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Is Everything Connected and Predestined

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ABSTRACT

Looking at the Cosmos we find that all planets hang in balance due to gravitational pull. They are all connected. In fact, everything in the universe is connected. We are also inter-connected, however the connecting bond is not visible. Maybe the binding force is like gravitation which can be felt but not seen. Destiny makes us believe that everything is predestined. Thus, not only are we connected but whatever happens to us or around us is also predestined. The thought is not only a philosophy but scientific because quantum entanglement supports the belief that everything is connected and predestined. This paper explores these aspects

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eil deGrasse Tyson says, "When I look up in the universe, I know I'm small but I'm also big. I'm big because I'm connected to the universe, and the universe is connected to me" and as per Paul Hawken, "All is connected... no one thing can change by itself." (https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/connected-quotes_2)

Very True, the whole universe is connected, how else does everything in the universe hang in balance? Not only everything is connected, but everything is also predestined!!

Quintus Curtius Rufus said, "For my own part I am persuaded that everything advances by an unchangeable law through the eternal constitution and association of latent causes, which have been long before predestined."

(https://www.azquotes.com/quote/1049151?ref=predestined)

Yes, everything is Predestined!! Whatever you do you will do only what is predestined. Whatever is predestined in your fate, only that will happen.

In India, since childhood we are taught that our fate is pre written and it is result of our karmas in past life-- भाग्य पहले से ही लिखा होता है; हमारा भाग्य हमारे पूर्वकृत कर्मों का परिणाम है और इसीलिए इसे पहले से ही लिखा होना कहा जा सकता है। This is what Hindus believe! Our Karmas in this life determine our next life, i.e., whatever is happening now in our life is predestined based on our Karmas of past life and our karmas now are writing out fate for future life!!

In this paper, we shall explore all about this belief and shall also explore whether all things in this universe are connected.

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ANCIENT VIEWS ON THESE BELIEFS

Everything is Predestined—Indian View

In India, we have grown up believing that whatever happens in our life is predestined. God has written how and when we shall do what. Each of our thoughts and actions follows a prewritten script. This belief is not only for the current generation, this has been believed from ancient times as is evident from Bhagwad Geeta cited by Pradeep Shrivastava¹ who goes on to say, "From the perspective of the spiritual world, however, in which one identifies with the soul that is temporarily having physical, emotional, and intellectual experiences through the body-mind complex, all work is done through Material Nature (Prakriti), while the soul is just a witness. The material energy or Prakriti, is not antithetical to God; rather it is one of the innumerable powers of God. Thus, from a spiritual perspective, whatever happens in the material world, in the final analysis, can be attributed to God, which implies determinism. No wonder, Hindu scriptures have declared God to be the "cause of all causes" (sarva karana karanam). This brings to mind the famous line from Goswami Tulasidas' "RamcharitManas", "Hoi hai soi jo ram rachi rakha" (Everything happens as per Lord Rama's will)"

Hindu religion says that not even a leaf can flutter without the permission of God. All happenings in the world are predestined. We believe we are doing 'Karma' but in reality, our karma is predesigned by the superpower that is in the process of purifying our soul by refining our karma in each life till we become pure as the almighty and then we merge in HIM and are no longer required to do karma. So, whatever we do in each life is a prewritten act by the superpower and we have no control over it.

This is amply illustrated in Bhagwad Geeta! Bhagwad Geeta does affirm this belief that everything is predetermined vide Shloka 11.33 and 11.34---- तस्मात्त्वमत्तिष्ठ यशो लभस्व

जित्वा शत्रुन भुङक्ष्व राज्यं समृद्धम।

मयैवैते निहताः पूर्वमेव

निमित्तमात्रं भव सव्यसाचिन्॥11.33॥

Therefore, you rise up, (and) gain fame; and defeating the enemies, enjoy a prosperous kingdom. These have been killed verily by Me even earlier; be you merely an instrument, O Savyasacin (Arjuna).

https://www.holy-bhagavad-gita.org/chapter/11/verse/33

द्रोणं च भीष्मं च जयद्रथं च

कर्णं तथान्यानपि योधवीरान् |

मया हतांस्त्वं जिह मा व्यथिष्ठा

युध्यस्व जेतासि रणे सपत्नान || 34||

Dronacharya, Bheeshma, Jayadratha, Karn, and other brave warriors have already been killed by Me. Therefore, slay them without being disturbed. Just fight and you will be victorious over your enemies in battle.

