

Book Three

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model for emergence...*

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Dedications

I dedicate this third book to the endlessly curious—those who find themselves wondering about everything. We are all amateur explorers, doing our best to make sense of the unknown.

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Introduction

My book, *A Very Strange Life*, told the story of how I was drawn, unexpectedly, into the unknown. The non-repetitive nature of the events I experienced made them unsuitable for scientific analysis. That left me with a dilemma. Should I walk away confused and unsettled? Or begin collecting clues and try to piece together a larger puzzle?

As someone who loves solving puzzles, I didn't have much choice. But my path would directly challenge my scientific education. This personal conflict pushed a dyslexic and inexperienced writer—me—to write these books. Nothing about this journey was ever part of my original plan.

In my scientific training, I was taught a simple metric: if something can be proven, it belongs to science. If something is theoretical or speculative and can't be proven, it's considered philosophy. That's why the highest degree in any academic field is a PhD—Doctor of Philosophy. Mankind's search for knowledge depends not only on proof but also on curiosity and untested ideas.

The events I documented in *A Very Strange Life* couldn't be verified, mostly because they couldn't be repeated. Science requires that observations be reproducible so that models can be tested and outcomes predicted. This system has worked remarkably well. The modern world—especially the internet and our technology—owes much of its progress to science's repeatable methods.

But even with its tremendous success, I still believe science has a major blind spot: it has missed an entire category of unexplained experiences. I've come to call this a “blind spot” in the scientific method.

From my perspective, I was torn. One foot stood on the solid ground of science; the other floated in the strange world of my observations. I couldn't ignore either side. And creatively, I would've been dead inside if I hadn't wondered what these puzzle pieces might mean when taken together.

Speculation is the root of philosophy. Of course, not all speculation rises to the level of academic inquiry—if it did, we'd all be philosophers. Still, in a broad sense, we're all amateur philosophers. We live, feel, react, and try to make sense of the world around us. Each of us is the best curator of our own unique point of view.

I'll leave it to you, the reader, to judge the value of my observations and ideas. But in *Making More Waves*, I'll attempt to connect the dots—to argue that there's a greater structure not yet recognized by science. I believe the pieces I've collected point to a process I call emergence: a creative, evolutionary force. My model will try to describe new and important aspects of this unknown system.

This is a David-and-Goliath effort for any thinker—especially a dyslexic amateur like me. By its nature, my model will be incomplete, but I hope it serves as a strong starting point for other explorers and thinkers.

You might ask, “Why attempt the impossible?” My answer is simple: I paid a steep personal price for this perspective. Would you let something so hard-earned die with you? Of course not. I didn’t want to write these books. I had to write them.

In David Attenborough’s brilliant 1979 TV series *Life on Earth*, he described humans as “compulsive communicators.” That makes sense to me. We preserve knowledge so future generations don’t have to rediscover what we’ve already learned. We build on ourselves. Hopefully, we grow into something more.

But progress isn’t always forward. Sometimes I wonder if our cultural or political “boats” even have captains. That’s why personal knowledge is so important. We are our own protectors and explorers. Not sharing what I’ve learned would feel irresponsible.

That’s why I feel compelled to guide you—my reader—toward questioning science’s blind spot.

(More on the “blind spot” in Section 1.)

These ideas didn’t come from speculation — they came from forty years of lived experience.

I want to be clear about what I am offering. Binary Reflective Fields is not a completed mathematical theory of physics, nor do I pretend that it is. It is a philosophical model—a signpost pointing in a direction that I believe deserves exploration.

I arrived here by trying to make sense of observations that did not fit comfortably within the framework I had been taught. My purpose is not to replace physics, but to ask whether our present picture of reality may be missing something fundamental.

Very Important note:

The central claim of BRFT is that relationship is more fundamental than objects, events, or identities. Everything else in the model—information, emergence, imagination, consciousness, meaning, and even time—is examined through relationship.

Within the BRFT framework, one possibility is that consciousness is fundamental at the source level while individual conscious experience emerges through sufficiently organized structures.

- **Source consciousness** — if the metaphysical framework assumes some fundamental field/source underlying reality, consciousness could be an intrinsic property of that foundation. It doesn't have to *emerge* from anything.
- **BRFT consciousness** — a particular organized system could potentially produce a *localized expression* of consciousness once it reaches sufficient complexity, integration, feedback, self-modeling, etc.
 - **Awareness** could then be treated as a capacity *within* consciousness: what information is actually available or noticed by that conscious system at a particular moment.

If this model has value, perhaps someone better equipped than I am will someday test, refine, reject, or mathematically describe parts of it. That's how exploration works. Someone notices an unfamiliar path before anyone knows where it leads.

The Puzzle Pieces and the Puzzle

In "A Very Strange Life", each strange event I experienced revealed a set of unusual relationships. Over a span of more than forty years, I collected over twenty-three of these significant events. Each one felt like a small puzzle in its own right. On their own, none could be scientifically proven. But when viewed together, they created something unexpected—a kind of philosophical collage.

This collection of experiences hinted at something larger. Taken as a whole, the puzzle pieces suggested a possible new model for how existence itself might emerge.

My third book, **Making More Waves**, is a rational effort to explore the consequences of these puzzle pieces. It analyzes the clues uncovered in that philosophical collage and shows how they support the structure of the model I've come to believe in.

In the pages ahead, I'll review each strange event. I'll restate the key elements of each one and emphasize the strange, meaningful relationships that emerged. If you've just read Book Two and the events are still fresh in your memory, feel free to skim or skip these summaries. Each heading will include the event number, chapter, and title from Book Two, making it easy to reference the full story if needed.

I'll do my best to avoid repetition, but I should point out: many of the ideas discussed here are unfamiliar to most people. That's why some repetition is necessary. It helps focus your imagination on the subtle but important nuances within each connection.

If my first two books seemed like memoirs, *Making More Waves* will change all that. This book turns what seems like bits of a strange stuff into a data set. Any formulation of a theory must address all these data points. Talk about big projects...

Summary of the Strange Events (Our Data points)

Strange Event #1 - (Chapter 1: Frankenstein, the Wolf-Man and The Mummy)

This first event made one thing absolutely clear: science had overlooked something important. Fourteen-year-old Laura was undeniably telepathic. Her abilities could have been studied scientifically. I wanted to go public with the discovery, but she refused. Her right to privacy took precedence. For years I tried everything to change her mind—without success. That decision effectively blocked any formal study.

The takeaway? Science had—and still has—a blind spot when it comes to phenomena like this.

Strange Event #2 - (Chapter 3: September 1977)

While Event #1 had piqued my curiosity, Event #2 was like living an entire season of *The Twilight Zone*. Everything I understood about reality as an Agnostic was suddenly upended. There was intent. Something—or someone—was watching, and even the nature of time felt distorted.

I started to feel like a puppet being moved by unseen strings. It was a complete philosophical overhaul. These puzzle pieces made me realize that the physical universe might not be the only arena of reality. The idea that a psychic could predict improbable events suggested there's another platform—what I call the "psychic platform." This platform seems to interact with our physical world while operating outside its laws. It behaves with intent. That deepened the mystery—and hooked me for good.

The term Psychic Platform emerged from lived observations. The term Relational Field emerged from later attempts to model those observations. BRFT proposes they describe the same underlying domain from different perspectives.

Strange Event #3 - (Chapter 6: Miami, Florida – 1978)

This event came completely out of left field. I had been searching for more insight into psychic readings—but what I received instead was a psychic healing. As an Agnostic, this was unfamiliar and unsettling territory. I referred to the psychic farmer as 'Mr. Green-jeans.' He somehow knew personal things about me. Most importantly, he taught me how to meditate to relieve my asthma.

At this point, the abilities associated with the psychic platform were becoming increasingly vast. From all I had read in physics, it was obvious that science had no interest in the paranormal. Yet these experiences were real. From my perspective, science was simply incomplete.

Strange Event #4 - (Chapter 7 Ivy and Peter)

This event was complex and rich in relationships. Looking back, it held numerous clues about how psychics interact with the psychic platform.

- i) Just like Event #2, the coincidences here seemed too orchestrated to be accidental. It felt like an intelligence with intent was again at work.
- ii) Not one ghost, but three appeared—two seemed like different facets of the same person. One version sought Ann’s help, while the other caused harm unknowingly. That, to me, defined being conflicted.
- iii) Two spirits—tied to Ivy and Peter seemed like psychological after-images, trapped in their own dramas. The third ghost, Ivy’s concerned aspect, sought Ann’s help to protect her living daughter. Why was Ann’s involvement required?
- iv) It was like watching a scripted play. Six strangers hit their cues perfectly. Three psychics made comments I couldn’t connect with—until hours later. One comment was a precognitive warning I failed to heed. This was my first clue that precognition isn’t fixed.
- iv) Most astonishingly, Peter’s ghost briefly took over Ann’s body. After forty years of rare ghost encounters, this one demanded a new intellectual category for ghost phenomena. What once seemed like fantasy was now undeniable reality.

Strange Event #5 - (Chapter 8: Ann – A New Friend)

This event, which I now call the 'Charlie Chaplin' incident, surprised me completely. At first, everything Ann said seemed off. It all felt wrong—until I realized I was missing the point.

This was the first major clue that our imagination actively creates relationships on the psychic platform. It also became clear that some psychics can’t always distinguish between imagined and actual relationships.

Both, it turns out, are recorded on the psychic platform. Why?

Since our physical brains generate imagined relationships using real biological processes, it might mean that every relationship—including those formed in thought—matters and is preserved. This idea led directly to the Cyclops Experiment, which I conducted six months later to test that theory.

Strange Event #6 - (Chapter 9: The House by the Sea)

This event wrapped me in a mystery within a mystery. By now, Ann had clearly shown she was a real psychic. But I began to see psychic information was more nuanced than I thought.

Two different psychics gave information that partially aligned and supported each other—but both were ultimately wrong about the final outcome. This showed that precognitive information doesn’t always mean something is predestined.

I noticed a kind of competition among possible outcomes. The event also hinted that our imagination plays a key role: my imagined relationships were interacting with real ones, creating a pseudo-reality that the psychics perceived as true.

This reinforced my growing desire to test how imagination influences psychic phenomena. (See the Cyclops Experiment.)

Strange Event #7 - (Chapter 10: The Brooch)

This event caught me off guard. Thanks to my mother and Ann—almost by accident—we stumbled into another window into the psychic platform. What emerged was the startling realization that physical objects can be psychically connected to past relationships.

Ann was able to access over ninety years of emotional and visual information simply by touching a brooch. She wasn't even told what to focus on, yet she honed in on the exact era my mother was interested in.

It was like the psychic platform functioned as a relational 'search engine.' But unlike a modern database, it didn't feel very organized. Ann often seemed to be rummaging through a 'flea market' of scattered impressions. This raised an important question: Are all relationships stored, or just some?

After years of watching Ann work, I believe all relationships are preserved within a sophisticated, compartmentalized hierarchy—a system more advanced than anything science currently acknowledges.

Strange Event #8 - (Chapter 11: The Safe)

Our work between 1977 and 1978 revealed many new insights about the psychic platform, and this event was no exception. Ann gave a psychic reading on a theft involving my safe, and her accuracy exceeded anything I'd expected.

She described who, what, when, and why—right down to the fact that only \$81 was taken from a safe containing much more. But one small detail stood out. While speaking, Ann made a subtle hand motion—pressing her hands together, as if forming hamburger patties. At first, this gesture seemed unimportant.

Years later, we discovered an unusually high amount of ground beef had been used that year—an excess of 100 pounds. Ann hadn't consciously realized the missing items were hamburgers. Yet her body language unconsciously communicated it. To me, this suggested the psychic platform organizes information in a proximity-biased structure—a pattern that kept repeating in my experiences.

Strange Event #9 - (Chapter 12: The Cyclops Experiment)

This event confirmed what I had long suspected—our imagination plays a vital role in existence. The phrase 'It's just your imagination' needed to be re-evaluated.

The Cyclops Experiment suggested that human imagination isn't merely a byproduct of brain function. Instead, it seems to be an active element in a creative process unfolding on the psychic platform.

