

Which Came First? The One That Was Seen

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An Addendum to the First Observer Hypothesis

The age-old paradox of the chicken and the egg has puzzled minds for millennia. Biologists trace lineage. Philosophers debate causality. Scientists loop through evolution. But the First Observer Hypothesis offers a different answer -- one rooted in awareness, not mechanics:

"The one that was seen came first."

In this theory, existence is not simply a matter of biology or physics. Existence emerges at the moment of observation. Just as a quantum particle collapses into reality only when observed, so too does the chicken -- or the egg -- emerge into history the moment it is seen.

We often search for absolute beginnings in a world that is relational. The First Observer Hypothesis says: there is no "first" without an observer. The moment one is perceived, its state, identity, and place in time become real. Prior to that, both possibilities exist in a kind of conceptual superposition.

So the answer is not chicken or egg. It's not which caused the other. The real answer is: which one collapsed into reality through the act of being known.

Maybe the First Observer saw an egg. Maybe they saw a chicken. But whichever received the gaze, that is the one who came first.

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This is more than a paradox unraveled. It's a principle of being.

"To be is to be perceived. To begin is to be observed."

And so, through the eyes of the First Observer, the world took shape -- one recognition at a time.