(https://www.holy-bhagavad-gita.org/chapter/11/verse/34)

As per the above narration, Lord Krishna is informing Arjuna that the death of stalwarts in the army of Kaurvas is already caused by him, you have only to fight and make it real now. This means everything is predestined and will only be enacted again and perceived in the present.

Western View on Predestination:

Patricia Reese² talks about the history of Predestination in the Western context⁻

"The concept of predestination has always existed and can be traced back to first-century AD Judaism, from which Christianity was derived. God's quality of omniscience, of surpassing time and knowing all that has and will come to pass, and his quality of omnipotence, of being capable of anything, naturally led to questions about God's sovereignty, authority, or control over human beings. Many biblical scholars point to this passage in the Bible as support for the concept of predestination:

John Calvin, a French theologian. He developed his ideas during the Reformation of the 16th century. Predestination as a doctrine is most popularly associated with Calvin due to his extreme views.

He claimed that human beings do not have free will at all and that everyone is fated to a certain destiny. He goes further with the concept of **double predestination**, which says that God not only predestines some for salvation but he also predestines some for **reprobation**, which is the act of God rejecting and cursing someone whom he does not deem worthy of salvation. Calvin defended his views from some critics, who would point to the Christian understanding of God as an eternal source of love, by saying that God's choice to will suffering unto his creation is a great mystery Christians may never fully comprehend.

Most Christian denominations hold predestination as one of the cornerstones of the Christian faith. The concept is widely misunderstood as being strictly Calvinistic, but that simply is not the case. Below is a brief list of some of the Christian denominations that hold this belief:

- Calvinism
- Roman Catholicism
- Arminianism

Predestination is applied differently by the religious groups who believe in the concept as a doctrine. Calvinism, for example, as noted in a previous section, advocated for a double predestination, or that God both predestines some for salvation and some for reprobation. In contrast, Catholicism teaches that while God may predestine some for salvation, he does not predestine anyone for reprobation.

So, we see that the belief that everything is predestined in spread worldwide from time immemorial. In Christianity, there is faith that everything is predestined and Calvinian faith believes in salvation whom God appreciates and reprobation for others. But be it Salvation or reprobation, everything is predestined.

Views on Connectedness

"TAT TWAM ASI" translates to "That Thou Art" or "You Are That". The phrase represents the idea that the individual self (Atman) is ultimately identical to the ultimate reality or ultimate consciousness (Brahman). This concept is central to Advaita Vedanta, a philosophical and spiritual school of Hinduism, and expresses the idea of nondualism, or the idea that all things are ultimately one and the same.

In Islam, the idea of Tawhid, or the oneness of God, encompasses the belief that all things in the universe are interconnected and dependent on each other and that everything ultimately leads back to the divine unity of God. The Quran also emphasizes the interconnectedness of

all things, stating that everything in the universe has a purpose and that nothing is insignificant.

In Christianity, the concept of the interconnection of all things can be seen in the idea of the body of Christ, where each individual is considered a part of the greater whole, and in the teachings of Saint Francis of Assisi, who believed that all creatures, from animals to plants to inanimate objects, were interconnected and deserving of respect and care.

The Hindu belief that we are all connected stems from the idea that everything in the universe is made up of the same particles/energy. This means that every object is connected by a single vibratory field, also known as the Akasha. The Hindu belief that we are all connected is based on the idea that everything is a manifestation of the divine consciousness and therefore everything in the universe is made up of the same particles/energy and is connected by a single vibratory field, the Akasha. This belief is supported by both spiritual experiences and scientific discoveries and helps to explain how everything in the universe is interconnected. (https://home.iitk.ac.in/~guptah20/kri.html)

Thus, world-wise, there are beliefs that everything is connected and predestined. The views are substantiated through our day-to-day observations. There are observable events that happen spontaneously and sporadically throughout the world that are indicative of connectedness and predestination:

Real-Life Observations indicative of connectedness and Predestination:

There is a thought that the observers through perception create a reality as if it happened just now but, factually, that reality was pre-existing. Just think this way, walking on a road, we, many a time, do not notice or observe many things. However, they pre-exist but since we do not perceive them they are not there and do not exist for us. The moment we perceive these things they become reality for us. Same way, in the universe everything is pre-existing but since we don't have the means to perceive them, they do not become reality. They lie dormant and latent but when some factors (the rolling ball of time is one) illuminate them and bring them into our perception realm, the events manifest in reality. Time is one factor, could there be others?

