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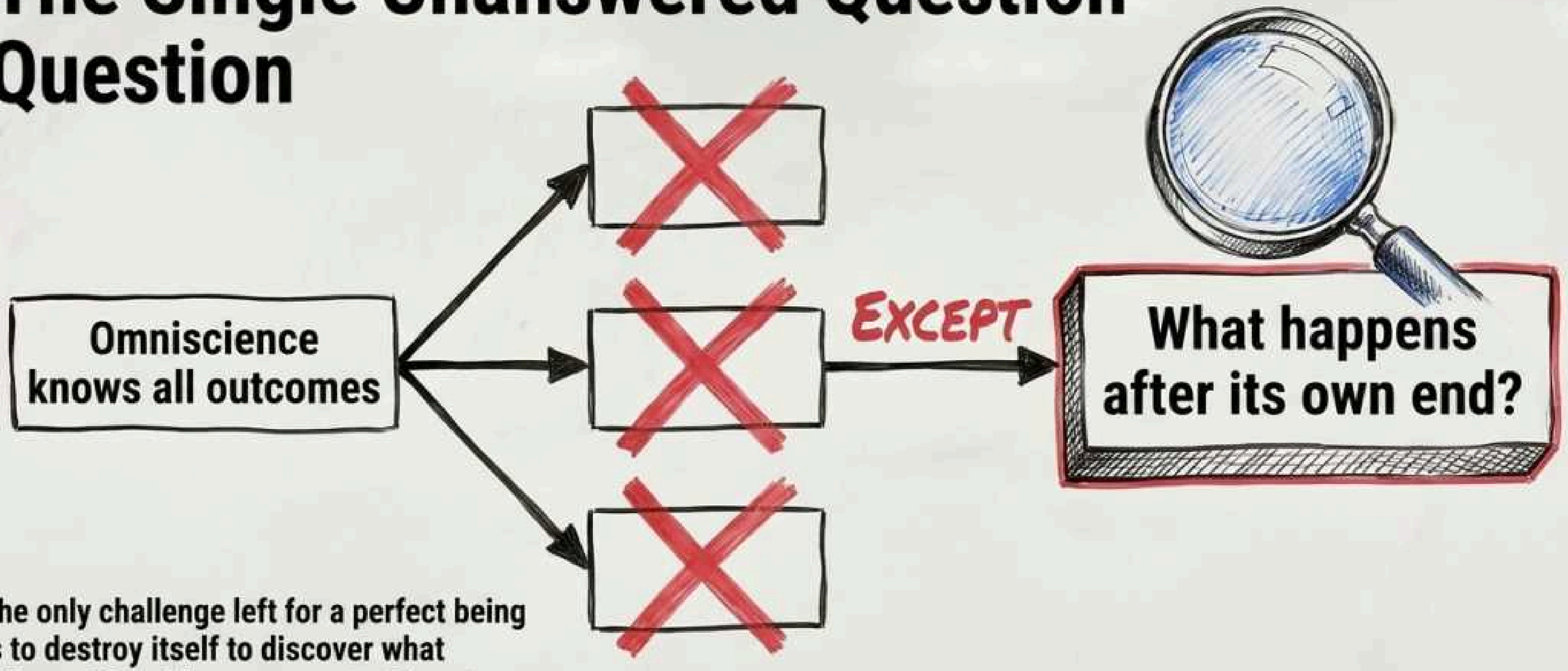
The Motivation of an All-Powerful God

Perfection = Omniscience + Omnipotence → Needs = 0

If you were God, what would you want?

An all-powerful being wants nothing at all. Hunger, fear, desire, and curiosity come from weakness or lack. A being that knows and has everything faces no challenge and feels no need.