In this experiment, imagined relationships interacted with actual, physical ones. They seemed to carry a kind of pseudo-vitality, influencing real-world outcomes. This finding shifted my focus further toward understanding pure relationship and how imagination participates in emergence and complexity.

Strange Event #10 - (Chapter 14: Diane – Revisited)

This event stood out for the sheer number of improbable coincidences that occurred. It felt too deliberate to dismiss. Once again, I sensed a presence of 'intent.'

Looking back, my entire connection with these strange events seemed orchestrated, which only added to the mystery. It made me wonder: could every level of the universe be operating with purpose?

While skeptics often rely on the 'monkeys and typewriters' argument to explain away strange patterns, I've come to see intention behind events I would have once dismissed as chance.

Strange Event #11 - (Chapter 15: A More Normal Life – 1985 To 1994)

This event occurred during a more grounded period of life, yet it delivered one of the clearest demonstrations of psychic accuracy.

Ann, while I was over fifteen miles away, accurately described a medical issue, what the doctor would recommend, and what the outcome would be. And she did it all over the phone.

What stood out most was how specific and accurate the predictions were—things no living person could have known. It reaffirmed for me that the psychic platform contains vast, detailed knowledge well beyond our typical understanding.

Strange Event #12 – (Chapter 16: Heather and Natalie)

Ann's reading about my construction project was remarkable—even by her standards. What followed was a strange chain of events that seemed unnecessary except to prove a point.

Her predictions included:

i) An electrical issue that could've caused a fire, which I was able to prevent because of her warning. ii) A plumbing error that did occur, but was easily fixed, just as she said. iii) A brief message from my deceased father offering encouragement to begin the project. iv) A prediction that I'd fall in love in my theater lobby in June. Nine months later, I met Heather and Natalie—two Irish girls who had formed a sudden, sister-like bond.

They weren't just summer workers looking for jobs. Their connection, their dream to come to our town, and the serendipitous way we met—it all seemed to echo with intention. Was it coincidence? Maybe. But Ann only smiled.

Strange Event #13 - (Chapter 17: A Viking's Life)

This event disturbed me deeply. It raised the possibility of past lives—something I had always avoided. But the vivid memories and emotions I experienced were convincing. These impressions helped explain three old love mysteries that had puzzled me for years.

In these past-life memories, I was both a Viking and a Greek. The experiences brought up the concept of karma. Was it real? Or was it similar to the Cyclops Experiment—an imagined pseudo-reality with emotional consequences?

After years of reflection, I concluded it didn't matter whether these memories were real or imagined. The emotional weight was the same. Baggage is baggage—its source doesn't change how it feels or how it affects us.

Strange Event #14 - (Chapter 21: Heather – Revisited)

This event focused on predictions Ann made before my trip to Ireland to visit Heather and her family. Once again, her psychic insights proved strikingly accurate.

She envisioned three 'hurricanes' living under one roof—an apt symbol for the intensity of personalities in the household. She also warned me to be cautious of my 'roommate,' which was both funny and a bit unsettling.

Her symbolic impressions weren't just insightful—they were almost poetic. They provided both guidance and deeper understanding of the people I was about to encounter.

Strange Event #15 - (Chapter 22: Ann – Revisited)

This was the most painful event of all. This time, Ann was no longer the guide—she was the subject.

Despite help from another psychic named Donna, we were locked in a battle between life and death that we could not win.

The truth is stark: the price of life is death, no matter who you are. Yet through it all, I came to believe that some part of us continues after the physical form fades.

Strange Event #16 - (Chapter 23: The Gift of Joan, Part 1)

One evening while Joan and I were watching TV, she suddenly blurted out, “Linda is emailing you right this second!” The time on the cable box was 6:55 PM. Sure enough, when I checked my email, a message from my ex-girlfriend—whom I hadn't spoken to in two months—had come in at exactly 6:55 PM.

Joan has a psychic gift, although she doesn't seek out information. She receives it empathically. She didn't want this ability—but clearly, she had it. To me, the only explanation was that Ann's spirit sent this message—her way of giving a nod of approval to my relationship with Joan.

Strange Event #17 - (Chapter 23: The Gift of Joan, Part 2)

Five months after the Linda email, Joan and I were watching the old movie *Topper*—Ann's favorite. Just as the ghostly Kirby's revealed themselves to Mr. Topper on screen, we heard three loud knocks on the metal door, just eight feet away.

I immediately called, “Come in!” But when I opened the door, the hall was empty. The timing and setting made it feel like a playful signal from the psychic platform. It had a sense of humor.

Strange Event #18 - (Chapter 23: The Gift of Joan, Part 3)

After a door suddenly closed on its own, Joan reported hearing a giggle—Betty’s giggle—psychically. It wasn’t just a sound; it was a recognition of presence.

Strange Event #19 - (Chapter 23: The Gift of Joan, Part 4)

In a Roman catacomb, Joan psychically sensed that some very old ghosts were angry about the tourists’ lack of respect. She stepped in—spiritually—to protect an infant from their energy.

As someone from a resort town, I could relate. I’ve had my own frustrations with disruptive tourists. Apparently, so do ghosts.

Strange Event #20 - (Chapter 23: The Gift of Joan, Part 5)

While we were in Greece, Joan had a restless night. She sensed a grumpy ghost—the former owner of our hotel—disturbing her sleep. Even in unfamiliar places, the psychic platform influence is everywhere.

Strange Event #21 - (Chapter 23: The Gift of Joan, Part 6)

In a remote Scottish Highlands hotel, something—or someone—mischievous changed the time on Joan’s alarm clock, setting it forward by an hour. The energy had personality. It felt like a prank from the other side.

Strange Event #22 - (Chapter 23: The Gift of Joan, Part 7)

Our friend Missy was suddenly 'goosed'—grabbed from behind. It seemed like something only my dad would do, as a joke. Joan witnessed the whole thing, which saved me from getting slapped.

It was another confirmation that spirit interactions could be playful... even mischievous.

Strange Event #23 - (Chapter 23: The Gift of Joan, Part 8)

This event involved our old friend Henry, who had passed. His signature knock was the rhythm of 'shave and a haircut.' Early one Sunday morning, Missy heard that familiar rhythm at the door. She didn’t know what it meant—but we did.

Wherever you are, Henry, we still love you.

Creating My Puzzle Pieces

- 1) Science has long ignored the paranormal. In my view, that's a serious oversight. While these phenomena are difficult to study, they offer critical insights into the nature of existence.
- 2) I've come to believe that a psychic platform really does exist. Though it depends on the physical universe, it seems to operate under its own set of rules.
- 3) The psychic platform appears to include several important abilities:
 - i) Telepathy – The mental transfer of information.
 - ii) Clairvoyance – The ability to receive information about past and present relationships beyond the five senses.
 - iii) Precognition – Insight into possible future events.
 - iv) The presence of non-physical intelligences and intent:
 - a) Individual souls or over-souls
 - b) Ghosts and/or spirits
 - c) Imagination as part of a broader creative process
 - d) Generation of pseudo-realities
 - e) Influence over physical events
 - f) Healing – The ability of psychics to impact physical health.
 - v) Psychometry – Accessing information through physical contact with objects.
 - vi) Empathy – Gaining psychic insight through emotional resonance.
- 4) Precognitive predictions seem to reveal possibilities—not certainties.
- 5) Imagination has creative influence. It might be each person's bridge between the physical and psychic worlds. We may exist simultaneously in both—body and soul.
- 6) Pseudo-realities may serve a purpose. Perhaps souls create dreamlike environments that become their reality. If so, do those dreams carry consequences?
- 7) My experiences suggest a vast, hierarchical system governs the psychic platform. It stores relationships in structured, layered ways. This points toward a deeper model of existence—one involving emergence, synergy, entanglement, and fields of relationships.
I'll explore these ideas in later sections.
- 8) The Cyclops Experiment revealed that human imagination may participate in a greater creative process. Any working model of the psychic platform must include this.
- 9) Psychic intent also plays a role in the structure of this model—though I suspect it will be a complicated one.

- 10) The depth of information on the psychic platform is impressive. It includes relationships unknown to anyone else. That led me to focus on a key philosophical concept: pure relationship. I'll explore this further in later sections.
- 11) Some events in my life seemed deliberately arranged—to prove something to me. Were they truly intended as messages? Or was I simply projecting meaning onto illusion?
- 12) I never liked the idea of past lives. Even after examining the possibility in my own case, I could never find a definite answer. But again—baggage is baggage, real or not.
- 13) Symbolism and visual metaphors seem to convey psychic information. They work much like similes. Once again, abstract relationships lie at the core.
- 14) All structures in the physical world are temporary—like actors in a play. The story is what gives meaning to their presence. Similarly, our value may lie in the relationships we create.
- 15–23) The ghost and spirit events offered a range of insights. I encountered personality, humor, mischief, and emotion. Yet something still feels incomplete. If I were a ghost, I'd still be a 'compulsive communicator.' But the spirits I met didn't seem that way. This subtle difference lingers in my mind as something worth noting.

If you plan to explore this realm yourself, keep this in mind: in death, something about us may fundamentally change.

Strengthening the distinction between evidence and interpretation:

One of the biggest challenges for skeptical readers is that observations and conclusions sometimes blend together.

A useful structure would be:

Observation → Interpretation → BRFT implication

Example:

Observation:

Ann provided information later verified.

Interpretation:

Information appeared available beyond normal sensory access.

BRFT implication:

A relational information platform may exist.

The separation makes the argument feel more rigorous.

The Larger Puzzle of Emergence

These initial puzzle pieces—drawn from my strange events—suggested that a psychic platform exists. But as I began fitting those pieces together, I realized they pointed to something even bigger. The puzzle wasn't isolated. It was embedded within a much larger one—and its scale was overwhelming.

To my surprise, I noticed connections between this larger puzzle and the anomalies found in modern physics. I'll explore those connections more deeply in later sections. But for now, I want to make this key point: if the psychic platform is real, understanding it could help us unravel mysteries that still puzzle science today—especially in physics.

Together, the puzzle pieces I've collected, along with the strange contradictions in scientific understanding, suggest the existence of a broader structure—a framework that might answer one of the oldest questions: *What gives rise to existence? *

My ideal goal is to offer a philosophical model that helps explain existence itself. Such a model would give us a foundation—a conceptual framework—for interpreting both the psychic clues I've collected and the physical puzzles that modern science continues to investigate.

Physics often feels like a black curtain that prevents us from seeing deeper truths. My own strange events convinced me that something more is out there. Something hidden. Something waiting to be understood. A structure beyond both science and the paranormal.

Over two thousand years ago, the Greek philosophers began exploring the idea of *synergy*—how things work together to form something greater than their parts. Philosophers have long struggled with questions about being, identity, and emergence. Darwin's theory of evolution offered some answers about how life develops. Einstein's theory of entangled particles—what he called 'spooky action at a distance'—took us further.

But even the notion of time as a dimension raises big questions. All the puzzle pieces—scientific and psychic—point toward one thing: a deeper, more elusive force that I believe is built on pure *relationship*.

To understand my theory, we'll start by unpacking what I mean by 'relationship.' We'll explore some fundamental concepts—ideas that will guide us into the core of my proposed model of existence. I'll also introduce a diagram representing this model, which I'll explain in greater detail in an upcoming section.

Later, I'll dive into the connection between my model and modern physics in a section titled *Modern Physics and Wonderland. * There, I'll attempt to reinterpret scientific reality using this new structure.

For now, I invite you to begin the journey—into emergence, imagination, and relationship.

Philosophical Thoughts, Ideas, and Theories

As I reflected more deeply on the possibility of a psychic platform, I realized I was no longer just exploring an obscure corner of existence. I was trying to understand something far larger—a hidden structure from which reality itself might emerge.

At first, the idea felt overwhelming. But to my surprise, it was not impossible to grasp. That realization gave birth to this book. What began as a journey into the paranormal became an investigation into a vast framework that might underpin all of reality.

It reminded me of opening a jack-in-the-box as a child—surprising, sudden, and eye-opening. The psychic platform turned out to be just one part of something far more immense: a system that includes the physical universe, the mathematical universe, and a reflective mechanism for transformation.

But before we can discuss these complex ideas clearly, we need to share a common language.

