A Cause and Effect

Christian Superstition has corrupted the Atonement

Cause and effect is a natural condition of the carnal mind. Physics has capitalized on this truly physical event or condition in nature. Because of this world we tend to materialize everything—even spiritual concepts are materialized. This we have done with the atonement. In order to illustrate another example, I bring up Brigham Young, who materialized the concept of marriage into the future life as some of us becoming Gods having many wives to bare spirit bodies for their own worlds. This is a fundamentalist doctrine that still exists subtly among the Mormons. LDS also materialize the atonement in a similar fashion as all Christian predecessors.

This conclusion will bother many, but I shall explain—hoping some might understand. I will begin with the Logic of the Book of Mormon regarding the atonement:

[Alma 34:16](https://www.lds.org/scriptures/bofm/alma/34.16?lang=eng#15)

And thus mercy can satisfy the demands of justice, and encircles them in the arms of safety, while he that exercises no faith unto repentance is exposed to the whole law of the demands of justice; therefore only unto him that has faith unto repentance is brought about the great and eternal plan of redemption.

The demands of justice or the law is too often thought in a material way. I do not mean material as in atoms and molecules, but in a material way as in cause and effect that we see only as material causes and effect on other material. By repentance do we really satisfy some demand of a judge who says, “I am OK” when we do as we are told? Can a judge say, “You can now enter the Kingdom of Heaven?” as if obedience is a cause of redemption or more particular to a common belief that faith is a material-like cause of salvation. If you follow this materialist view, you evidently believe in magic. The atonement is then magic as the magician waves his magic wand.

If we are *exposed to the whole law of the demands of justice* having no faith, does this mean faith is simply a belief system? We are now treading on psychology for justification. I think, therefore I am, I believe, therefor I am saved.

The baptism is a physical and material way of washing away sin. Do we think this, as most children, or do we think in a psychological way that we are making a promise to burry the old self and resurrect a new person. Those who believe this to be instantaneous are materialists. It takes lifetime to become a new person. The ordinance is only a covenant to do so by enduring to the end.

We then think of standing before the bar of God to be judged according to our works. We think that good works if not a belief will let us into heaven. I do not mean to degrade the common method of cause and effect; I mean only to ask everyone to look for a better understanding.

It took me a lifetime to under stand that prophecy is delivered as a materialistic view that can only be understood as a spiritual or should I say philological view. Linking the cause and effect in the physical universe to the cause and effect in the psychological universe, can we come to a better understanding of the atonement. Both universes have a similar cause and effect, but change can only come with a change in one’s intelligence that is buried in denial. To overcome death is not to deny it, but to overcome the fear of it. This is the cause and effect of the spiritual universe without the usual materialism me may apply to it. Understanding prophecy comes in the same manner.