The Single Unanswered Question Question

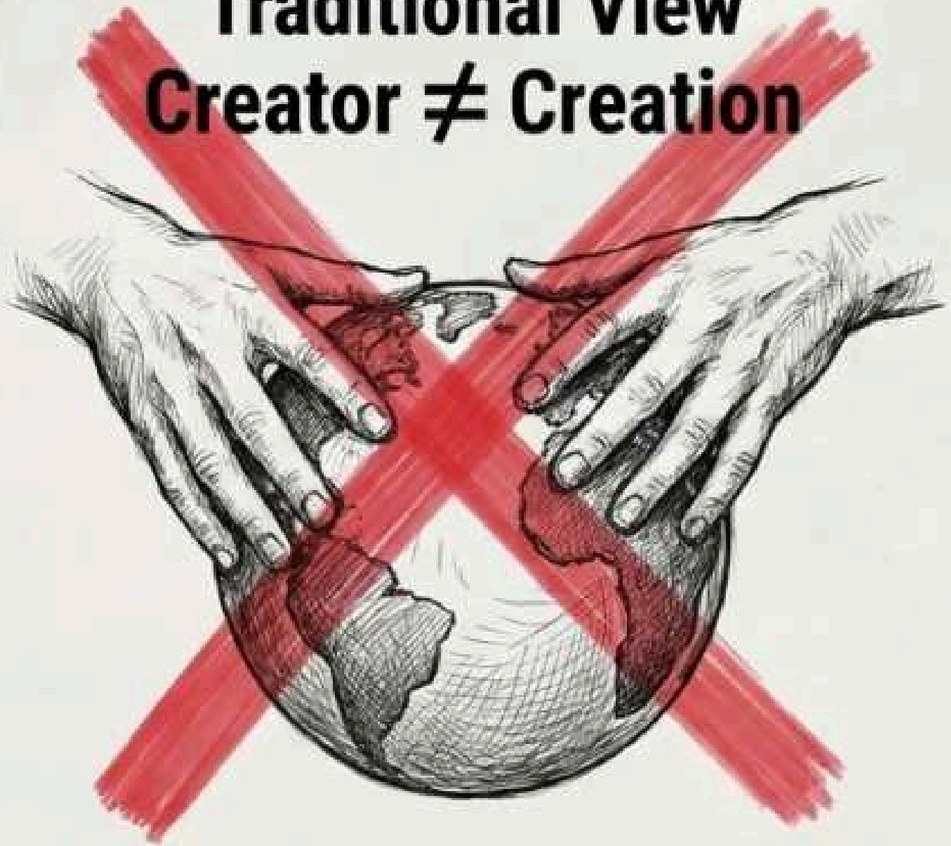


The only challenge left for a perfect being is to destroy itself to discover what follows. The old man presents this not as testable science, but as the simplest speculative story that fits the premise.

The Great Reversal: Becoming the World

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Traditional View
Creator ≠ Creation



Adams' View
Creator = Creation



"We are God's debris." (Adams, 2001, p. 44)

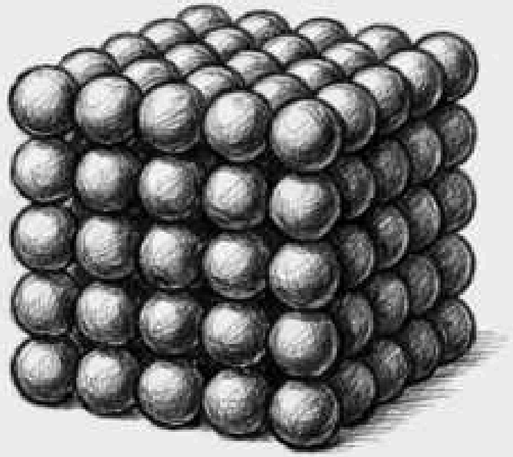
God did not create the world from the outside; God became it, ceasing to exist as a separate entity.

The Anatomy of the Debris

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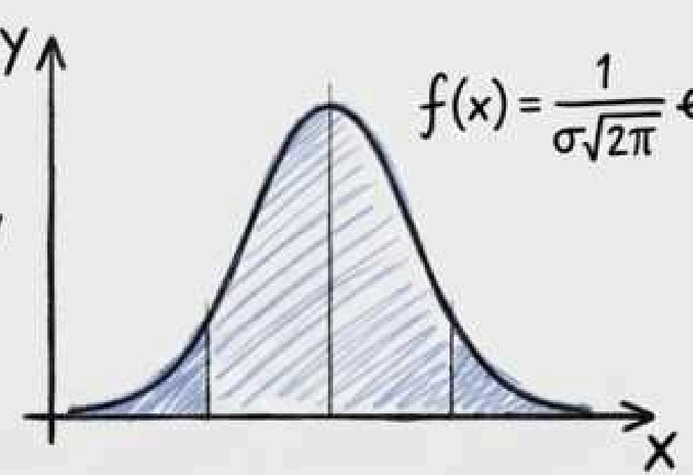
DEBRIS

- Branch 1: God-Dust



The smallest pieces of matter, far below detection. Identical spheres, echoing physics where all electrons are exactly alike.