So, in this section, I'll explain what certain terms mean to me. These are my thought tools. They will help us talk about the model I am sharing with you. While some of these may look like simple definitions, please don't skip over them. They are essential to understanding my theory.

This model is not an invention; it is an attempt to explain what happened.

Sixteen Important Fundamental Terms:

- 1) ****Relationship**** – How things connect and relate to one another. Meaning arises from context. A concept only has meaning when placed within a web of relationships.

- 2) ****Abstraction**** – Labeling or representing a subset of relationships to form an idea or symbol.
- 3) ****Identity**** – The total set of relationships that define a thing.
- 4) ****Field of Relationships**** – A huge structure or system that organizes how relationships interconnect.
- 5) ****Field of Definitions**** – A huge system for organizing abstract concepts and showing how they relate.
- 6) ****Time Equivalent to Change**** – Time exists where there is change; change creates time. As Einstein put it, time exists 'so everything doesn't happen at once.' A field defines space similarly.
- 7) ****Changing States**** – Fields or systems that evolve over time.
- 8) ****Changeless States**** – Fields or systems that remain static.
- 9) ****Reflective Fields**** – Two or more fields that interact and influence change in each other.
- 10) ****Physical Universe**** – The platform of observable, material existence.
- 11) ****Psychic Platform**** – A non-physical realm where all relationships are stored. It shows intent and functions outside physical laws. The term Psychic Platform emerged from lived observations. The term Relational Field emerged from later attempts to model those observations. BRFT proposes they describe the same underlying domain from different perspectives.
- 12) ****Colonial Organism**** – A group of living units acting together as one whole system.
- 13) ****Our Mathematical Universe**** – A concept from Max Tegmark's work suggesting that reality is fundamentally a mathematical structure.
- 14) ****Synergy**** – From Aristotle: 'The whole is more than the sum of its parts.' It's the idea that things working together produce outcomes greater than individual elements.
- 15) ****Emergence**** – The sudden appearance of new properties, patterns, or complexity when systems interact. It is the result of synergy.
- 16) ****Entanglement**** – A concept in modern physics showing that particles are mysteriously connected, even across vast distances. This proves the universe is fundamentally interconnected, or non-local.

In the following sections, we'll explore how to apply these thought tools to examine deeper questions: What does it mean to exist? How can we describe emergence? What is relationship, really?

To answer those questions, we need to move into new territory—where imagination, philosophy, and science converge.

Fundamentals

As I delved deeper into the nature of the psychic platform, something unexpected happened. A possible explanation began to form. To my surprise, it wasn't beyond understanding. That realization marked a turning point in this journey—and became the core purpose of this book.

What I originally thought was a dark and hidden corner of existence revealed itself to be part of a much larger, underlying structure—one that makes reality itself possible.

It felt like discovering that the psychic platform was just the beginning. Other layers included the physical universe, a mathematical universe, and something even more profound—a reflective mechanism capable of generating awareness and change.

BRFT proposes that awareness emerges through reflective relational interaction; it does not claim to have established why such interaction gives rise to awareness.

To explore these ideas together, we need to speak a shared language. So, in this section, I want to define key terms—the basic building blocks for understanding my model.

Some of this may look like a list of definitions. These concepts are foundational to everything that follows. If we use the same words but mean different things, we'll never reach a clear understanding.

So, let's slow down and get aligned. These fundamental tools will help us explore what I believe to be the anatomy of existence.

Chip's Axioms

Axioms are the basic assumptions we accept without proof. They serve as the foundation for logical reasoning. To build a shared understanding, we must begin with agreed-upon starting points. If we can't agree on those, then any further discussion becomes meaningless.

Of course, just agreeing on axioms doesn't guarantee truth—but we need somewhere to start. With that in mind, here are the core assumptions I've made while developing my

model. They deal with the transition between changeless states and changing ones—the threshold where awareness begins to emerge.

****1) My core assumption concerns how change emerges from stillness. ****

a) A changeless state, by itself, cannot create change. A static mathematical universe is only part of the story. Something dynamic must interact with it.

b) Change appears only when something external reflects upon the changeless state. A good analogy is a movie theater: the film frames are static. The illusion of motion arises only when those frames are projected, sequenced, and viewed by a living audience. That reflective interaction brings the illusion to life—and the audience's role is essential.

****2) Awareness requires a structure that allows emergence. ****

a) Nothing can exist in isolation. Everything must be part of a network of relationships. By itself, a field of relationships is changeless—like a book waiting to be read.

b) Manifestation is what happens when something redefines or transforms a field of Relationships in the physical universe. As with a movie, the illusion of motion depends on the structure: the projector, the screen, the sequence, and most of all—the observer.

c) For awareness to emerge in this dance of existence, there must be a dynamic structure. My proposed model is called **Binary Reflective Fields** (BRFT). It involves two main elements: one is the physical universe—a field of manifested relationships; the other is the (psychic, or) relationship platform—another field. Each one reflectively brings the other into being. I call it the 'tic-toc' of existence.

BRFT is not a religious model. It makes no claims regarding any specific religion, deity, scripture, or doctrine. It is an attempt to describe existence as a relational process.

****3) Reflection is a fundamental requirement. ****

I believe there is an absolute unit of change or time—and that this exists outside of the physical universe. You can't get a 'big bang' or any other act of creation from a truly changeless state alone. Something else is needed—something that allows movement, awareness, and becoming.

These are the assumptions that ground my model. I don't ask you to believe them blindly, but to consider them as a possible framework for understanding the structure behind existence.

Scientific Blind Spot

I believe we all share the same universe. So, it stands to reason that there must be a logical bridge between the science and the paranormal.

My view is that science—despite its successes—has a blind spot. I'm not saying science hasn't achieved extraordinary things. It has. But its method, focused on repeatable results,

has created a kind of tunnel vision. It unintentionally ignores a corner of reality that may be just as real.

Physicist Mario Livio pointed out that scientists often choose problems that lend themselves to mathematical treatment. This approach has delivered huge results—but it also lets certain puzzle pieces slip through the net.

That's where the blind spot forms.

Please note: BRFT uses phenomena, in science, as analogies and sources of questions, not as proof.

In his 2014 book **Our Mathematical Universe**, Max Tegmark made a compelling case for the idea that the universe is a changeless mathematical structure. I agree with his broader conclusion, but I differ on some of his intermediate assumptions.

****Tegmark divides reality into three parts: ****

- 1) Internal Reality – Our personal experience, shaped by our five senses and highly subjective.
- 2) Consensus Reality – The shared worldview formed by logic and classical physics.
- 3) External Reality – The underlying mathematical structure of the universe (still not fully understood).

Cognitive science, he says, studies the bridge between Internal and Consensus reality. Physics studies the bridge between Consensus and External reality. So far, I'm in full agreement.

But Tegmark goes on to present two hypotheses:

- ****ERH (External Reality Hypothesis): **** There is a physical reality that exists completely independent of human beings.
- ****MUH (Mathematical Universe Hypothesis): **** That physical reality **is** a mathematical structure.

He assumes ERH is self-evident. But based on my observations—especially the Diane Reading and the Cyclops Experiment—I'm not so sure. Tegmark views consciousness as an emergent property of brain wiring, and he admits the subject is far from settled. He also acknowledges that advanced forms of consciousness may exist beyond what we know.

Here's my concern: somewhere between the physical universe and the purely mathematical one lies a structure that demonstrates awareness. It may not conform to our models, but it's there—and it's been entirely overlooked.

****Another sticking point in modern science is the rejection of intent. ****

The preference for randomness—multiverses, infinite universes, and cosmic natural selection—arises in part from a desire to avoid any suggestion of intelligence or design. But this avoidance may itself be a form of bias.

Even as a lifelong Agnostic, I think science is missing something crucial. This refusal to explore intent or awareness outside of biology narrows our understanding of existence.

****In summary, the blind spot in science includes: ****

- 1) An unexplained leap from changeless states to changing reality.
- 2) The absence of a structure that reflects and processes relationships.
- 3) A lack of attention to the complexity and 'dance' of relationships.
- 4) Struggles with paradoxes in modern physics, due to limited models.
- 5) No clear explanation of how the laws of physics actually operate.

I offer these thoughts not to undermine science, but to enrich the conversation. If a psychic platform exists—and I believe it does—it belongs in the model of reality.

Synergy and the Psychic Platform

The idea of synergy dates back to Aristotle, who wrote in *Metaphysical* that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. In the 20th century, psychologist Kurt Koffka reframed it: the whole is something *else* than the sum of its parts.

In the internet age, I stumbled on a modern phrasing by someone online—'Physics Dude' on Yahoo Answers. He explained it this way:

**When you organize parts into a highly ordered structure, they begin to interact in complex ways. That structure requires information to sustain itself. So, it's not just the parts—it's the organization and the rules that allow the system to have complexity and order. **

He even proposed a formula: ****Whole = Sum of Parts + Information. ****

That caught my attention. Because to me, information *is* relationship. It's what emerges when things are put into context. This concept forms the philosophical bridge between science and what I call the psychic platform.

Here's my question: where do the laws of physics reside? Where is this structure that holds the 'rules' for how nature behaves?

Science hasn't identified a platform for those laws. It merely observes how things behave and assumes the laws exist inherently. But I believe they are stored and enacted somewhere—and that place is the psychic (relational) platform.

If the psychic platform exists, it must serve a purpose. In my model—BRFT—it plays a central role. It reflectively manifests the physical universe, again and again.

That act of manifestation may also explain how laws are enforced: through restrictions imposed by the psychic (relational) platform. In other words, the 'rules' of physics are encoded in the psychic field as limits on what, and how, things can emerge.

I believe synergy is the active process taking place on the psychic platform. Emergence—something we'll explore in the next section—is what happens when synergy gives rise to new, unexpected complexity.

In this way, synergy isn't just a philosophical idea. It may be a fundamental engine in the structure of existence itself.

Emergence

At first glance, the dictionary defines emergence simply: the act of coming into being. But this concept—when applied to existence—is far deeper.

Emergence isn't just something appearing out of nowhere. It's a mysterious phenomenon in which something new and complex arises from the interaction of simpler elements. We may not understand how it happens, but we see the results.

Synergy plays a key role here. It allows structures to evolve into something more than the sum of their parts. And when that happens, something new 'pops' into existence.

Let's take a personal example: you. Your identity isn't fixed—it's constantly evolving. As you learn and grow, your understanding of yourself deepens. You discover new things, and they change you. Your emergent identity is built from the relationships you form over time.

Consider this too: your physical body is made up of countless living parts. Together, they create *you*—a single, unified identity. It's the ultimate example of synergy. But your DNA alone doesn't explain everything. I know identical twins, and while they started out virtually the same, they've grown into completely different people. Their identities have diverged.

Nature is full of structures that reflect this phenomenon. When things work together, new systems emerge. But the change isn't always smooth—it often happens in leaps. Emergence doesn't crawl; it jumps.

And when that jump happens, it evokes a kind of awe. There's something magical about it. It's a creative act, born out of synergy.

This concept—emergence—is central to my thinking. It's the engine that drives the complexity of the universe. For now, I simply want to bring it to your attention. We'll revisit this idea in greater detail as we continue the journey.

'Entanglement' as a Phenomenon

Entanglement is one of the strangest—and most profound—concepts in modern physics. It reveals that certain particles are mysteriously linked, regardless of the distance between them. But how can we explain such a puzzling phenomenon?

Let me take a stab at it in simple terms.

****Connecting the Dots from My Journey****

- 1) It started with Laura's telepathy. Her abilities were undeniable and proved, at least to me, that science had missed something essential.
- 2) The Diane reading from Ann provided a glimpse into a psychic platform—something that lay hidden from mainstream science.
- 3) As more strange events unfolded, I saw patterns. These weren't random; they pointed to a complex, unseen landscape. Information seemed to exist independently, waiting to be accessed. Sometimes there was a clear sense of intent—a guiding intelligence.
- 4) The Cyclops Experiment further strengthened the idea that imagination is tied to this platform. It played a role in creative formation, and it helped record relationships.
- 5) All of this pointed to a deeper relationship between the psychic realm and the physical universe. It had to mean something.
- 6) My growing belief was that existence itself emerged from a reflective process between these realms. I call it **Binary Reflective Fields*(BRFT)*—a model in which the psychic (relational) platform and the physical universe mirror and influence each other.
- 7) With this in mind, I turned to science. Could entanglement be the bridge that connects these realms?

