Freedom

**I**

of all the arguments that exist

in favour of freedom

none is so perfect as this:

the mechanics of determinism

the physics of materialism

and the mathematics of realism

cannot explain the human mind.

it is a good argument

being exactly as the same

as the one about God:

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in fact, it is the only argument

that is ever possible

in support of the soul:

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cannot explain the human mind.

Kant was wrong

there are not three meaningful questions

there is only one:

can the mechanics of determinism

the physics of materialism

and the mathematics of realism

explain the human mind?

**II**

if God exists

then a soul is possible

if a soul is possible

then freedom is plausible

if freedom is plausible

then God can exist

the questions become one:

is an immortal God free to do

whatever He wishes?

can he transcend causality

to pick a purely random number?

and are we made in that image?

so the questions become one:

is an immortal human free to do

whatever it wishes?

can it transcend causality

to pick a purely random number?

could we create a God in that image?

if humans exist

then mortality is possible

if mortality is possible

then freedom is implausible

if freedom is implausible

then how can God exist?

**III**

a soul

would have to be free

it could not be tied

to the hardware of humanity

or it would wear the chains

of history

a God

would have to be free

it could not be tied

to the hardware of the universe

or it would wear the chains

of causality

therefore, a God and a soul

must share an essential quality

they are almost identical

not being stuff

and having no history

they would have no beginning or end

a soul and a God

would be immortal

and not being contained in time

could no more be contained in space

they would both

be infinite

being infinite

they would both fill infinity and eternity

having no beginning or end

they would needs fill each other

having no space or time

they would needs be the same

therefore, a God and a soul

must share an essential quality

they are identical

not being stuff

and having no history

they would be indistinguishable

a soul and a God

would have to be free

and not being contained in anything

or wearing any chains

they would not only be free

they would be freedom

being freedom

a God and a soul

are an identity

not being stuff

and having no history

they would not *be*

**IV**

the question becomes

can the GodSoulFreedom

inhabit a human mind?

to know this

we must know one thing:

is a mind infinite?

to answer that

we must know something more:

can the infinite achieve limits?

to understand that

we must turn further inward:

am I capable of the infinite?

to achieve understanding

we must ask ourselves

if I am capable, must I not already be?

the question becomes

can a human mind

inhabit the GodSoulFreedom?

**V**

ok, so now we are faced with the inevitable

for the mind to be free

the mind must be part of the identity

MindGodSoulFreedom

we are back where we started:

the mechanics of determinism

the physics of materialism

and the mathematics of realism

cannot explain the human mind.

**VI**

a strange wind fell

from the face of the northern slope

chaos in motion, ecstatic

rushing down the frozen rock

to pile wickedly against

a cornice rotten with sun

which, with a painless groan

unbecame.

there were no witnesses —

there are never any witnesses.

the question becomes

can a mind choose a random number?

it is the unity of this opposition

which ties together the metaphysical

Kant’s three questions

because they are answered identically

are all the same question

asked in three different ways:

what three positive single-digit numbers

taken together add up to three?

**VII**

there was a time

before Freud poked holes in the balloon

when the mind was pure mystery

an aether in the wind

there was a time

when mechanics were of Newton

and bodies reacted to bodies

as substance to substance

there was a time

when the physical world broke down

and Einstein, Bohr and Heisenberg

showed us there is no substance

there is a now

when the only way to understand

is to re-embrace the mystery of mind

a wind in the aether

**VIII**

freedom

is the right of quanta

to behave unpredictably

and even that

wears the chains of the physical

some would say

because we are ignorant of the truth

that there is no truth

truth

is a light

that beckons from the horizon

always the horizon, only the horizon

but understanding is the earth

we cross on our way there

leaving civilization in our wake

wherein dwells the desire — freedom

**IX**

there is only one thing

that thing is everything

there is no I, there is no not-I

this is an illusion

caused by the grossness of senses

and the weakness of identity

we imagine borders

where there are none

and bodies

and think, “where am I?”

pointing to a third eye

and finding this inadequate

that question means all

more than “what” or “why?”

but we hate the answer

because the answer

is

here

we don’t like being here

being

here

we don’t like being not infinite

being

not infinite

the good news

is that we are infinite

I is not-I

and the illusion

of I-ness and not-I-etude

is merely useful

the unquiet soul

is disturbed by what is

and what is not

i don’t understand that

what i am not

is not not-I

not-I

is just the limit of illusion

and the illusion

is the limit of I

i am infinite

but i am not God

how do i know this?

because if i was God

i would choose not to be

which would make me not-God

it is simply a reflection

of my comfortable illusion

the myriad myriads

that comprise the illusion of me

combine and uncombine and recombine

with the rest of the not-me

which i perceive

as the illusion of not-I

the unquiet soul

is disturbed by what is

and what is not

i don’t understand that

the proof of I-not-I

is love

**X**

i will never choose a random number

i will always have reasons for every choice

and my reasons will have reasons

and they will, and so on

but the chains of causality

are light upon my neck

because i cherish my illusion

this body, this world

this not-thing

i call my mind

wears the same chains

as Newton, Einstein, Bohr and Heisenberg

i will never choose a random number

i will never be a random number

my illusions will have illusions

and i will love you for it

**XI**

i need not believe in God

who believes in I-not-I

or perhaps

they are the same thing

i need not believe in a soul

who believes in I-not-I

or perhaps

they are the same thing

i need not believe in freedom

who believes in I-not-I

or perhaps

they are the same thing

i need not believe in I-not-I

as long as i believe in love

or perhaps

they are the same thing

**XII**

the bottom line

is that there is no bottom line

all that i am

is all that there is, was or will be

i would say

this is fair compensation

and to feel loss

as a child of the moment of creation

is blasphemy

not to mention unreasonable

and mystery

means not knowing

but not

doesn’t mean never

after all

we all believe in love, don’t we?

**XIII**

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