- Branch 2: Probability

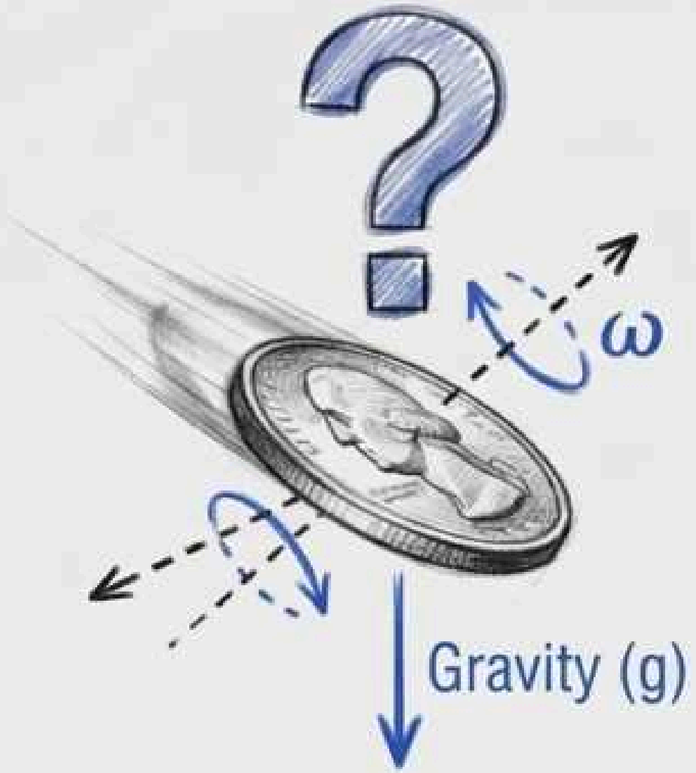


$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

The omnipresent, unblockable force guiding every event. This is what remains of God's power and will.

The Coin Toss: Science vs. Theology

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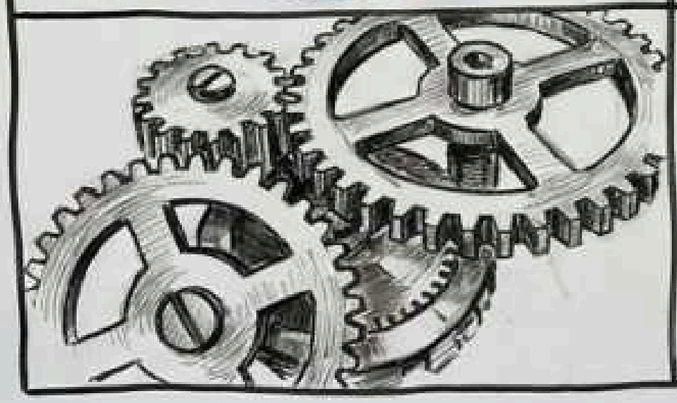


Probability instantly governs every coin toss, without exception. But why?

Science's View	The Old Man's View
Explanations end at well-tested physical laws. No deeper 'why' is required.	The unexplainable, inescapable nature of probability is given theological weight—it IS the remnant of God.

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Defining the View: Pandeism

	Pandeism (Adams' Thought Experiment)	God became the universe and no longer exists as a separate, conscious being.
	Pantheism	God IS the universe.
	Deism	A creator made the world, then stepped back.

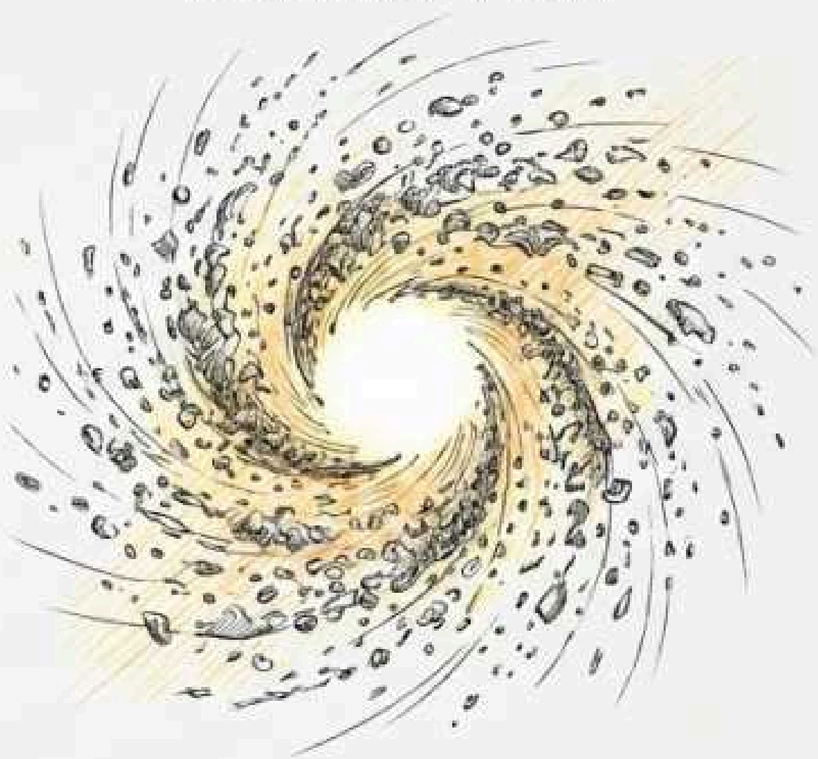
A Gloomier Forerunner: Philipp Mainländer (1876)