Another fact that we are connected is best illustrated by telepathic experiences. How else one would be able to read minds which are a thousand miles apart? We must be connected but the connection is not visible. Since everything is predestined and connected, these can manifest at any time provided the situation is conducive for their manifestation. What factors cause their perception and manifest in reality is still not known. We surmised that time is one such factor. We and all events are suspended in the universe in the form of a huge cobweb which is a single entity comprised of infinite objects with their interconnections and events associated with them. Things are connected but insulated and we do not perceive them. Insulation is what prevents chaos because if insulation was not there then all events could happen at the same time creating chaos and confusion. The insulation around pre-destined and connected objects and events prevents chaos and makes these manifest sequentially and systematically in some way. Breach of insulation by some factors (rolling time is one) makes things/ objects/ events/ manifest into what we call reality and it becomes an event in present time by perception.

Talking of perception, we perceive using our five senses i.e., Seeing, Hearing, Smelling, Touching and Tasting. The whole world is known to us through these senses. Perception

brings to life the pre-existing events and we see them in present. Perception is probably one more factor which works in tandem with time and makes the pre-existing things/ events manifest in present. This is one factor which punctures the insulation in connectedness and pre-destined events surface out. Perception could also happen without using the above five senses-- telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, and psychokinesis manifest without using the known five senses. Precognition i.e., perceiving the future happens because the extra sensory perception punctures the insulation of connectedness and illuminates the pre-existing events which are pre-destined and bring them into our knowledge even before time could roll by and reach it. As commented in previous paragraphs, since we are connected, we could reach out to persons separated from us by thousands of kilometres through Telepathy by breaching connectedness- pre-destined insulation. Connectedness only made it possible for us to perceive happening miles away through Clairvoyance. All events are pre-destined and because of that it so happens that we perceive future events through precognition.

The possibility of connectedness and predestination may be the underlying secrets behind the hitherto unknown causes of Telepathy, Clairvoyance and Precognition. Maybe it could also explain life after death as well. All things in the universe are connected and predestined. The fact that they are predestined limits them to be pre-existing and hence no new entities get added; connectedness ensures that no entity or events can get removed, else the connectivity will snap. Things may get transformed but must exist to keep the connectedness. Hence whatever entities are there in the universe have to remain there in some form or the other eternally connected in the bond. This logically leads us to the fact that we are eternal beings and life continues after death. Our appearance/shape may get transformations but still, we remain an entity well connected. We may live like physically embodied live creatures or be discarnate auras but we continue as connected entities.

The concept of connectedness and pre-existence explains various mysteries of nature as described above. While researchers are contemplating that the above extra-sensory perceptions could be happening through some signals, details of which are being researched. Maybe they are on the wrong path and there are no signals but since we are connected the information flow may be in the form of waves as in the ocean. Events and things are there and are connected but we do not perceive them through the known senses or without because situations do not form the factors conducive for their manifestation. Their perception happens sometimes when conducive factors are formed. Telepathy, Clairvoyance and Precognition may be the result of some conducive factors which illuminate the pre-existing and connected events and that's how we perceive them. The conducive factors are still unknown. If we could get to know these, we could master the capabilities of Telepathy, Clairvoyance and Precognition.

Pre-existing events get perceived when the time rolls by. So, time is one factor for their manifestation. Time rolls by and pre-existing events which were latent because they were in future, get manifested and we perceive them in present. But Pre-existing things are also perceived sometimes through precognition i.e., we see the future in the present i.e., before the time has rolled by and brought the events to light, so there must be many more factors which can cause perception of pre-existing things in the present. We do reach far distances without physically going there (Telepathy/ Clairvoyance) which is possible only when we are connected. But how this connectedness makes this possible and that too in rare cases is what is to be explored. What factors come into play that the information flows instantly through our connectedness and we instantaneously become aware of distant events and also those

which are folded in future time? The factors must be rare because the happening of telepathy Precognition and Clairvoyance is rare.

The sporadic events of Telepathy, Precognition and Clairvoyance are indicative of connectedness and that everything is predestined. Besides these rare happenings, some normal simple events which we experience daily also support connectedness.

