

Cause and Effect

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For there to be the criteria (an accepted measuring principle) of cause and effect, there must be an apparent dualistic world of objectivity, i.e., there must be the fully accepted, apparent existence of a relative universe of time and space.

Now, the mind's own logic requires – even demands – that when there is cause and effect there must be a first cause. This means that this first cause must, by itself, be uncaused or without cause. Otherwise, it would not be the first cause and, being first cause, it therefore has no beginning. If it has no beginning, then it has no end, so this means the qualifications of *before* and *after*, *front* and *back*, *then* and *when*, etc., cannot apply to it. This also means that without these governing principles or decisive factors, what we are calling “first cause” is entirely outside of – *or prior to* – the dimensions of time and space.

So, just what do we have here? We have a quality of Pure Being, or Unconditioned Pure Existence. It further means that nothing said or written *about* IT can in fact *be* IT; all such thoughts or concepts can be used only to point to IT, or in its direction, it being the inexperienceable experience.

It means, just as quantum science has proved: objects appearing in space simultaneously both *are* and *are not* the space in which they appear, since beyond the subatomic level they ultimately “collapse” or disappear into pure energy. They are composed more of the visible/invisible space that they appear in, than the matter of which they are apparently composed.

In the same way, all that is presently appearing in THIS/Pure Consciousness dissolves into THIS/Pure Consciousness, including the personal “self” or individual body-mind that we take ourself to be.

It therefore may be concluded that Liberation is actually *from* the seeming individual “self” you usually take yourself to be, that's now living mechanically (or at the effect of what's happening) in time and space. This occurs when THIS/Pure Consciousness that has no beginning or end, and which does not come and go, is recognized by THIS SINGLE /Pure Consciousness as being “YOUR/ITS” True Identity – as IT *Has Always Been*.

For there is – in TRUTH – no actual world of time and space, these being merely appearances in THIS/Pure Consciousness that You-Always-Already-Are. There is no individual “self” apparently living in this non-existing criterion, which pertains only to the body-mind, this being NOT you, but only your possession in this *appearance* of time and space. You, as an entity in time and space, are only an apparent role that YOU/SELF are now playing. The only purpose of this world, or manifestation, *IS apparent* manifestation.

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