Mainländer's View



God chose not to exist ⟶ The universe is what remained, moving irreversibly toward Nothingness.

Adams' View

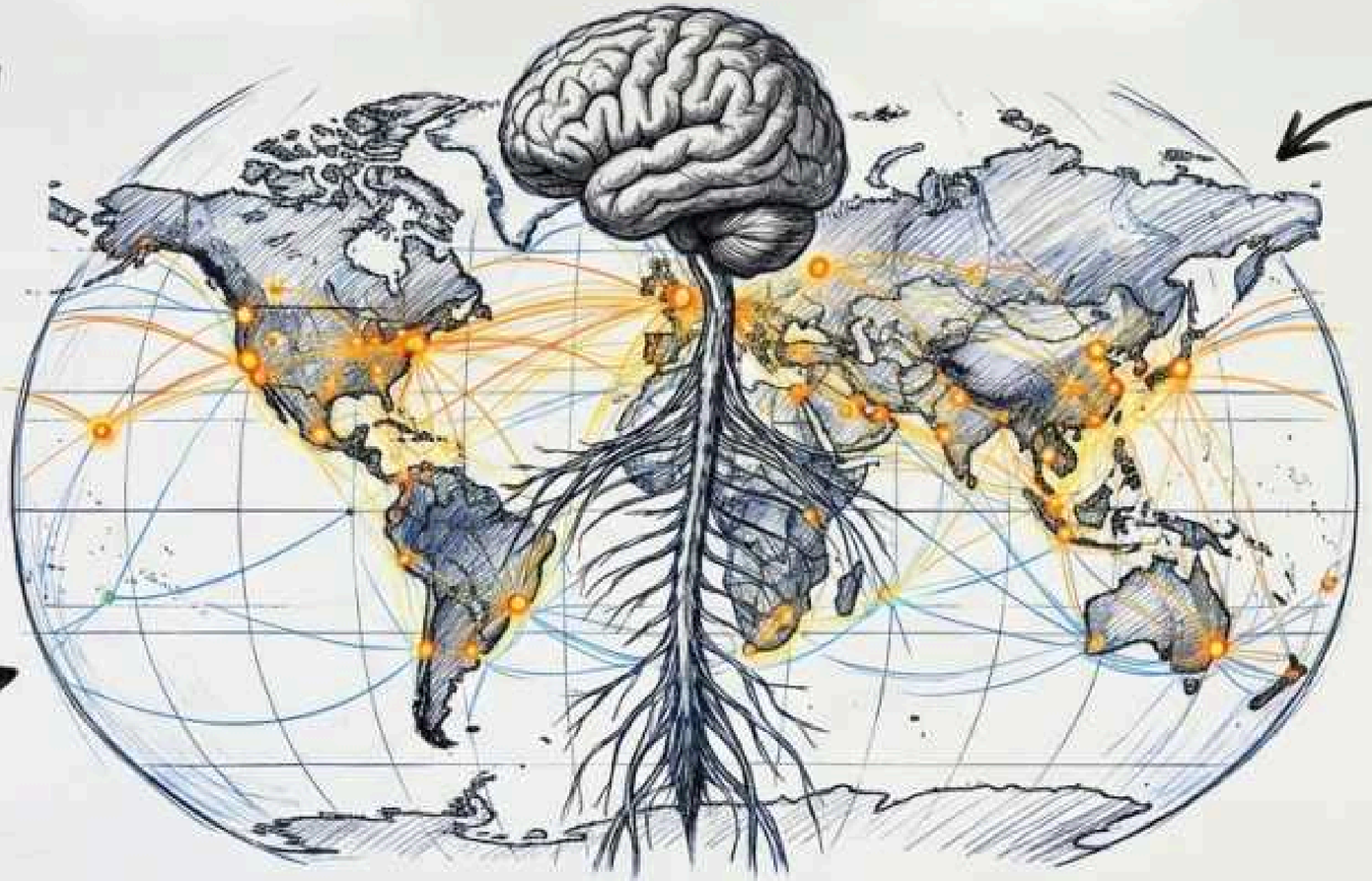


God's debris is putting itself back together. A hopeful cosmic reconstruction.