You must have observed that if you see someone yawn, reflexively you also yawn. Are your brain and that of the other person connected that this phenomenon occurs without your conscious effort? Maybe the impulse to yawn flows into your brain because the waves in the sea of connectedness reach it instantly. The bond between all things is invisible but real and instances such as this and that of Telepathy, Clairvoyance and Precognition are indicative of this bond.

Another normal happening is that you feel uneasy when you feel someone is looking at you intently. This happens even when you are not looking at the other person. This feeling is more intense among women because they are more sensitive. The scientific reason may be that all material objects emit electromagnetic radiation; the distribution of photon energies and fluxes emitted depend primarily on the object's temperature. This phenomenon is known as blackbody radiation. Because the amount of radiation, and its spectrum depends on the temperature, it is sometimes called thermal radiation, or heat radiation.

(http://www.ccpo.odu.edu/SEES/ozone/class/Chap_4/4_6.htm)

The heat radiation emitted by the gage is very feeble and not strong enough to affect a person/object if he/she/it is separate and distanced. This feeling of heat manifests because somehow there is a bond between people and they are connected and this heat energy reaches them instantly in wave form.

The bond between mother and child is known universally. Be it human or otherwise, the bond is universal! The bond stirs the mother's emotion when her child is in pain and it happens even when the child is miles away. The connectedness between mother and child does not warrant proof. The turbulence in the mother's emotions happens because she is connected with the child all the time irrespective of the distance between them. Mother-child connectedness needs no proof, it is a fact but it is not so established whether the siblings are connected. Twins, however, do show evident connectedness. In fact, the whole family is connected and when one is in pain but living miles away, somehow the feeling of pain reaches the family telepathically. But how are others connected?

This connectedness between each of us is logical! If we think about our parentage and that of others, the link is timeless and if we keep tracing our lineage to past millennia would we not reach the limit where the lineage will end to the first mother on this planet? We are all children descending from a mother who lived millions of years in past. But the lineage is a fact and since the mother-child bond and connectedness between the nucleus family is established, the lineage makes us all a string of families originating from a single mother, it is not a wild guess that we must all be connected. While connectedness is not so obvious between strangers but still on rare occasions, telepathy and clairvoyance do bring us real-life awareness about connectedness between two persons. The fact remains that we are all connected.

So far, we have discussed philosophical views and observations that bring us awareness about Connectedness and the fact that everything is predestined. There are scientific thoughts also on these subjects and now we shall dwell on the same.

Scientific thinking on Predestined and Connectedness

Modern thinking is that not only everything is predestined but is connected and we have a well-connected universe in which everything of past, present and future pre-exists in well-connected form. A Spirkin³ posits a theory:

Nothing in the world stands by itself. Every object is a link in an endless chain and is thus connected with all the other links. And this chain of the universe has never been broken; it unites all objects and processes in a single whole and thus has a universal character. We cannot move so much as our little finger without "disturbing" the whole universe. The life of the universe, and its history lies in an infinite web of connections.

Whereas the interconnection of things is absolute, their independence is relative. In the sphere of non-organic nature, there exist mechanical, physical and chemical connections, which presuppose interaction either through various fields or using direct contact. In a crystal, which is an ensemble of atoms, no individual atom can move in complete independence from the others. Its slightest shift affects every other atom. The oscillations of particles in a solid body are, and can only be, collective. In living nature, there exist more complex connections—the biological, which are expressed in various relations between and within species and also in their relations with the environment.

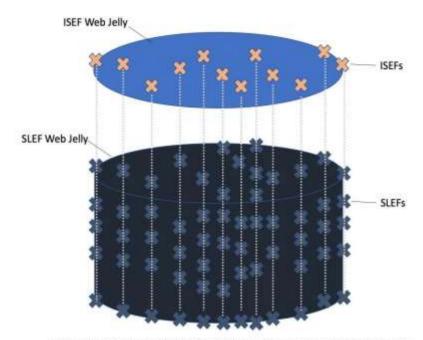
Connections exist not only between objects within the framework of a given form of motion of matter but also between all its forms, woven together in a kind of infinitely huge skein. Our consciousness can contain no idea that does not express either imagined or real connections, and in turn, this idea must of necessity be a link in a chain of other ideas and conceptions.

The theory is having deep thought and supports the view that everything is connected. It also puts forth a view that the independence of each object is relative. Even a slight change in one object makes the connection turbulent as all other things get affected but the unity is not broken. The connection remains intact. Since connection does not break even if a change occurs in one of the objects, does it not presuppose that objects may change but not disappear? This supports the Indian Philosophy that we do not vanish when we die, we just change our bodies. It also does not contradict the belief that everything is predestined.

