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Quantum Immortality - and what that might mean for us as social beings.

This presentation is a thought experiment. Imagine you are a hostage in a room, set to blow up alongside some improvised explosive devices any second, but it fails. It was a faulty bomb. So, your captor comes in and places a new bomb next to you, as they always prepare for hiccups here and there, but then that bomb fails as well, and then the next bomb, and then the next, and the next, and so on. Well it is possible this could happen separate from pure luck or astronomical probability.

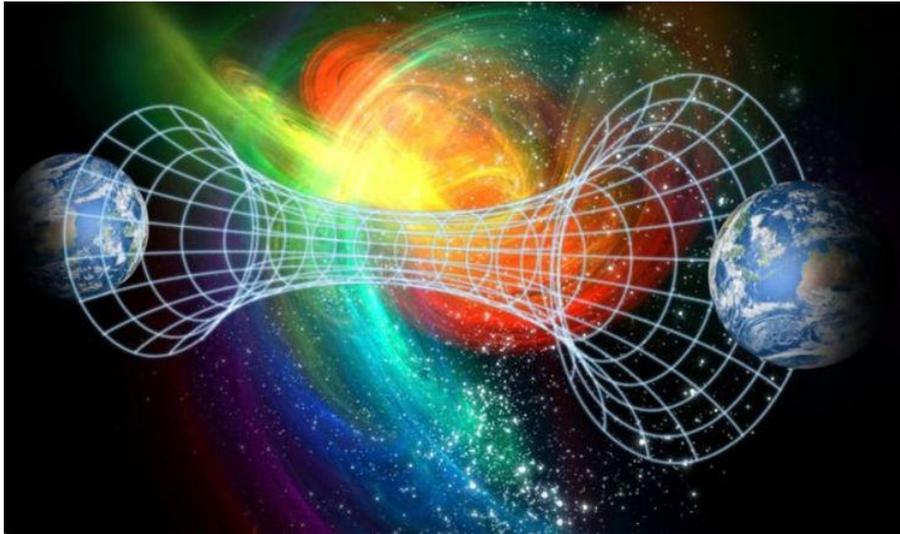
Quantum immortality, the idea that when you die, your consciousness merges with another one of your consciousnesses still in a living body in a parallel universe. This would give the illusion of being immortal, even though your body dies and people you know still mourn your death; your conscious, memories, habits, they live on in some way in a parallel universe just slightly different from our own. If this were true, it would imply the existence of parallel universes.

What if when the big bang happened, it made infinite universes different by one tiny thing? Maybe a misplaced atom, or a light photon reflecting in a different direction, just slightly different from the universe next to it.

These displaced atoms, or rogue photons could end up changing the course of history, leading to some strange occurrences if quantum immortality's consciousness transferring did happen in the laid out circumstances.

These strange occurrences, or 'quantum glitches' could be due to you having some memories of your life before moving dimensions, interfering with memories of the original consciousness of the body you are living in, if we assume that the original version of your consciousness native to the universe you are in, overwrites the transferred conscious.

A question you may ask is why our consciousnesses would transfer in the first place. Yes, consciousness could be part of intelligent brains, a quirk of evolution, or given to us by a divine creator. But what if consciousness is part of the fabric of the universe, as essential as space and time. It would then be likely to not go away, but to only be given, constantly expanding with the walls of our universe, handing out consciousness to whatever intelligent creatures, or any entity or object for that matter, filling the universe with consciousness. If consciousness is handed out in an expanding manner like is believed to be happening with space, then taking it away would not make sense. So where does your conscious energy go? To another you.



This leads me into the main focus of this presentation, the Mandella effect. The Mandela effect is a phenomenon where large groups of people remember events differently to how they occurred. The term was first coined when it was realised that many people thought that Nelson Mandella had died in jail. They could recall watching the news on their tv and could remember specific details like with whom they had watched it with, you could then ask the person they had said they were watching it with, and there was a good chance they would have said the same as the person first inquired. Many other cases of the Mandella effect soon arose, like how Darth Vader said to Luke Skywalker, 'No, I am your father' rather than what a lot of people thought he had said, 'Luke, I am your father'.

The fact that many people have experienced the Mandella effect on the same matter, and remember so many specific details, separates this phenomenon from other phenomena like *deja vous*. This can lead you to wonder how it happens.

Well, I think I have an answer for it; quantum immortality.

I was thinking on this topic a few months ago before even writing this presentation, and it just clicked. Many had wondered if the Mandela effect was caused by consciousnesses randomly hopping universes, possibly due to universes collapsing or colliding, and whilst that is possible, my theory isn't any less credible than others. Although applying Occam's Razor, stating that an answer that takes less assumptions to be true, is more likely, would lead one to believe that my answer is the less likely one, but Occam's razor isn't always right. You could also say that my theory is a variation, a more specific in depth look into the other proposed theory, as this concept does require the transfer of consciousnesses between universes or planes of existence.

One may wonder how multiple people could have the same experience with the Mandella effect phenomenon if quantum immortality transfers are to randomly assigned universes. I guess pure luck is possible if universes were random jumped through, but maybe there is order. Maybe there is a line of universes, a start and finish, finitely infinite. Maybe the first universe you don't even live more than a millisecond, so you transfer and live slightly longer in the second universe, each universe having a life span a set unit above the last. There

could be a universe where we are all set to end up in, one full of wise old humans, having gone through lives in all possible universes.

The unfortunate thing is, we will not know a definitive answer to a cause for the mandela effect, or proof or evidence against quantum immortality, for a long time. Just like the ancient greeks philosophizing about the atom, we can only ask the questions. However, it does give rise to the possibility that our actions, our authentic lives, are far more important than we know to future and parallel selves.