The idea of a self-ending God was not new, but Adams reimagines it as an act of cosmic reconstruction.

The Reassembly: A Global Mind

Humans linking via communication networks act as a growing nervous system for a global mind, resembling one great conscious being over vast time spans.



Historical Echo: *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1955) – The Phenomenon of Man.*

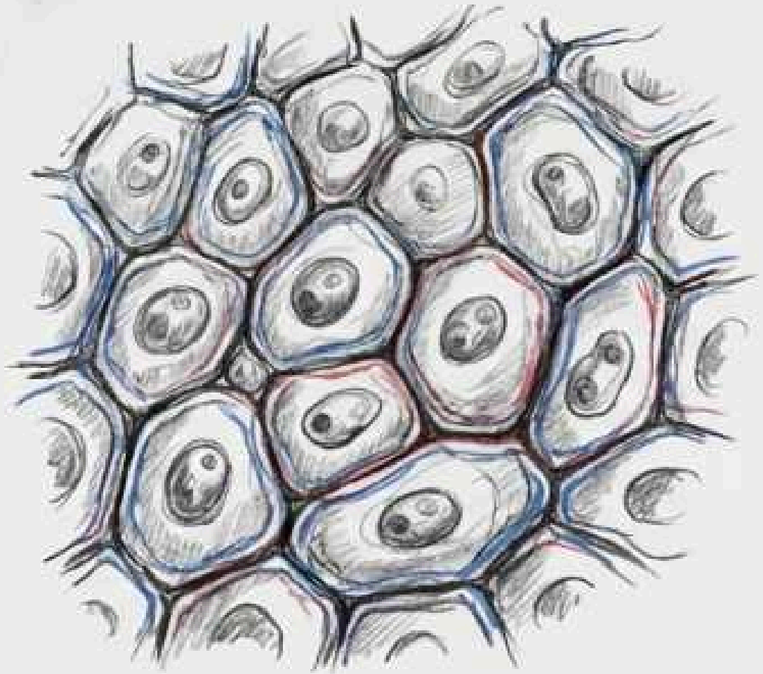
Human Networks → *Noosphere* → *The Omega Point* *(Final Unity)*

Teilhard's vision was religious; the old man's is a thought experiment. Both see human connection as a cosmic story.

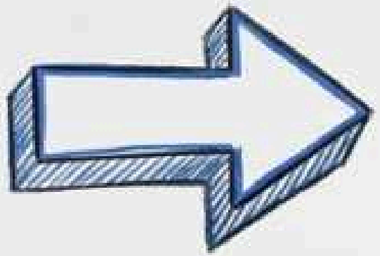
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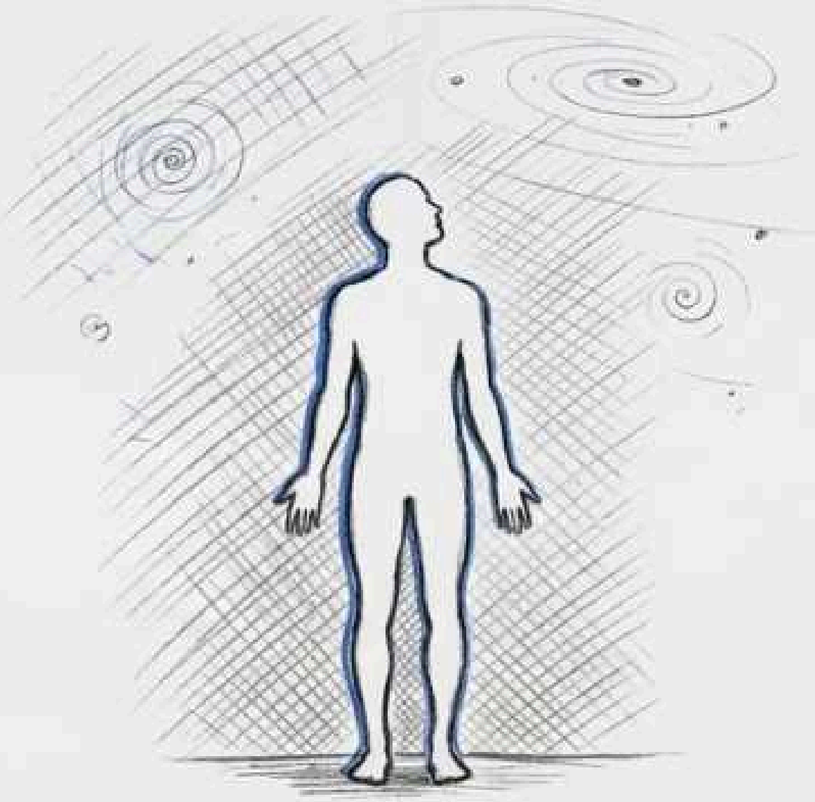
The Problem of Awareness