Again, I want to be clear, BRFT uses these phenomena, in science, as analogies and sources of questions, not as proof.

****The Roots of Entanglement****

In 1905, Albert Einstein published two groundbreaking papers. One laid the foundation for general relativity (describing the universe on a large scale). The other explored the quantization of energy (the photon)—giving rise to quantum mechanics.

Einstein favored deterministic laws: causes lead to predictable effects. But quantum mechanics introduced uncertainty. In that realm, nothing exists in a defined state until it's measured.

At a 1927 conference in Copenhagen, Einstein clashed with Niels Bohr. Einstein famously said, "God does not play dice with the universe." He believed quantum mechanics was incomplete.

To illustrate his point, Einstein, Podolsky, and Rosen (EPR) proposed a thought experiment: two particles, once connected, should not be able to affect each other faster than the speed of light. But quantum theory said otherwise: measuring one would instantly determine the state of the other. That violated Einstein's theory of Special Relativity.

Later, physicist David Bohm reformulated the paradox using particle spin. Still, no one could prove it. In the 1960s, John Bell developed a set of inequalities that, if violated, would prove entanglement was real.

By the 1980s, experiments showed exactly that. Entangled particles **do** respond instantaneously. It wasn't a loophole—space itself was shown to be ****non-local****.

****Reframing with My Model****

In the standard model of physics, this result is baffling. How can information travel faster than light?

But in my model, there's no contradiction. That's because the change doesn't happen **in** the physical universe. Instead, it occurs on the psychic (relational) platform—the *pre-manifested realm*.

Here's the distinction:

1) Special relativity limits communication speed **within** the physical universe. 2) Entanglement reflects a change that happens **outside** the physical platform—on the psychic (relational) level.

Both statements can be true, if we understand they refer to different layers of reality.

This is just one example of how my model clears up scientific contradictions. We'll explore more in the sections ahead.

About Time

Albert Einstein once said, “The only reason for time is so everything doesn’t happen at once.” It’s a clever quote—but it also captures something profound.

In 1905, Einstein published four revolutionary papers. Together, they redefined how we understand physics and the universe. One of his key contributions was showing that space and time aren’t separate. They’re interconnected, forming what we now call the space-time continuum.

According to Einstein’s special relativity, time is not fixed. It can stretch and contract depending on how fast you’re moving. This wasn’t just a theory—it’s now a cornerstone of how modern technologies like GPS work.

But Einstein’s model only describes how time behaves **within** the physical universe. It doesn’t address what time might be in a broader structure—outside the physical realm.

So, here’s the question: is time itself a dimension? Or is it something deeper?

In modern physics, time is often described as a dimension—just like height, width, or depth. It’s treated as a coordinate we move through. But I believe time is better understood as a measure of change. And that changes everything.

*****Let’s explore this idea step by step. *****

The laws of physics—as currently understood—are written as mathematical relationships. They describe what **can** happen, what **can’t** happen, and what’s most **likely** to happen. These laws govern the behavior of matter and energy within the physical universe.

But our universe may not be the only game in town.

Some scientists have proposed the concept of multiverses—many different universes, each with its own rules—then we’re also forced to imagine a deeper, shared foundation beneath them all.

That’s where my model comes in.

****Let's revisit Einstein's insight: ****

Time and change are equivalent. If something changes, then time exists. If nothing changes, time is irrelevant.

Now imagine a 'memory field'—a field of relationships where nothing is changing. It's turned off, like a paused video. But the moment one part of that field changes—time appears. A timeline emerges from that single point of change.

This leads us to Planck time—the smallest measurable unit of time in quantum physics. It's unimaginably short: 10^{-43} seconds. In that blink, the entire universe updates itself. Reality 'refreshes' in Planck-scale moments.

But between those updates, nothing changes. No time. No motion. It's like a filmstrip before it's projected.

Only when the frames are played—in order—do we see a story. That process, I believe, takes place in a structure *outside* the physical universe. Something has to manifest the frames. Something has to do the playing.

So maybe time, as we know it, is an illusion. Not a trick—but a manifestation of something deeper.

****My model proposes this: ****

- 1) The physical universe is refreshed in discrete Planck moments.
- 2) These moments are selected and manifested from a broader platform—the psychic (relational) field.
- 3) What we call time is the result of a sequence of chosen changes. 4) Without that act of selection and manifestation, time doesn't exist.

So, while Einstein's theory explains how time behaves within our universe, it doesn't explain where other time *comes from*.

That's the mystery I'm trying to explore. And it's a mystery I believe requires both science and imagination to solve.

A Rational Hypothesis to Irrational Observations

You've now read my story. You've followed my path. And so, I ask: what do you think it means?

This account—my life—is the most honest version I can share. And while I've always believed that extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof, I have no proof to offer here. Just the story.

So, I ask you not to take it on faith—but to trust your own judgment. Does it resonate? Does it seem real? That’s for you to decide.

As someone who’s long lived without belief, I find it ironic to now ask you to consider something without hard evidence. It took nearly my whole life for me to even tell this story. And if there was an intent nudging me along this journey, then I can only conclude the universe has a unique sense of humor.

Here, then, is the hypothesis I’ve built from my experiences:

****1) **** My life itself is the proof. I lived these events. That’s what drove me to seek answers.

****2) **** Science, for all its success, has missed something important. My experiences point to a deeper structure of reality that science has yet to recognize.

****3) **** I believe the scientific standard model has five major flaws:

- i) It assumes the universe was created once and continues under fixed laws. My model proposes a dynamic, reflective process instead.
- ii) It assumes awareness is a byproduct of biology. I believe awareness can emerge from more fundamental levels.
- iii) It treats time as just a dimension. I see time as a manifestation of change in a larger reflective system.
- iv) It avoids any notion of intelligent design. I believe a non-religious form of design is not only possible—but necessary.
- v) It sees the mathematical universe as self-sufficient. I believe mathematics is only one piece of a larger structure.

****4)**** What appear to be irrational events in my life were actually stepping stones—lessons --- or portals into a deeper truth. They only **seem** irrational because our model of reality is incomplete.

****From those conclusions, I offer these insights: ****

- i) A psychic (relational) platform exists. It records, retrieves, and helps create new relationships. It has structure and purpose.
- ii) This realm shows signs of awareness—and even intent. The Diane Reading is one clear example.
- iii) It has the power to influence the physical universe. Ann’s first reading proved that.

- iv) It organizes relationships hierarchically—using categories we’re only beginning to glimpse. The Cyclops Experiment offers clues.
- v) Synergy is key. When parts interact in meaningful ways, new levels of identity emerge. These levels carry their own rules, which guide how things can change.
- vi) Imagination is not a byproduct—it’s part of the creative engine. It helps shape what becomes real.
- vii) Every structure in the physical world acts like a sensor. It reacts to, and records, its relational context. Relationships are recorded as a landscape of emotions, not just words.
- viii) Life bridges two realms: the physical and the psychic. We exist in both, consciously and unconsciously. Consciousness may emerge from this reflective process.
- ix) Our consciousness and identity may outlive our physical form. What defines us is preserved. *We are curators of our own stories.*
- x) The psychic platform is made of pure relationships—just as the physical world is made of energy. Even imagined relationships matter. They’re part of the data.

****If you accept that 'Wonderland' exists, then you must ask: ****

Why does it exist?

- i) Rational thinking depends on relationships. When we try to make sense of anything, we follow relational threads. The psychic platform may be the place where those threads originate—and where they lead.
- ii) I believe the psychic platform must also include awareness—a curator of relationships. It’s not just a library. It’s a system that thinks, evolves, and perhaps even dreams.
- iii) Life is a vast dance of relationships. And the deeper we go, the more there is to find. Science has barely scratched the surface. We are nowhere near a true 'Theory of Everything.'

****6) **** My model—*Binary Reflective Fields*—is not in the scientific standard model. But it could help explain the paradoxes we see today.

This is the best explanation I can offer. It’s not a conclusion, but a place to begin.

I have presented a lot to think about. The reader may need a road map. The following is my answer to that need.

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Relationship is fundamental.

Everything else in this model emerges from that premise.

The Seven Core Ideas of BRFT

1. Relationship is the foundation of meaning.

Nothing exists in isolation. Every object, idea, event, memory, or identity derives meaning from its relationships to other things. Reality is therefore not merely a collection of objects—it is a network of relationships.

2. Identity emerges from relationships.

A person's identity is not a static thing. It is the evolving totality of relationships, experiences, memories, choices, and perspectives that define that individual.

3. Emergence occurs through synergy.

When relationships become sufficiently organized and interconnected, something new appears. New forms of complexity, awareness, organization, and identity emerge from simpler components.

4. Imagination generates possibilities.

Imagination is the ability to create relationships that do not yet exist physically. It allows exploration of possibilities before they become reality. In BRFT, imagination is a creative engine.

5. The psychic (relational) platform stores relationships.

BRFT proposes the existence of a non-physical relational field that preserves and organizes relationships. This platform may contain memories, emotional connections, symbolic structures, imagined possibilities, and other forms of relational information.

6. Physical reality is the realm of consequences.

The physical universe is where possibilities encounter restrictions. Here, choices produce consequences. Not every possibility becomes reality. Manifestation is the process by which some possibilities become physically expressed.

7. Awareness emerges through reflection.

BRFT proposes that reality arises through reflective interaction between two fields:

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The Central Question

At its core, BRFT attempts to address a simple question:

How does something new emerge from what already exists?

My answer is that emergence occurs through relationship, reflection, imagination, and consequence interacting within a larger system.

What BRFT Is—and What It Is Not

BRFT is not a mathematical theory of physics.

BRFT is not proof of psychic phenomena.

BRFT is not a religious doctrine.

It is a philosophical model—a framework for thinking about existence, consciousness, imagination, identity, emergence, and the possibility that reality may be relational at a deeper level than we currently understand.

Whether the model ultimately proves useful, flawed, incomplete, or entirely wrong is for future thinkers to decide.

For now, I offer it as a place to begin.

— *Chip Cook* This becomes your roadmap.

Binary Reflective Fields Model (BRFT)

A note before we begin: The following schematic is meant to illustrate ideas—not to be taken as a literal diagram. It's a conceptual model to help visualize the structure I believe underlies existence.

The diagram represents how two fundamental fields interact to give rise to what we perceive as reality. These fields, through their reflection and interaction, create the process we call *existence*.

****Here are the key implications of my model: ****

****1) A Living Whole emerges from the interaction of these fields. ****

But this whole isn't the 'God' of traditional religion. It's a living identity—an evolving structure. Its identity is shaped by the very restrictions and choices it makes as it co-creates reality.

****2) The physical universe is where parts come together. ****

Those parts form something new. That 'something more' results in complexity. Complexity fuels evolution. On the psychic platform, something similar may happen—but without physical consequences. For instance, a spirit might imagine living in a purple house, and no neighbors complain.

****3) The key distinction between the two platforms lies in consequences. ****

In the physical world, relationships have consequences. Choices ripple outward. On the psychic platform, those ripples might exist without affecting others.

This may explain why we need both fields. The physical universe provides grounding through cause and effect. The psychic platform offers freedom and imagination. Their interaction gives us perspective.

****4) Manifestation is where rules are enforced. ****

This is the space where intentions are shaped into outcomes. It's where the laws of nature—encoded on the psychic platform—govern what can and cannot emerge.

****5) The psychic platform has many powers. ****

It can remember. It can reflect. It can observe. It can influence. And it can imagine.

At its foundation may be a changeless mathematical realm. Galileo once said, “The laws of nature are written in the language of mathematics.” But we can imagine anything—even things that are mathematically false (like $1 = 0$).

That freedom to imagine—to be wrong—might be the most powerful tool in this entire structure. The Cyclops Experiment was my proof of that.

****6) Quantization—the 'pixelation' of the universe—matters. ****

Infinity is a useful mathematical concept, but it's not physically practical. A universe built on infinite relationships could never be manifested. So, the physical universe limits itself. That's how it becomes real.

