Dimensions are called a "Degree of Freedom"
- Each new dimension is a new infinity of possibilities



4D Thinking

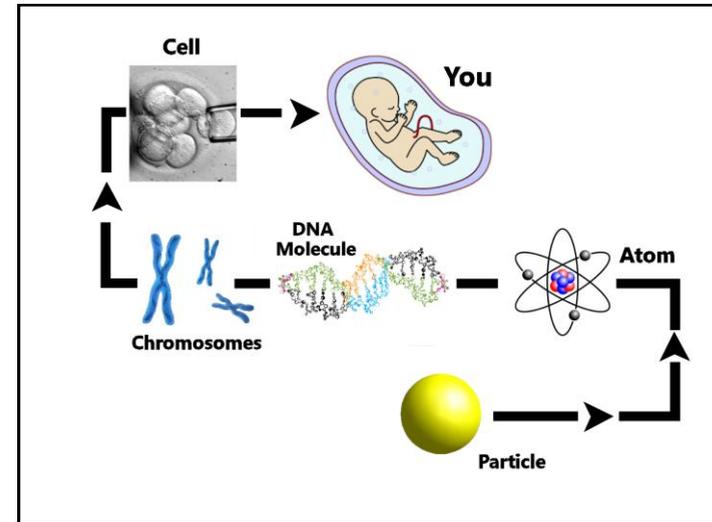
- Is the red in the front or the back?



- That's you brain rotating the box through the 4th dimension.
- Your brain can handle 4, but your spirit can handle more!

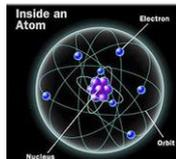
Ponder: How Big is God?

- The physical part of the universe is huge and the non-physical part is way bigger
- So, what does that say about God and what He is like?
- God lives in you, so how does that affect your inner world?
- You are in Christ, so how does that affect your outer world?

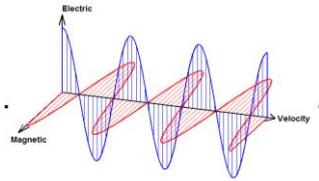


The Smallest Things

- Atoms ($1 \times 10^{-10} \text{m}$) are made out of
 - Electrons
 - Protons
 - One down, two up quarks
 - Neutrons
 - One up, two down quarks
- Light is made up of photons
- So everything in the universe is made out of quantum particles like electrons, quarks, and photons.

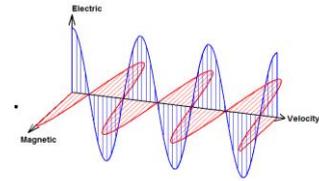


What are Particles made of?

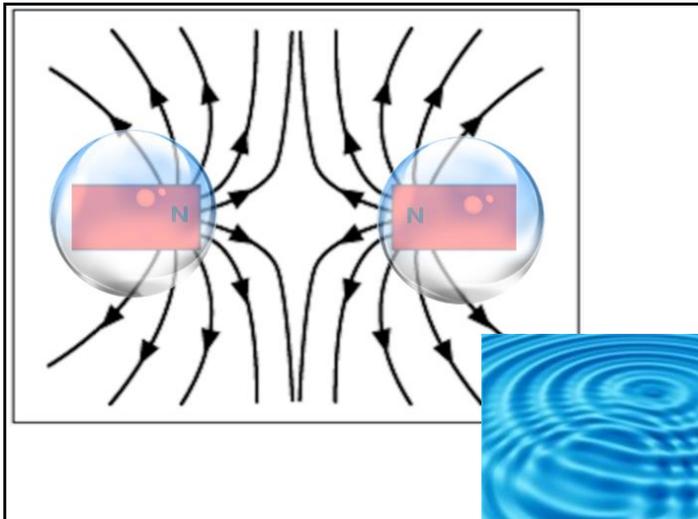


- Quantum particles are made out of “quantum waves”
- These quantum waves move in one direction and have constant amplitude

What are Particles made of?



- Like electromagnetic waves, etc.
- So everything in the universe is made out of these waves



Dual Nature

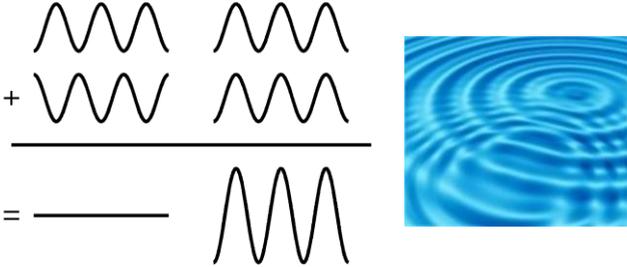
- These little balls are really made up of waves



- This “paradox” is called “Wave-Particle Duality”