Would we know if we were parts of God?



Skin cells lack the biological equipment to comprehend the larger human being they form.

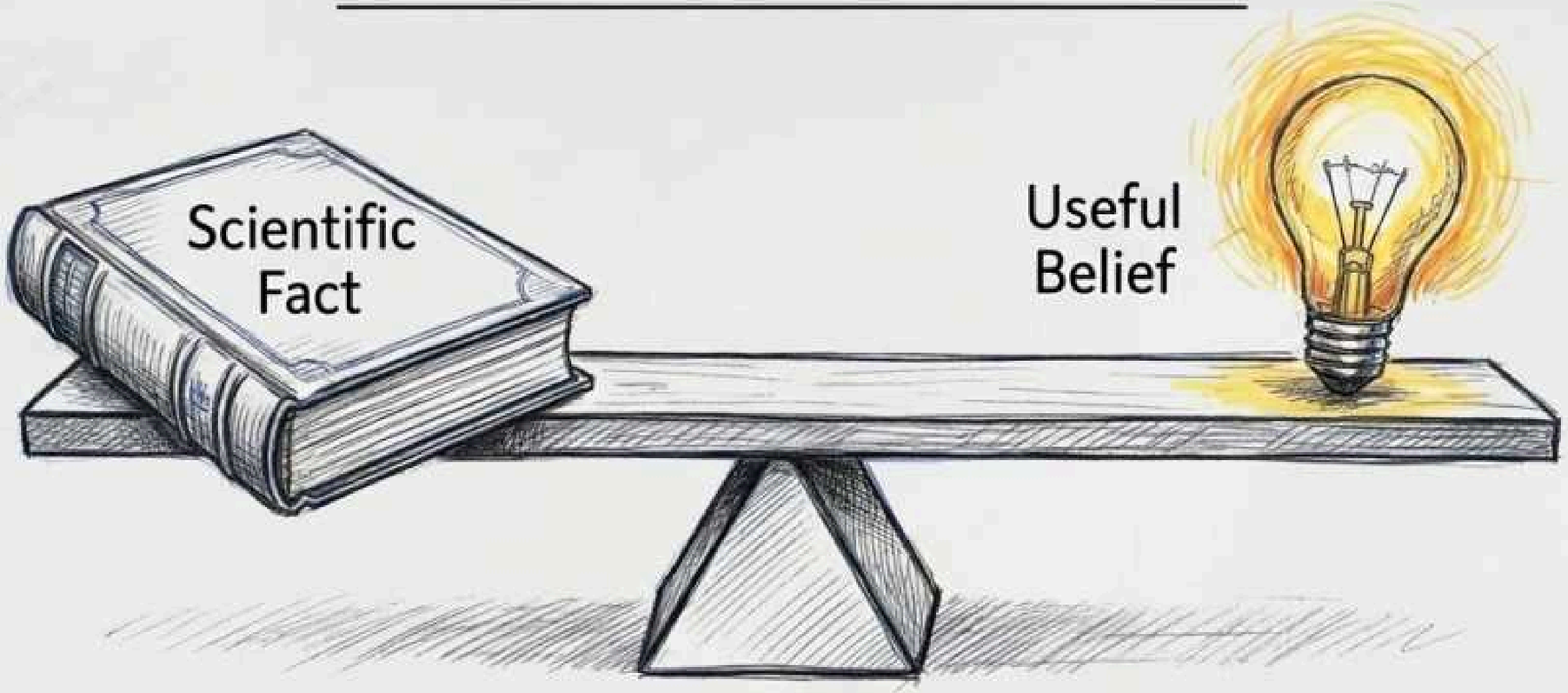




In the same way, we might be parts of a vast, assembling consciousness without the sensory or cognitive tools to perceive it.