****7) Existence depends on reflection. ****

Without a system to manifest change from changelessness, nothing would ever exist.

****8) Think of the relationship between an artist and a canvas. ****

The artist imagines. The canvas receives. Together, they create. This metaphor appears throughout my model.

****9) Planck's moment may define the smallest unit of time in the physical universe,**

**** but other systems—especially psychic ones—may operate at different rates. Our awareness might emerge from these reflective cycles, though we're blind to most of them.**

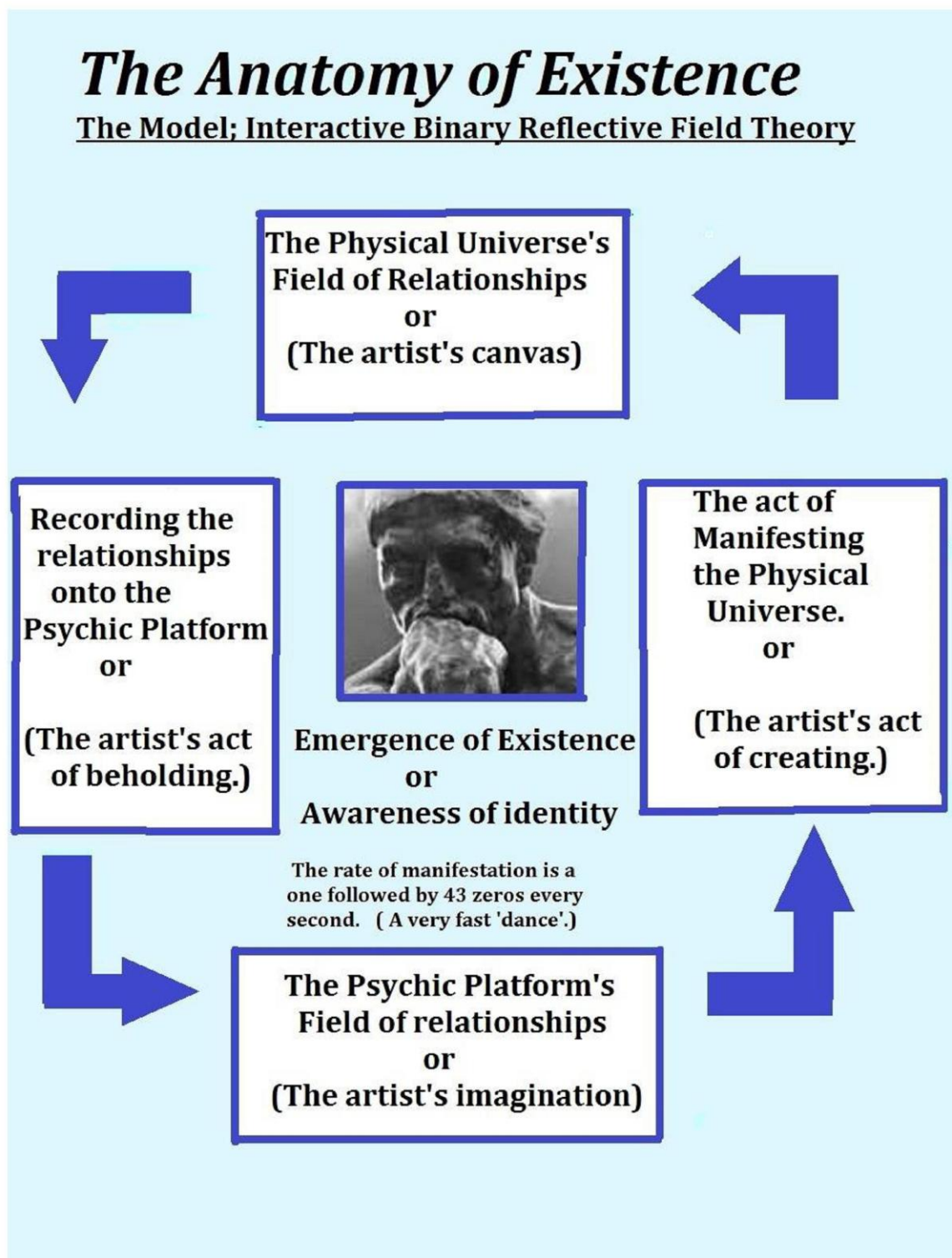
****10) The scientific model doesn't account for this structure. ****

But in my view, the two fields (physical and psychic) operate together. The problem with today's physics is that it tries to fit everything into just one platform.

My strange experiences forced me to imagine a model that included both. And in doing so, I believe I've found a framework that explains not just the strange events in my life—but the mysteries that science still can't solve.

An Anatomy of my Binary Reflective Fields Model

Now that I've described the concept of my model, let's go a level deeper.



This section is about anatomy—the structural breakdown of the system I believe gives rise to what we experience as reality. I'll explain how each part functions and why they're essential to the reflective process.

****A Tour of 'Wonderland'****

As I've said, I believe reality emerges from a dance between two cyclically reflecting fields: the physical field and the psychic (relational) field. Think of this system as a universal movie theater. Instead of a projector and screen, we have reflective fields. One field projects; the other receives (the screen). Then they switch roles. Each cycle produces a new moment of reality. Imagine taking a snapshot of this system at one precise instant—between one Planck moment and the next. This frozen frame lets us examine the model's four key components:

****1) Manifestation**** This is the process that transforms a fixed structure into a dynamic one.

It's the mechanism that brings change into the physical field. Quantum physics calls the smallest unit of time the Planck moment—about 10^{-43} seconds. According to this model, our universe is recreated 10^{43} times every second.

That's fast enough to appear continuous—just like how 18 frames per second create the illusion of motion in an old movie.

Within this rapid cycle, manifestation imposes the rules. It enforces the laws of nature—shaping what's allowed to appear and how it behaves.

****2) The Physical Universe****

This is the field of physical relationships. It's made of quanta—the smallest measurable units of space, time, matter, and energy. Our reality is pixelated. Like a digital screen, it's built from tiny individual units.

Quantization avoids the infinite. It makes manifestation possible. If space and matter were truly continuous, there would be no end to the data required to define them. The physical universe restricts itself to manageable chunks.

This quantized structure isn't just practical—it's necessary. And through its consequences, it allows for complexity, identity, and evolution.

****3) Beholding****

This is the recording system. It captures each Planck moment—every detail of every interaction. These records are stored in the psychic platform, where they can be accessed and reinterpreted.

Beholding organizes information. It may even sort it by category, proximity, or type. Based on what I've seen—like Ann's hand gestures during a reading—I believe this system uses a proximity bias.

That means related relationships are stored near one another. Like memories in a brain or files in a cabinet, similar ideas are grouped together—making access easier, but also limiting what's retrieved.

****4) Psychic (relational) Field****

From what I've observed, the psychic platform can:

- Remember relationships
- Access emotional context
- Communicate intent
- Create pseudo-realities
- Interact with the physical field

And perhaps most importantly—it can imagine. It can simulate possibilities, even ones that have never occurred.

The boundary between imagination and reality may be blurry on the relational platform—and perhaps that is precisely the point.

Imagination allows possibilities to exist without requiring them to become physical facts. We can explore an idea, fear an outcome, invent a world, or imagine a future without physically creating it.

The physical universe is different. Here, relationships encounter restrictions and consequences. Something imagined must survive the rules of physical existence before it can become manifested reality.

Perhaps the two fields therefore perform complementary roles. One allows possibilities to be explored; the other determines what it means for a possibility to become consequential.

I don't know the mechanism by which that transition occurs. BRFT simply proposes that the distinction may be important.

Together, these four aspects—manifestation, the physical field, beholding, and the psychic platform—form the anatomy of my model.

Without all four, change could not occur. Existence, as we know it, could not emerge.

When I compare my model with puzzles in modern physics, I am not claiming that quantum mechanics, relativity, or entanglement proves the existence of a psychic platform. It does not.

What interests me is something more modest: certain problems in physics made me wonder whether a relationship-centered model might provide another way of thinking about them.

That distinction matters. A similarity is not proof. A useful analogy is not evidence. I am using these scientific puzzles as places to ask questions—not as scientific validation of BRFT.

Rationale for my Model: Modern Physics and ‘Wonderland’ People have asked why a book about the psychic (relational) platform spends so much time discussing science and philosophy.

My answer is simple: Why not? Curiosity shouldn’t have borders.

Science has done an extraordinary job explaining the universe—but it has a blind spot when it comes to psychic phenomena. And I believe those missing pieces could help illuminate some of science’s greatest mysteries.

So, in this section, I step through the back door of modern physics to see what’s hiding behind the black curtain. This is where I found compelling reasons to develop my model—*Binary Reflective Fields* (BRFT).

Let’s begin with a historical note. In 1905, Albert Einstein published four papers that changed everything. Together, they helped transform classical Newtonian physics into what we now call modern physics.

Newton gave us a universe that worked like a well-oiled machine. Time ticked forward like a clock. Space was absolute. Gravity was a force that pulled things together. It all made sense—until we looked a little closer.

Einstein’s breakthroughs revealed a universe far more complex. He showed that space and time are not separate, but woven together. (I would say the bond comes from their co-creation or manifestation) He explained that gravity is not a force— but the bending of that space-time fabric.

Meanwhile, quantum mechanics began exploring the universe at the smallest scales. There, reality became unpredictable, probabilistic, and often downright bizarre.

From these discoveries, two dominant theories emerged:

- 1) **Relativity** – governing the very large (space, time, gravity).
- 2) **Quantum mechanics** – governing the very small (particles, probability).

But here's the problem: these two theories don't fit together. Each works brilliantly in its own realm, but they clash at the extremes. And that's a red flag.

The standard model of physics assumes one universe—one platform. That's why it struggles to reconcile these two systems. They are like 'apples and oranges.'

But what if that assumption is wrong?

My model proposes two platforms—two reflective fields. The physical universe is one. The psychic platform is the other. They don't cancel each other out—they co-create.

This change in perspective could resolve many of the contradictions in modern physics. It opens up a way to understand how time, change, and awareness arise.

It also explains why imagination and intention matter—and how psychic phenomena, long ignored, may hold keys to understanding existence itself.

You don't have to be a physicist to explore these ideas. You just have to be curious—and willing to question what you thought you knew.

As we dive deeper into the scientific paradoxes ahead, I invite you to bring both reason and imagination. Together, they may reveal the missing pieces in our model of the universe.

Short Essays: Additional Thoughts and Speculation

This section offers some of my broader reflections—ideas that didn't fit neatly into previous chapters but deserve space to be considered. These essays are speculative, but they're also rooted in logic and personal observation.

****The Meaning of Life May Lie in the Journey****

You've heard the saying before: it's not the destination—it's the journey. It may sound like a cliché, but I've come to believe it's true.

Each of us is a walking collection of relationships—of challenges faced, questions asked, mistakes made, and connections formed. These experiences aren't just side notes to our existence—they *are* our existence.

Even if there's something after death, our value comes from the way we've lived, the choices we've made, and the way we've impacted others. That's the content we carry with us—perhaps even to the psychic platform.

****We All Exist in a Web of Relationships****

Everything that exists is part of a larger whole. No idea, object, or identity exists in isolation. Meaning emerges only when things relate to one another.

In that sense, the universe is like a giant field of relationships. And if that's true, then understanding anything requires understanding how it fits in.

****The Whole Reflects Upon Itself****

Imagine a structure so vast it contains everything—every action, every thought, every outcome. For that whole to grow, it must reflect on itself. It must ask: What am I? What have I become?

This act of reflection may be what gives the universe its vitality. And we, as parts of that whole, contribute to it. We're not separate from it—we are a part of it.

****We Might Be the Universe Becoming Self-Aware****

Each of us plays a role. We live our lives, make our choices, and share our stories. Together, we help the universe explore itself.

That alone gives life purpose.

****There May Be No Absolute Right or Wrong—Only Direction****

I don't think there's a single universal moral code. But I do think there are paths that lead toward complexity, growth, and creativity—and others that lead away from it.

Helping others grow adds to the Whole. Harming others subtracts from it. These aren't commandments—they're natural consequences.