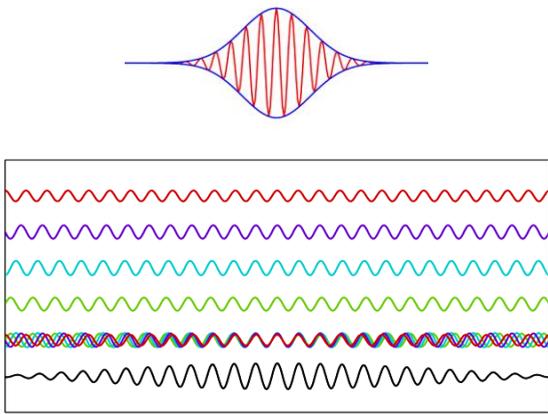
Everything has a confined nature and a spread out nature at the same time.

Wave Addition



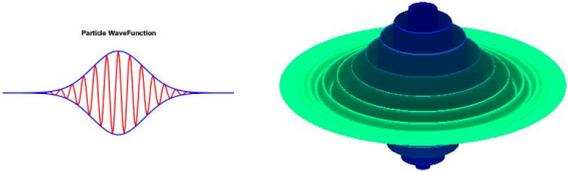
The diagram shows two sine waves on the left, separated by a plus sign. A horizontal line is drawn below them. Below the line, an equals sign is followed by a single, larger sine wave. To the right of the waves is a photograph of blue water ripples.

Particle WaveFunction



The diagram shows a localized wave packet (a red sine wave within a blue envelope) at the top. Below it is a rectangular box containing several overlapping waves of different colors (red, purple, cyan, green, black).

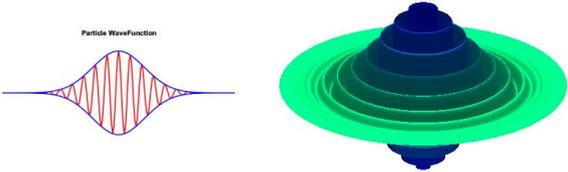
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- The waves add up to make a localized packet of waves
- To the observer this tiny packet looks like a fuzzy ball

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- The underlying waves are still there, but hidden
- The underlying waves can vibrate in all the dimensions of the universe, but we can only measure the physical part.

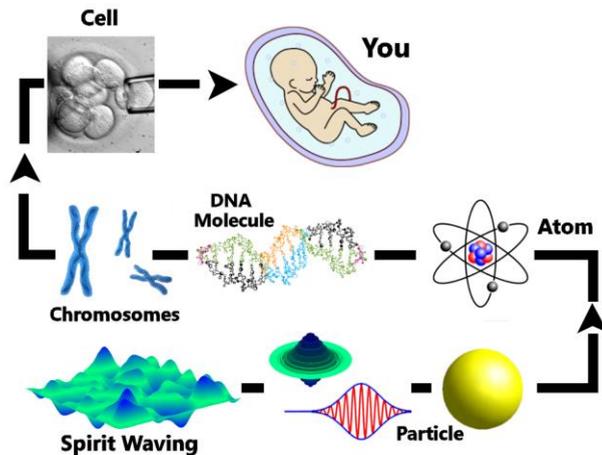
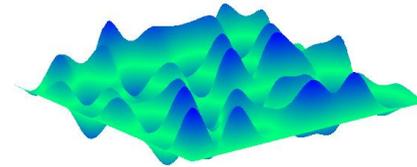
Waving in What?



- The next big question is what are these waves waving in?
- The unknown medium was named “Ether”

Waving in What?

- In 1885, the Michelson-Morley experiment proved that the Ether did not exist or at least it was not physically observable.



Nothing Physical

- Light and matter are waving in nothing (physical)
- The universe is ultimately made up of nothing (physical)

Someone or something is waving nothing and making something

Seen out of Unseen

Hebrews 11:1,3

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Unseen is Eternal

2 Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Sustaining All Things

Hebrews 1:2-3a

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, **sustaining all things** by his powerful word.

God's Sustaining Power

- I bless you with a deeper revelation of God's complete power and total control over every wave, atom, and everything in the universe, including you.
- I bless you with a deeper knowing of how much God is holding you in His loving arms and sustaining you.
- May you have a growing understanding of Christ in you, the hope of Glory (Col 1:27).
- May you have a growing understanding that you are in Christ (John 14:20), and therefore completely safe and secure.

Intimacy with God

- I bless you with a deeper knowing of how intimately God knows you. God knows everything about you and loves you just the way you are.
- May God's love and power that flows through intimacy greatly increase as you grow in your intimate relationship with God.
- May God's powerful love flow into you and out of you to bring you and your surroundings into alignment with God's truth.
- I bless you with a deeper understanding of the spiritual part of yourself. I bless you to learn how to grow in your awareness of the spiritual part of yourself and to connect with Holy Spirit spiritually.