A Practical Picture of God

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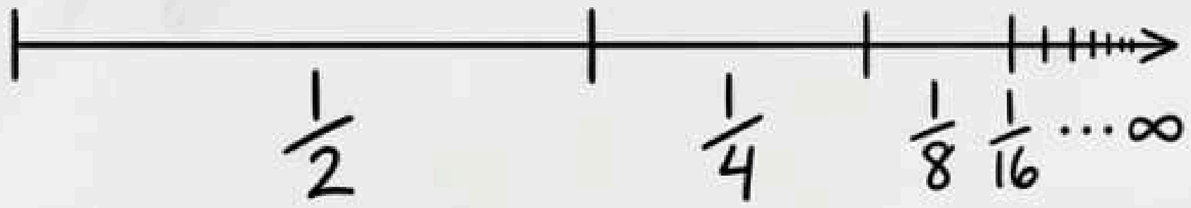
The old man frames his theory as a candidate designed to live alongside science, not as a provable truth.

Is this theory simply one more "illusion that happens to help"?

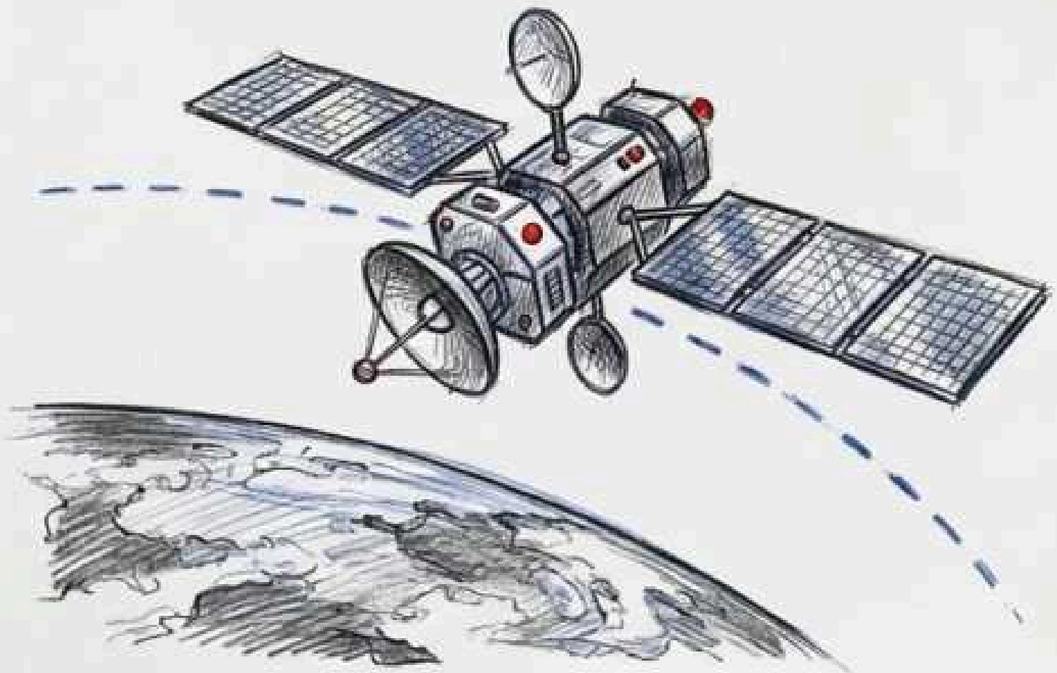
It is a partly practical account—a useful belief rather than a rigid claim requiring proof.

The Physics of God-Dust: Real Science

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Zeno of Elea: If time divides infinitely, motion seems impossible. Time is simply change measured against other change.



$$\Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Einstein's Relativity: There is no universal clock. Confirmed by reality: clocks on navigation satellites must be corrected because they run at different rates than clocks on the ground.

The Physics of God-Dust: Invented Science

Gravity as Probability:
God-dust vanishes and reappears with the universe's "beat"—reappearing closer to large masses to create gravity.