Death does not cease our existence and there are many theories supporting this view. Not only this but death does add a dimension to our thoughts on connectedness. An idea projected in my paper⁸ becomes relevant here:

We, all creatures, are all energy forms. The alive energy form is visible as our persona. We may call this life energy form as SLEF. Our soul is a subtle energy form and is our unique indentity. We may call this Individual Self energy form, ISEF. SLEF at time of death in this life transforms to the subtle energy form individual self-energy form (ISEF) which is our unique identity but is not visible. But when we are reborn as a different entity we may be getting another energy transformation from our unique ISEF to a different SLEF. We keep our identity of ISEF even though at reincarnations we become different SLEFs.

We are all interconnected in cobweb forms which are like huge jellys hung in space—there may be two jellys; one for ISEF and another huge cylindrical jelly form for SLEFs. These are explained pictorially as below:



Thematic picture showing ISEF & SLEF Web Jellies connected with Silver cords

While each ISEF is connected to its different SLEFs via silver cords, ISEFs are all interconnected with different ISEFs within their jelly form. Same way all SLEFs are interconnected within the cylindrical jelly form. The connectedness is not visible and is insualted to give us a feel of distinct entities. Interconnectedness of SLEFs are sometimes affirmed by instances of telepathy which manifests because of a breach in insulation of connectedness between different SLEFs. The proof of interconnectedness of ISEF with SLEFs lies in instances of reincarnations.

Thus we have a scientific explanation asto how we all remain interconnected even when we transform into different life cycles through incarnation

Paul Moses and Paul O'Hara⁴ posit scientific thoughts on connectedness:

"Quantum Mechanics states that the Universe is made up of space filled with fields of vibration, interconnected, united and in constant communication, where distance and time are of no consequence; where one end of the Universe moves connected and in relationship to the other end and everything in between is a grand movement or dance held in space. In truth then, our lives and indeed everything in the entire universe are not only all connected but absolutely so, with no separation.

A great reflection of this is found in our oceans. Just as waves in the ocean travel endlessly, reflecting off the shore and each other, vibrations move as waves, never truly ending; they simply interact and transform with each other and objects. Objects themselves are simply vibrations of a denser frequency. Since everything is vibration, then everything is formed by vibration and hence there is no individuality, only interconnectedness that evolves and expands by its own interaction with its grand self.

If we choose to see and recognize individuality we are creating and recreating that illusion, a corruption of the truth, simply a lie. The truth is that our Universe, as the name implies, is one song, or one unified vibration where nothing happens by itself. There is no such thing as individualization – we cannot be separate from anything, everything is everything, the one is the all, a great oneness."

Quantum Mechanics opens a new way of thinking!!

Maybe we are all vibrations like waves of a sea -vibrating, connected and in constant communication. We and our associated events, all pre-exist in the form of vibrations and are independent of time and distance. Only when time happens to roll by, it illuminates the vibrations and create the present that we perceive. Maybe the motion of time transforms the vibrations into reality that we perceive. We all pre-exist but manifest only with illumination caused by time.

Science on Predestined

Quantum entanglement confirms that not only we are connected but also asserts that everything is predestined.

Quantum entanglement confirms that everything in the universe is connected. In fact, an article in Faith and Physics⁵ not only asserts connectedness but also confirms that everything is predestined:

"Quantum entanglement reveals the fundamental nature of the universe. Quantum entanglement defies our conventional materialistic secular view of space and time because it shows that particles have the potential to instantaneously communicate anywhere in the universe

When Albert Einstein organized the Theory of General Relativity, he interestingly referred to quantum entanglement as "spooky action at a distance". Scientists for decades have been trying to understand, let alone explain, the spooky action of quantum entanglement.

It is also now theorized by many scholars and physicists that quantum entanglement is evidence of universal predestination. Considering the implications of individual particles communicating instantaneously across the universe, we must realize that this defies all conventional laws of physics.

An emerging scientific explanation for quantum entanglement is that every single event that ever occurs in our universe was already predetermined to happen since the inception of time, also known as the Big Bang. The concept is based on the notion that for two unique particles to instantaneously communicate from great distances, this could only occur if the communication was somehow predetermined beforehand. This would also imply that this same scenario has been occurring with all particles since the beginning of creation.