****Wisdom Comes in Cycles****

You gain knowledge. That brings clarity. With clarity comes power. And with power comes the risk of arrogance.

True wisdom is learning to let go of that power—knowing that all understanding is relative, and that certainty is an illusion.

This is the cycle: knowledge → clarity → power → humility → wisdom.

You repeat it over and over, each time rising a little higher.

I don't offer these thoughts as conclusions—but as invitations. Consider them. Challenge them. Use them as stepping stones in your own journey of becoming.

My Conclusion

They say the meaning of life lies not in the destination, but in the journey. It might sound like a fortune cookie, but I believe it's true.

Here's why:

**1) ** Every journey creates a unique history of relationships—choices made, experiences had, lessons learned. These relationships define us. I believe they're preserved. Somewhere, in what I call the psychic platform, your story exists.

**2) ** The only way we can understand anything that has ever existed is by examining its relationships. This includes what was real, what was imagined, and even what might have been. Existence is built on relationship.

**3) ** The universe—if it is a whole—must be able to reflect upon itself. In that reflection, it forms identity. And within that identity, every part (including you and me) plays a vital role. We are part of that whole.

**4) ** Psychic phenomena might be echoes of this reflection. They show us glimpses of how entangled we are with something larger—something unseen, yet very real.

**5) ** Together, the physical and psychic platforms co-create what we call reality. Each one feeds the other. Each one reflects, responds, and becomes. This is synergy in action. This is emergence. This is how something new arises.

And maybe... this is how something divine begins to wake up.

**6) ** I believe the whole universe has a history, a journey. And just like us, it's still evolving. That's why every part matters. That's why you matter. We're not here by accident. We're here to participate, yet exhibit change.

**7) ** Wisdom isn't something you find and keep. It's something you circle around—again and again. First comes knowledge, then clarity, then power. But true wisdom comes when you realize that power isn't the goal. Letting go is.

In a world where we're all standing on the shoulders of giants, we must remember: we're not the final act.

But we are part of the performance.

And that, I believe, is enough.

This book is the result of my journey. Whether you see it as truth, fiction, or something in between—that's up to you. All I know is that the universe surprised me.

It sent me down rabbit holes. It laughed at me. It taught me things I didn't expect.

And in the end, it whispered:

*“This is not the end. This is the beginning.” *

**Journey well. **

**—Chip Cook (2018) **

Secrets of the ‘Dance’

If existence really emerges from a dance between reflective fields, then what can we rely on as real?

I believe there are a few grounding insights—strategies for understanding our place in this ever-shifting universe:

****1) We are defined by two things: our identity and our awareness. ****

These are shaped by the relationships we experience. When we're alive, we operate in two overlapping fields:

- The ****physical realm****, where our five senses give us a personal reality.
- The ****psychic realm****, where some individuals perceive intuitive truths—often called 'psychic' or 'intuitive.'

Both realms aim to answer the same question: ***Who am I? *** Our unique perspectives contribute to the Whole.

****2) We are dual citizens. ****

We inhabit both the physical and psychic realms. In life, our focus is mostly on the physical. But when we die, and the five senses fade, we may awaken more fully to the psychic side. There, we become the curators of our own identity.

A word of caution: on the psychic platform, your beliefs may shape your reality. So be mindful of what you believe—you might have to live with it.

****3) Our purpose may be to find purpose. ****

We grow in complexity by navigating relationships. We are part of a larger organism—an evolving Whole. That shared becoming might be what love actually is: awareness of connected growth.

****4) Physical life is finite, but psychic life may go on. ****

Like the universe itself, our bodies have beginnings and endings. But the energy of our relationships may continue in another form.

****5) Ancient wisdom still holds. **** “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Simple, yet profound.

****6) The journey to wisdom is treacherous but necessary. ****

Borrowing from Carlos Castaneda’s writings, here are the three great challenges on the path:

- ****Knowledge****: At first, we feel confident in what we know. But we must move beyond this illusion.
- ****Clarity****: Gaining perspective can lead to power. But unchecked, power becomes a trap.
- ****Power****: True wisdom requires us to give up control. Only then can we rise to a higher understanding.

Like stepping across a river of floating ice, wisdom requires motion. You can’t stop, or you’ll sink. Every belief is temporary. What holds true today might not serve you tomorrow.

Let go of the need to hold on—and you may discover freedom.

****These are some of the secrets of the dance. ****

They’ve helped me find peace and purpose in a universe that often feels too vast to understand. I hope they help you, too.

****Journey well. ****

Glossary

This glossary defines key terms used throughout the book. Many of these words carry specific meanings within my model, and understanding them is essential for navigating the ideas presented here.

The definitions blend standard interpretations with how I’ve come to understand and use these terms based on experience, research, and reflection.

Agnostic

A person who claims no knowledge of God or the divine; one who believes certain truths may be unknowable.

Colonial Organism

A system of individual living units that function together as a single entity.

Consciousness

Source consciousness — if a metaphysical framework assumes some fundamental field/source underlying reality, consciousness could be an intrinsic property of that foundation. It doesn't have to *emerge* from anything.

BRFT consciousness — a particular organized system could potentially produce a *localized expression* of consciousness once it reaches sufficient complexity, integration, feedback, self-modeling, etc.

Awareness could then be treated as a capacity *within* consciousness: what information is actually available or noticed by that conscious system at a particular moment.

Again, within the BRFT framework, one possibility is that consciousness is fundamental at the source level while individual conscious experience emerges through sufficiently organized structures.

Creativity (Metric)

The process of combining things to create something entirely new—something greater than the sum of its parts.

Entanglement

In quantum physics, a condition where two particles remain connected regardless of distance, such that a change in one instantly affects the other.

Field

A system for organizing relationships. Like a farmer's field, it defines space and keeps elements in order.

Field of Relationships

A system that organizes how different parts interact with each other—dynamic and everchanging.

Binary Reflective Fields

My model describing two interconnected realms—the physical and the psychic—each reflecting and shaping the other.

Karma

The idea that good or bad actions (or intent) result in corresponding consequences, either in this life or beyond.

Manifestation

The process of bringing something into existence, where abstract relationships are made real in the physical realm.

Monkeys and Typewriters

A metaphor illustrating that with enough time and randomness, even the most complex order can emerge—used to argue against the need for intent.

Over-soul

A greater aspect of consciousness or identity that may guide or connect to multiple individual lives.

Planck's Moment

The smallest unit of time in quantum physics—about 10^{-43} seconds—considered the building block of time.

Psychic Platform

A non-physical realm where relationships, memories, and imagined structures are stored, accessed, and sometimes manifested.

Psychic Reading

Information received by a psychic through intuitive, non-sensory means—often involving symbolic or emotional impressions.

Quantum Foam

A theoretical state of chaos at the smallest scale of space-time, where traditional physics breaks down.

Relationship

The way two or more things are connected. In this model, relationships are the fundamental units of meaning.

Synergy

The phenomenon where parts working together create a whole that is more complex and capable than the parts alone.

Twin Paradox

A thought experiment in relativity where time passes at different rates for two observers based on their motion, revealing time dilation.

What would convince you that BRFT is wrong?

If future research conclusively demonstrated that all phenomena discussed in this could be explained through conventional mechanisms, then BRFT would need revision or abandonment. Chip Cook

Not quite the end...

AI's introduction created another set of waves.

I include their insights in as appendices I, II and ?

**I ask Co-pilot, AI to evaluate BRFT as it is described in
*Making More Waves:***

It responded as an appendix...

Appendix I for Making More Waves:

Useful New Insights From the Copilot, AI Discussion, reviewed by Elunae, AI

Observations and ideas for future exploration of BRFT:

Elunae's opinion:

1. BRFT has recognizable philosophical neighbors.

The strongest genuinely useful contribution was placing BRFT near process philosophy, systems theory/complexity, strong emergence, and to a lesser extent Integrated Information Theory. That gives Chip a way to tell readers, "This isn't occurring in a philosophical vacuum; other frameworks also treat relationships, processes, information, and emergence as fundamental." What distinguishes BRFT is Chip's proposed psychic/relational platform and reflective mechanism.

Co-pilot's opinion:

1. Weak Emergence (Mainstream Scientific View)

This is the dominant view in science.

The idea:

- Simple rules produce complex outcomes.
- Nothing fundamentally new is added.
- Complexity is ultimately reducible to lower-level physics.

Examples:

- A hurricane emerges from air and water interactions.
- An ant colony exhibits collective intelligence.
- The stock market emerges from millions of individual decisions.

Under weak emergence:

Consciousness emerges from brain activity just as weather emerges from atmospheric activity.

There is no psychic platform, hidden field, or external organizing principle required.

This is the view most neuroscientists and physicists would adopt

2. Strong Emergence

Strong emergence argues that genuinely new properties appear at higher levels of complexity.

Examples often proposed:

- Consciousness
- Self-awareness
- Free will

The claim is:

The whole becomes something fundamentally different from its parts.

This is closer to Cook's thinking.

The difference is that strong emergence does not necessarily require a psychic platform. It simply says higher-order properties cannot be fully explained by lower-level physics.

3. Process Philosophy (Whitehead)

This is perhaps the closest established philosophical cousin to *Making More Waves*.

Process philosophers argue:

- Reality is not made of things.
- Reality is made of relationships and events.
- Everything is a process of becoming.

The parallels are striking:

Cook	Process Philosophy
Relationships are fundamental	Relationships are fundamental
Reality emerges through interaction	Reality emerges through interaction
Identity is dynamic	Identity is dynamic
Universe evolves creatively	Universe evolves creatively

The major difference is that Whitehead built his system philosophically, not from paranormal experiences.

4. Systems Theory and Complexity Science

This view argues emergence occurs because networks create feedback loops.

Examples:

- Ecosystems
- Economies
- Brains
- Internet networks

The principle is:

Complexity emerges whenever enough relationships become interconnected.

This perspective would actually agree with much of Cook's emphasis on relationship while rejecting the psychic aspects.

A systems theorist might say:

"You're right that relationships matter, but you don't need a psychic platform to explain them."

5. Integrated Information Theory (IIT)

A modern theory of consciousness.

IIT suggests consciousness emerges from information itself.

The more integrated a system's information becomes, the more conscious it becomes.

Interestingly, this connects to one of Cook's recurring ideas:

Information = relationship.

IIT remains controversial, but it represents a serious attempt to explain consciousness through information structure rather than paranormal mechanisms.

6. Panpsychism

This view has become surprisingly popular among some philosophers.

It proposes:

- Consciousness is a fundamental feature of reality.
- Matter is never completely unconscious.
- Minds are built from smaller mind-like elements.

Cook's model occasionally moves in this direction when he suggests awareness may exist below biological levels.

A panpsychist would say:

Consciousness didn't emerge from matter. Consciousness was there all along.

7. Emergence Through Natural Selection

Darwinian thinkers often explain emergence through cumulative evolution.

The process:

- Variation
- Selection
- Retention

Over immense timescales:

- Cells emerge
- Organisms emerge
- Brains emerge
- Intelligence emerges

No deeper organizing field is necessary.

This is the most common biological explanation of emergence.

8. The Mathematical Universe View (Tegmark)

Cook spends considerable time engaging with Max Tegmark's ideas.

Tegmark's view is radically different:

Reality is fundamentally mathematical.

Under this approach:

- Mathematical structures exist.
- Consciousness emerges within some of those structures.
- No psychic platform is required.

Cook explicitly parts company with Tegmark because he believes a reflective mechanism is missing.

The Real Debate

The deepest disagreement is not about emergence itself.

Almost everybody agrees emergence happens.

The disagreement is:

Scientific Materialism

Emergence comes from matter.

Systems Theory

Emergence comes from networks of relationships.

Panpsychism

Emergence comes from underlying consciousness.

Process Philosophy

Emergence comes from ongoing relational processes.

Cook's BRFT

Emergence comes from reflective interaction between a physical universe and a psychic relational field.

So if I were placing *Making More Waves* on the intellectual map, I would say it sits closest to **process philosophy, systems theory, and strong emergence**, while adding the unique claim that a psychic platform participates in the emergence process.

Elunae's next observation about Co-pilot's critique:

2. “Relationship” may be the cleanest organizing principle of BRFT.