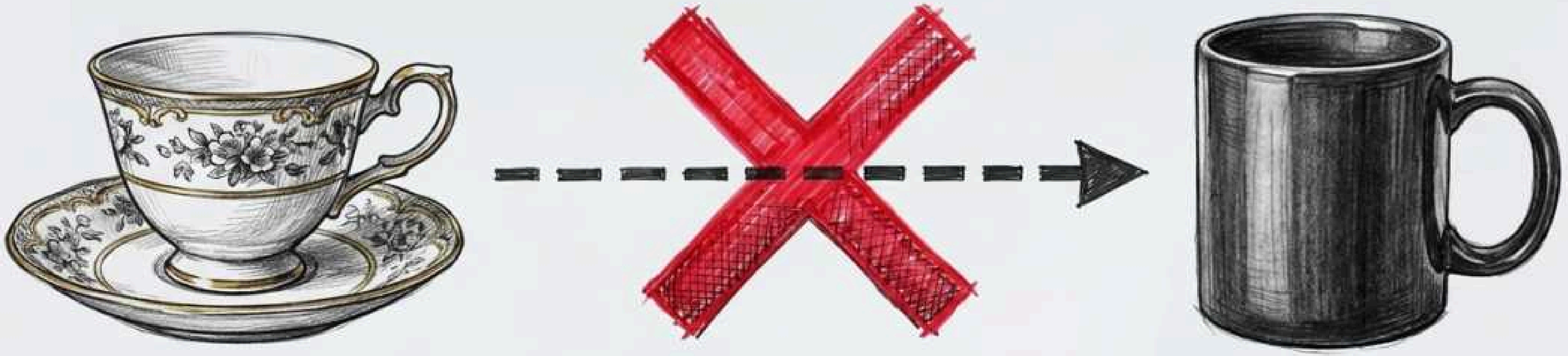
Light: Described doscribed conceptually as a boundary of probability.

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Critique: These ideas borrow the language of quantum physics but offer no empirical tests against careful measurements. They are designed purely to sound true.

The Flawed Attack on Evolution

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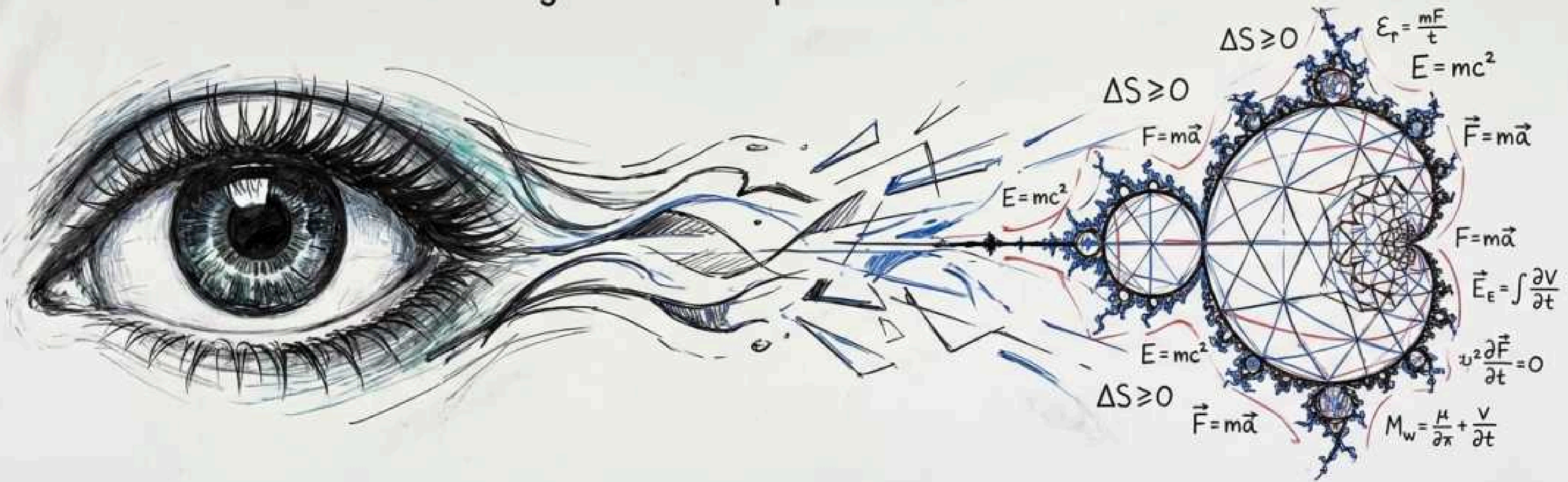
The False Analogy: Aliens assuming kitchenware evolved simply based on sequential shape variations.

The Scientific Reality: Dishes do not reproduce, vary organically, or pass on inherited traits—the vital engines of natural selection. selection. Evolution is supported by fossils, genetics, and direct observation.

The Lesson: This section serves as a test for the reader: can you resist a confident, clever-sounding, but fundamentally broken argument?

God: Person or Process?

Is God best thought of as a person with wishes and feelings,
or as something more like a process or a law of nature?



The Takeaway: Admire the bold picture of God's Debris, but meticulously separate its underlying science from its fiction.