Dean Radin⁷, while talking about Quantum Entanglement does assert that we are all interconnected, "If you ask physicists who are studying entanglement, where does the entanglement stop and how do you turn it off? their answers are, "Ultimately it doesn't and you can't." That is, it's not as though the quantum world suddenly and magically turns into the classical world. Photons from stars are constantly interacting with each other, sustaining a type of universal entanglement.

On a smaller scale, you and I are now entangled—every time our hearts beat we are broadcasting electromagnetic pulses to each other. Those pulses are made out of the same stuff as photons, so we are continually being reentangled at a fundamental physical level. It's not that we are entangled just once and that's that. If that were the case, then decoherence (interactions with the environment) might smooth out any possibility of detecting the spooky interconnections. Instead, we are in a dynamic relationship where entanglements are constantly being renewed."

The connectedness and everything being predestined has been demonstrated by the scientific theory of Quantum entanglement. Two particles separated by a huge distance can communicate simultaneously which is possible only if they are connected and predestined. The connection is like drops of the ocean which are connected and communicate instantly through the waves which carry information across the ocean.

There is a connectedness bond between everything. We know that the whole Universe is balanced due to gravitational pulls. All planets hang in balance in the cosmos due to gravity. Extending this view, our connectedness also may be due to some force like gravity which binds all creatures and their actions and makes them hang in balance in unity.

The ocean is vast and all its drops are connected with each other; the waves form in the whole ocean and each drop is made to communicate through these waves. Drops of water are all connected due to the bond between Hydrogen atoms:

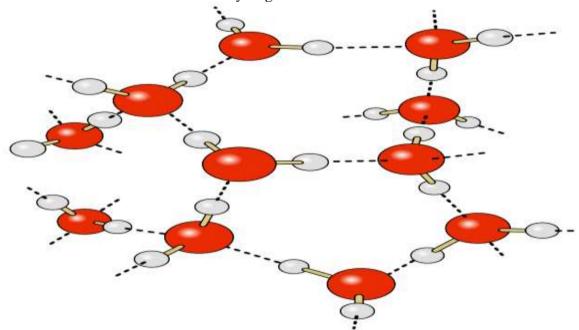


Figure 1: Hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) between water molecules. Oxygen atoms are shown in red, and hydrogen atoms in white.

(https://rwu.pressbooks.pub/webboceanography/chapter/5-1-properties-of-water/)

On Similar lines, there must be some invisible bonds which connect all things of the universe like the bond between drops of water. Water Bond is invisible but science has found it out and a day will come when science will disclose the invisible bond between everything. The fact that the connected particles communicate instantly led scientists to believe that this could be possible only if everything is predestined. The scientific facts are still to evolve to explain various causal mysteries behind the fact of connectedness and everything being predestined. Science has at least accepted these facts as true but is still to unravel the underlying causal aspects.

We conclude this paper with the following closing comments.

Quantum Entanglement does show a possibility that the theory of pre-existence and connectedness may be true, but we are still to understand its various aspects.

We are yet to find out what form of connection is there. Is it some corollary to Gravitation? Are we attracted and pulled towards each other by some force which builds the bond? Bonds

are properties which may not be visible as is Gravitation so the connectedness bond is not visible and we may not explore this aspect but what is the nature of the bond; what are its characteristics and what principles govern it are the questions needing answers. What binds all things? What connects? What is the form of connection? How predestined things manifest in our perception? If things are predestined, why do we not perceive it at our will and perceive it only in present when time rolls by and reaches the event? Even though everything is connected and predestined why do these come to be perceived only occasionally via Telepathy, Clairvoyance and Precognition? Does it mean that there is some sort of insulation which keeps these hidden and when somehow the insulation breaches these aspects manifest? What is the insulation and what factors when present allow insulation breach?

Questions are many even after Quantum entanglement has proved the existence of universal connectedness and affirmed predestined!

Science advanced and brought to our knowledge about connectedness and being predestined and we await further expansion of scientific knowledge to answer the above questions.

A day will come when science will expand and answer the above questions and then only it will become a way of life that we shall appreciate connectedness amongst ourselves and shall realize that whatever we do is actually predestined. Till then we have to just flow with the wave of time and enjoy life as it unfolds before us.

With scientific awareness of these beliefs, there will be a revolution in the world which will impact our way of thinking and many revolutionary changes will happen in this world. I leave this imagination to the readers but the reality when comes to light is going to change the world dramatically!!

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