

The Problem of Time



Distinction of the Temporal and Eternal

◇ 2 Corinthians 4:18

◇ “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

◇ Psalm 90:2

◇ “...Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”

◇ Psalm 90:10

◇ “The days of our years are threescore years and ten, Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;”

Our Time is Limited...

◇ John 12:48

◇ “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

◇ Psalm 90:12

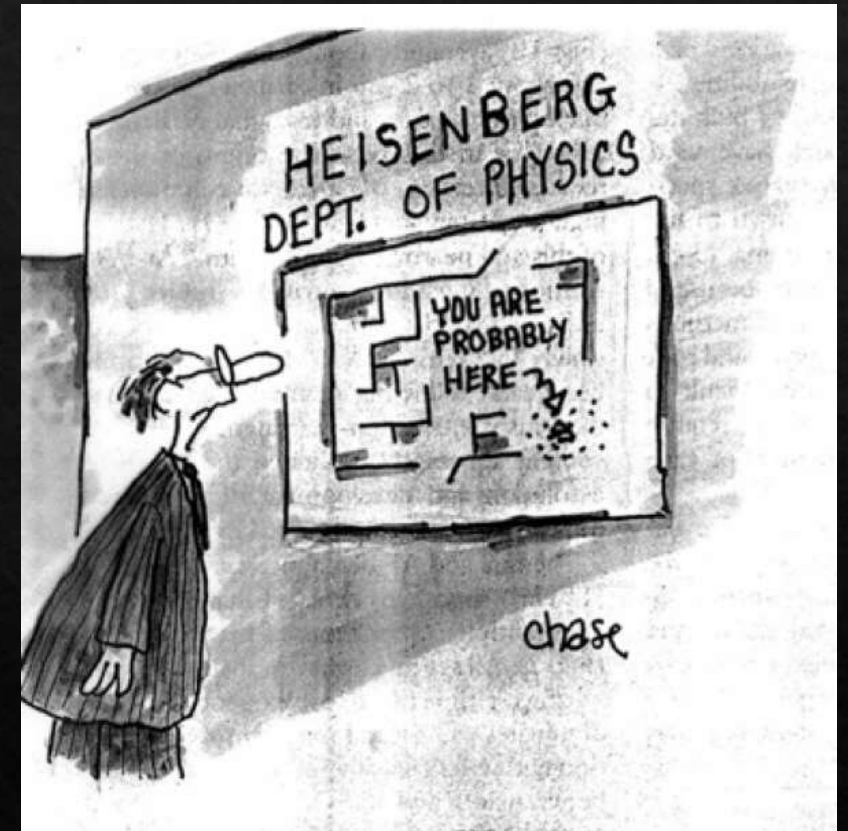
◇ “So teach us to number our days, That we may get us a heart of wisdom.”

◇ Psalm 39:4

◇ “Jehovah, make me to know mine end, And the measure of my days, what it is; Let me know how frail I am.”

Uncertainty Principle

- ◇ Proverbs 27:1: “Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”
- ◇ James 4:13-17: “Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”



Law of Inertia

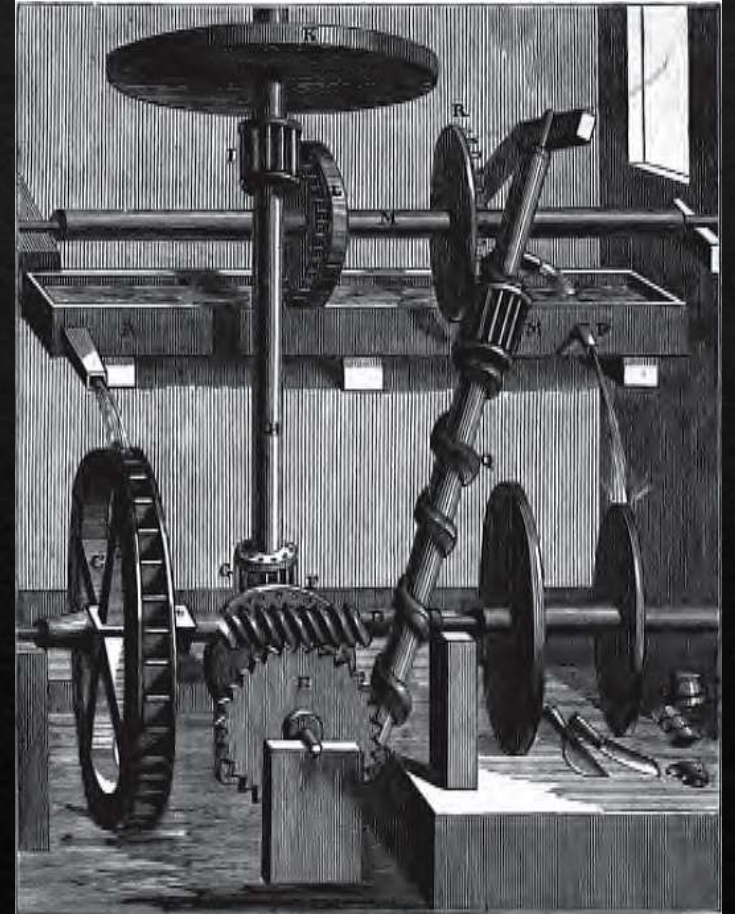
- ◇ I Tim. 5:13: And withal they learn also to be idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.
- ◇ 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12: For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, if any will not work, neither let him eat. For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.



Newton's first law of motion. "Unless acted upon by a net external force, any object will remain at rest or move in a straight line at a constant speed."

Perpetual Motion

- ◇ Mark 4:18-19: And others are they that are sown among the thorns; these are they that have heard the word, and the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
- ◇ Luke 12:20-21” But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
- ◇ Luke 10:38-42 – “Cumbered”, “Troubled about many things”



Robert Fludd's "Water Screw" perpetual motion machine from 1618

Twin Troublemakers

#1: Procrastination

- ◇ 2 Corinthians 6:2: “At an acceptable time hearkened unto thee, And in a day of salvation did I succor thee: behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”
- ◇ Acts 24:25: “And as he reasoned of righteousness, and self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified, and answered, Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me.”
- ◇ Colossians 3:23: “...whatsoever ye do, work heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men...”

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a mystical land where 99% of all human productivity, motivation and achievement is stored

Twin Troublemakers

#2: Priority

- ◇ Luke 19:10: For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.
- ◇ John 17:4: I glorified thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do.



How to Defeat the Troublemakers

- ◇ Phil. 3:13-14: 13 Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold; but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- ◇ “This One Thing I Do”
- ◇ “I Press On”
- ◇ We have to focus on our goal...Heaven!