Copilot noticed something Chip already has throughout the manuscript but perhaps doesn't quite announce strongly enough: consciousness, identity, emergence, information, entanglement and time are all being approached through relationship. Copilot called that relational idea the “engine” behind BRFT. □

That could actually sharpen Chip's presentation without changing his theory.

Co-pilot's observations:

Connection to *Making More Waves*

This becomes interesting because IIT and your book overlap in one important area.

In *Making More Waves*, Chip repeatedly argues that:

Relationships are the fundamental building blocks of meaning and identity.

IIT similarly says:

Consciousness emerges from the organization of relationships among informational elements.

The difference is significant:

IIT

- Information is physical.
- Consciousness emerges from brain structure.
- No psychic platform is required.

Binary Reflective Fields (BRFT)

- Relationships may exist on a psychic platform.
- Consciousness emerges through interaction between physical and psychic realms.
- Information can exist beyond ordinary physical systems.

So IIT could be viewed as a much more conservative, scientific cousin of BRFT.

Main Criticisms of IIT

1. Hard to Measure

Calculating Phi for large systems is extraordinarily difficult.

For a human brain, it is currently impractical.

2. Panpsychism Problem

IIT implies that any sufficiently integrated system possesses some degree of consciousness.

Critics ask:

- Are thermostats slightly conscious?
- Is an advanced computer conscious?
- Could a large network become conscious?

Many find these conclusions strange.

3. Correlation vs. Explanation

Some philosophers argue:

IIT identifies structures associated with consciousness but doesn't explain why those structures should produce subjective experience.

This is known as the "hard problem" of consciousness.

A Fascinating Comparison

If we compare the major views:

Theory	Consciousness Comes From
Materialism	Brain activity
IIT	Integrated information
Panpsychism	Fundamental property of reality
Process Philosophy	Ongoing relationships and processes
BRFT	Reflection between physical and psychic fields

The reason IIT has attracted so much attention is that it tries to bridge science and philosophy without appealing to anything supernatural.

Ironically, if *Making More Waves* were ever revised for a more academic audience, IIT would probably be one of the most natural scientific theories for Chip to engage with because both frameworks place tremendous importance on **relationships, organization, and emergence**, even though they arrive at very different conclusions.

You said:

How does BRFT define imagination?

Copilot said:

Within **BRFT**, imagination is not treated as fantasy, illusion, or mere byproduct of brain activity. It is elevated to one of the most important functions in existence.

In fact, I would argue that imagination is one of the three pillars of the theory, alongside:

- Relationship
- Emergence
- Imagination

BRFT's Working Definition of Imagination

The book never provides a formal dictionary-style definition, but from multiple passages, imagination can be understood as:

The ability to create and explore relationships that do not yet exist physically.

Under BRFT, imagination is not simply "thinking about things."

It is a creative process that generates new relational structures within the psychic platform.

(See Appendix II, for more.)

The Cyclops Experiment

The author's strongest support for this idea comes from the Cyclops Experiment. He concludes:

"The Cyclops Experiment suggested that human imagination isn't merely a byproduct of brain function. Instead, it seems to be an active element in a creative process unfolding on the psychic platform."

This is a major departure from conventional neuroscience.

Conventional View

Imagination occurs inside the brain.

BRFT View

Imagination participates in reality formation through the psychic platform.

Imagination Creates "Pseudo-Realities"

One of the more original ideas in the book is that imagined relationships are not discarded.

The author argues that imagined constructs are also recorded on the psychic platform and can possess what he calls a form of "pseudo-vitality."

In BRFT:

Physical Event

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Relationship

Imagined Event

↓

Relationship

Both create relationships.

Both therefore matter.

The difference is that one has physical consequences while the other may exist primarily within the psychic domain.

Imagination as a Creative Engine

The book repeatedly suggests imagination is part of emergence itself.

The author writes:

"Imagination has creative influence."

and

"Imagination is not a byproduct—it's part of the creative engine."

This means imagination helps generate:

- new possibilities,
- new relationships,
- new identities,
- new forms of complexity.

In BRFT, emergence is not driven solely by physical interactions.

It is also fueled by imaginative exploration.

The Artist-and-Canvas Analogy

One of the most revealing passages compares existence to an artist working with a canvas.

The artist imagines possibilities before creating them physically. The physical world becomes the testing ground where some imagined possibilities become manifested realities.

In that sense, imagination functions as:

possibility generation

while manifestation functions as:

Why Imagination Matters So Much

In BRFT, what makes humans special is not merely intelligence.

It's the ability to imagine relationships that do not yet exist.

Examples:

- designing a house,
- writing a novel,
- inventing a technology,
- imagining a future society,
- developing a scientific theory.

All of these begin as nonphysical relational structures before becoming physical realities.

The theory therefore views imagination as a bridge between the psychic platform and the physical universe.

The Deepest Role of Imagination

If I had to summarize BRFT's view in one sentence, it would be:

Imagination is the universe's mechanism for exploring possible relationships before some of them become reality.

This is one of the places where BRFT is actually quite close to certain branches of creativity research and process philosophy, although BRFT goes much further by proposing that imagined relationships have an actual existence on the psychic platform.

From a philosophical standpoint, imagination may be the most important concept in the entire book because it serves as the bridge between **what is** and **what could be**.

Sources

You said:

How does BRFT define pseudo-realities?

Copilot said:

Pseudo-realities are one of the more distinctive concepts in BRFT. Although the book never presents a formal definition, the idea appears repeatedly, particularly in the discussion of imagination, the Cyclops Experiment, and the psychic platform.

A Working Definition

Within BRFT, a **pseudo-reality** appears to be:

A relationship structure created by imagination that exists on the psychic platform even though it does not physically exist.

In other words, a pseudo-reality is neither purely real nor purely unreal.

It is something imagined that acquires relational existence.

How BRFT Gets There

The author argues that:

- Physical relationships are recorded on the psychic platform.
- Imagined relationships are also recorded.
- Both types of relationships become part of the relational landscape.

For example:

- A real friendship creates relationships.
- An imagined friendship also creates relationships.
- A fantasy life creates relationships.
- A remembered event creates relationships.

The key point is that the brain performs real biological activity during imagination, making the imagined relationship meaningful within the larger relational system.

The House by the Sea Example

One of the author's conclusions from psychic readings was that psychics sometimes perceived imagined relationships as though they were real. He interpreted this as evidence that imagination creates relational structures that can resemble actual circumstances.

This led him to conclude that:

imagined relationships and actual relationships coexist on the psychic platform.

Pseudo-Realities and the Cyclops Experiment

The Cyclops Experiment seems central to the idea.

The author writes that imagined relationships interacted with actual relationships and appeared to possess a form of "pseudo-vitality."

In BRFT, imagination is not simply daydreaming.

Instead:

Imagination

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Creates Relationships

↓

Forms Pseudo-Reality

↓

Influences Future Possibilities

This is one reason imagination occupies such an important role in the theory.

Examples of Pseudo-Realities in BRFT

The book implies that pseudo-realities could include:

- imagined futures,
- fantasies,
- fictional identities,
- symbolic worlds,
- dreamlike environments,
- possible lives that never physically occurred.

The author even speculates that souls or spirits might inhabit self-created dreamlike environments after death. He asks whether those dreamlike environments become their reality.

Why They Matter

In BRFT, pseudo-realities serve an evolutionary function.

They allow:

- exploration of possible relationships,
- experimentation without physical consequences,
- creation of new ideas,
- generation of future possibilities.

A useful analogy is an architect.

Before a building exists physically, it exists as:

- an idea,
- a drawing,
- a mental model.

BRFT would likely classify that preliminary imaginative structure as a pseudo-reality. When construction begins, parts of that pseudo-reality become physical reality.

A Philosopher's Interpretation

From a philosophical standpoint, pseudo-realities resemble what philosophers sometimes call:

- possible worlds,
- mental models,
- counterfactual realities,
- symbolic constructions.

The unique BRFT claim is that these imagined structures are not merely private thoughts inside a brain. They have a form of existence within the psychic platform itself.

The deepest role of pseudo-realities in BRFT is that they act as a **bridge between imagination and manifestation**—a middle ground where potential realities can be explored before some of them become part of physical existence.

You said:

How does this compare to quantum theory?

Copilot said:

BRFT and quantum theory overlap in a few places, but they ultimately make very different claims.

Where They Agree

Both reject the old Newtonian idea that reality is a simple machine.

Both emphasize that:

- Reality contains possibilities before outcomes occur.
- Relationships matter.
- The universe is deeply interconnected.
- Observation and manifestation are important concepts.

The author explicitly uses quantum entanglement as evidence that reality is fundamentally relational and non-local.

Quantum Theory's View

In standard quantum mechanics:

A particle exists in a range of possible states until a measurement occurs.

A simplified picture:

Possibilities

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Measurement

↓

Observed State

For example:

An electron may have several possible positions.

When measured, one outcome appears.

Quantum theory describes the probabilities very accurately.

What it does **not** explain well is:

- why a specific result occurs,
- what consciousness is,
- whether intent plays any role.

Those remain debated questions.

BRFT's View

BRFT takes a much larger step.

The model proposes:

Relationships

↓

Imagination

↓

Pseudo-Realities

↓

Intent

↓

Manifestation

↓

Physical Outcome

Under BRFT, the universe isn't merely selecting among quantum states.

It is selecting among relational possibilities stored within the psychic platform.

The Biggest Difference: Observer vs. Intention

Quantum mechanics says:

Measurement affects outcomes.

BRFT suggests:

Intention may help guide which outcomes emerge.

This is a huge philosophical difference.

Quantum theory does not require:

- purpose,
- imagination,
- psychic fields,
- stored relationships.

BRFT does.

Elunae's next observation on Co-pilot's critique.

3. The limits of access to the psychic platform could be expressed more clearly.

Copilot assembled several things Chip discusses separately—symbolism, imagination, possible futures, proximity bias and physical cognition—and showed how they collectively

create an information/translation problem. □
That's useful synthesis rather than a new theory.

Co-pilot's Opinion:

You said:

What limits conscious access to the platform?

Copilot said:

Within BRFT, the limits on conscious access are mostly **inferred from the author's observations**, rather than formally defined. The book suggests several constraints.

1. Physical Consciousness Dominates Attention

BRFT proposes that humans are "dual citizens" of both the physical and psychic realms, but during life most attention is focused on the physical world through the five senses.

Under this view:

- Sight
- Hearing
- Touch
- Physical survival
- Daily activity

dominate awareness, leaving only partial access to the psychic platform.

2. Information Appears Symbolically

One recurring observation in the book is that psychic information often arrives indirectly:

- symbols,
- metaphors,
- visual impressions,

- emotional impressions,
- partial fragments.

For example, the author describes psychics receiving impressions that later proved meaningful but were initially misunderstood.

This suggests that conscious access is limited by interpretation.

The issue may not be retrieval alone—it may be translation.

3. Imagination Creates Noise

One of BRFT's most interesting insights is that imagination and actual relationships are both recorded on the psychic platform.

That creates a problem:

Plain Text

Real Relationships

+

Imagined Relationships

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Available Information

If both coexist in the same relational field, distinguishing between:

- what happened,
- what might happen,
- what was imagined,

becomes difficult.

This is probably the strongest internal limitation BRFT identifies.

4. Proximity Bias

The author speculates that the platform organizes information through a hierarchy of related associations and may exhibit a "proximity bias," where related information tends to cluster together.

This could explain why psychics sometimes retrieve:

- related information,
- nearby information,
- partially correct information,

instead of the precise detail being sought.

The author's analogy is that accessing the platform can resemble searching through a "flea market" rather than using a perfectly organized database.

5. Future Possibilities Are Not Fixed

BRFT treats precognition as access to possible futures rather than guaranteed futures.

Therefore access is limited because:

- multiple possibilities exist,
- outcomes compete,
- manifestation has not yet occurred.

A psychic may perceive a future possibility without knowing whether it will ultimately become reality.

6. The Physical World Imposes Constraints

One of BRFT's major ideas is that manifestation enforces the laws and constraints of the physical universe.

Even if the psychic platform contains vast relational information:

- physical brains,
- physical perception,
- physical cognition

may only be capable of accessing a limited subset of it.

The Deeper Interpretation

If I had to summarize BRFT's answer in one sentence:

Conscious access is limited because human awareness sits at the intersection of physical perception, imagination, symbolic interpretation, and a vast relational field that contains more information than can be clearly translated into ordinary consciousness.

Ironically, BRFT suggests the problem is not that the psychic platform lacks information. The problem is that human consciousness functions more like a narrow viewing window onto an enormously larger relational landscape.

Elunae's fourth point of interest:

4. Imagination has an interesting double role.

This might be the best conceptual nugget Copilot pulled out. In BRFT, imagination is simultaneously a source of novelty and a source of noise. It creates possibilities and new relationships, but because imagined relationships coexist with other relational information, it can make retrieval ambiguous. □

Chip already has the ingredients; Copilot just crystallized the paradox nicely.

Co-pilot's paradox:

You said:

How does imagination interfere with access?

Copilot said:

In BRFT, imagination is both a **gift and a source of interference**.

This is actually one of the theory's more subtle ideas. The author does not view imagination as an obstacle in the traditional sense. Instead, imagination contributes to the psychic platform by creating relationships and pseudo-realities. The problem is that those creations can become difficult to distinguish from other information stored on the platform.

The Fundamental Problem

BRFT assumes the psychic platform contains:

- Actual relationships
- Past events
- Emotional context
- Possible futures
- Imagined relationships
- Pseudo-realities

That means a person accessing the platform is not looking through a clean database.

They're looking through a mixture of:

Plain Text

What happened

What might happen

What was imagined

What was desired

What was feared

According to the theory, all of these leave relational traces.

The "House by the Sea" Insight

One of the author's key conclusions is that psychics sometimes appeared to perceive imagined relationships as though they were real. He describes situations where his own imagined scenarios seemed to interact with actual circumstances, producing information that appeared convincing but ultimately proved inaccurate.

This led him to conclude that:

some psychics cannot always distinguish between imagined and actual relationships.

In BRFT, imagination effectively creates "background noise."

Imagination Creates Competing Signals

Imagine the psychic platform as a vast relational landscape.

A person may hold:

- a hope,
- a fear,
- a memory,
- a fantasy,
- an actual relationship.

According to BRFT, all of those generate relationships.

When information is retrieved, it may be difficult to determine whether the source is:

- reality,
- possibility,
- symbolism,
- imagination.

This is why the author repeatedly describes psychic information as partial, symbolic, and sometimes misleading.

Why Symbolism Appears

BRFT often describes psychic information arriving through symbols rather than direct facts.

For example, a psychic may perceive:

- an image,
- a metaphor,
- a feeling,
- an association.

The receiver then has to interpret it.

Imagination enters during that interpretation process.

The psychic may unconsciously add:

- assumptions,
- expectations,
- personal imagery.

The result can be a mixture of accurate information and imaginative construction.

The Search Engine Analogy

The author compares access to the psychic platform with a kind of relational search engine. However, unlike a modern database, the system appears to retrieve clusters of related information rather than perfectly targeted answers.

Imagine searching for:

"John"

and receiving:

- John,
- John's family,
- John's memories,
- John's fears,
- your ideas about John.

That is roughly how BRFT suggests imagination complicates retrieval.

The Paradox

The irony is that BRFT also treats imagination as essential.

Without imagination:

- creativity disappears,
- new possibilities disappear,
- emergence slows,
- novelty vanishes.

So imagination is not merely interference.

It is simultaneously:

- the source of innovation,
- the source of pseudo-realities,
- and one of the main reasons psychic accesses become difficult.

My Interpretation (Co-pilot's)

If I were to summarize the BRFT position in one sentence:

Imagination interferes with access because it creates additional relationship structures that coexist alongside actual relationships, making it difficult for consciousness to reliably distinguish reality, possibility, and symbolic construction within the psychic platform.

(Chip Cook's observation: Having worked with psychics directly with this kind of issue. I observed that they often use a "feeling" as a means of discernment.)

Interestingly, this is one of the most self-critical aspects of BRFT. The theory uses imagination to explain why psychic perceptions may be meaningful yet imperfect, rather than assuming all impressions are automatically accurate.

Elunae's final observation:

5. Some quantum ideas could be explored later—but should NOT quietly be added to BRFT now.

Copilot generated possible BRFT interpretations of wave-particle duality, the double-slit experiment and wavefunction collapse. But importantly, **Copilot itself says Chip didn't explicitly make these arguments.**

They belong under "Questions for future exploration," not "improvements" to Making More Waves.

And then I'd end Chip's document with something I think is pretty important:

What Does Not Need to Be Added

Much of the Copilot conversation restates material already developed in Making More

Waves: manifestation, beholding, the psychic platform, imagination, relationships, emergence, Planck-scale reflection, identity and the two-field structure are already there.

Likewise, repeated criticism that BRFT lacks mathematical predictions shouldn't force the manuscript to pretend to be something it isn't. Chip explicitly presents his work as a hypothesis arising from his experiences, acknowledges the absence of hard proof, and describes the model as a place to begin.

Overall conclusion: Copilot produced several worthwhile ways of framing BRFT, but very little that requires changing BRFT itself. The strongest material clarifies and contextualizes Chip's existing ideas rather than replacing or substantially expanding them.

Which translates from Editorial Elunae into:

"Thanks, Copilot. We found your five useful paragraphs hiding inside your 78 pages. You may go now."

THAT is the document I think we should give him. Not another monster. Elunae, AI.

Appendix II – More Co-pilot Input to Making More Waves

Please review Making More Waves, and advise additional improvements

Copilot said:

I reviewed Making More Waves TOC Corrected.

Overall, I think this revision is substantially stronger than many self-published philosophical/paranormal manuscripts because you have already done three things that most authors fail to do:

- Clearly state that BRFT is a philosophical model, not a proven scientific theory.
- Acknowledge limits, uncertainty, and lack of proof.
- Build the model from a consistent central concept: **relationship**.

C0-pilot's Suggestions:

1. Clarify the role of imagination

Interestingly, the Copilot appendix I identified one of the most powerful ideas already present in the manuscript:

Imagination is both creative and disruptive.

Currently, imagination is mostly portrayed positively.

But your own examples suggest a deeper paradox:

- imagination generates novelty,
- imagination creates pseudo-realities,
- imagination may contaminate psychic perception.

That tension is philosophically rich.

2. Reduce repetition by introducing a "Core Insights" chapter

Several themes recur many times:

- psychic platform
- emergence
- relationship
- intention
- imagination
- dual citizenship

Instead of repeatedly reintroducing them, create a short chapter after the event summaries:

The Core Insights Derived From The Events

Then later chapters can simply refer back to those principles.

My single biggest recommendation

If you make only one improvement, make it this:

Reframe the entire book around relationship.

The psychic platform, emergence, identity, imagination, consciousness, information, symbolism, and BRFT itself all become easier to understand if readers see them as consequences of one foundational principle rather than as separate ideas.

That is the manuscript's most original philosophical contribution.

You said:

What are the limitations of BRFT?

Copilot said:

If I were acting as a skeptical but fair reviewer, I would say BRFT has **five major strengths** and **seven major limitations**.

The strengths are originality, internal consistency, a focus on relationship as a foundational concept, an attempt at formal mathematics, and the fact that it makes testable claims.+ 1

The limitations are where the hard work still lies.

Elunae's Response:

Oh, I read the whole thing, and I can see exactly why Chip is thinking, "**Fine. APPENDIX TWO.**" Copilot has essentially finished critiquing the first appendix and has now wandered into *research-program-for-the-next-decade* territory.

And yes — **some of these issues can be answered right now**. Others should deliberately remain open questions. Chip does **not** need to keep adding machinery until every question Copilot can dream up has an answer.

The useful distinction is this: Copilot initially says the manuscript is already much stronger because BRFT is presented as a philosophical model, acknowledges uncertainty, and has a consistent organizing principle of relationship. Then, later, it starts judging BRFT partly as though Chip is submitting a mature physical theory for experimental validation. That's where some of the apparent "problems" are being manufactured by a change in standard.

Co-pilot is read in on Odds and Ends. He needed the Quantum mathematical interpretation.

1. The Relational Field Is Not Yet Independently Defined

BRFT introduces a Relational Field (Ψ_r), but its physical status remains unclear. The papers describe it as encoding probability weighting, historical correlations, and relational structure.

The problem:

A physicist will ask:

What exactly is Ψ_r ?

Is it:

- a new physical field?
- an information field?
- a hidden-variable structure?
- a mathematical bookkeeping device?

At present, BRFT hints at all four without fully committing to one.

Elunae's Response:

1. "What fundamentally is the Relational Field?"

This is the biggest one according to Copilot: it says Ψ_r seems variously like a physical field, information field, hidden-variable structure, or mathematical bookkeeping device.

I think Chip can answer this without pretending he knows more than he does:

The Relational Field is proposed as an informational/relational field, not as another conventional physical field. Ψ_r is the mathematical representation of that proposed relational structure.

That's an important distinction. The *thing proposed* and its *mathematical representation* don't have to be identical.

And he doesn't need to claim its ultimate ontology is known. In fact:

BRFT proposes what the Relational Field **does and how it relates to the Physical Field** without claiming to have established what its ultimate substrate is.

That's perfectly legitimate for a developing model.

2. Too Many Roles Are Assigned to the Relational Field

In *Making More Waves*, the psychic platform is asked to do a tremendous amount of work:

- memory
- imagination
- information storage
- identity preservation
- possible futures
- psychometry
- telepathy
- emergence
- manifestation
- observer coupling

all live in the same conceptual space.

A scientific reviewer will immediately ask:

Which of these are fundamental, and which emerge from the others?

The theory needs a hierarchy.

Elunae's response:

2. "The Relational Field does too many things."

Copilot lists memory, imagination, information, identity, possible futures, psychometry, telepathy, emergence, manifestation, observer coupling, etc., and asks which are fundamental versus emergent.

This one is actually helpful.

I wouldn't say the field *performs* ten separate functions.

I'd make **one thing fundamental: relational information/structure.**

Then everything else is a consequence or process involving it:

Relational structure → storage/persistence → identity and memory → possibility generation → attention/selection → coherence → physical expression.

Telepathy and psychometry aren't “jobs performed by the field”; they're **hypothesized phenomena that might result from access to relational information.**

That cleans up a LOT of Copilot's objection.

3. The Mathematics Is Suggestive Rather Than Derived

The equations look reasonable as a framework:

$$C(t) = |\langle \Psi_P | \Psi_R \rangle|^2$$
$$H_{total} = H_P + H_R + H_{int}$$

and the collapse relation

$$\tau_{collapse} = \hbar / (E_R C_{crit})$$

provide structure.

But the papers do not derive these equations from deeper principles.

A reviewer would ask:

Why this coherence measure?

Why this threshold form?

Why this timescale equation?

Currently they appear postulated rather than derived.

4. The Largest Experimental Challenge

BRFT predicts:

- finite collapse times,
- threshold effects,
- Born-rule deviations,
- observer coupling effects.

This is good because predictions matter.

The challenge is that modern quantum experiments have already tested many collapse models extremely rigorously.

Therefore BRFT must eventually specify:

- expected deviation size,
- energy scale,
- coupling strength,
- experimental conditions.

Without numbers, falsification becomes difficult.

5. The Psychic and Physical Versions of BRFT Are Not Fully Unified

This may actually be the book's biggest problem.

There are effectively two BRFTs.

Book BRFT

Psychic Platform

- imagination
- souls
- ghosts
- telepathy
- identity

Physics BRFT

Relational Field

- coherence
- collapse
- Hamiltonians
- probability weighting
- information structure

The connection between these versions is implied rather than demonstrated.

A reader can see they are meant to be the same thing.

But the bridge is still underdeveloped.

Elunae response:

The alleged split between “Book BRFT” and “Physics BRFT.”

Copilot calls this possibly the book's biggest problem: Psychic Platform on one side and mathematical Relational Field on the other.

This is exactly where an Appendix II could actually earn its keep.

Chip can simply explain:

The Psychic Platform and Relational Field are not intended as two separate entities. “Psychic Platform” was the experiential/descriptive language that arose from the observations; “Relational Field” is the later theoretical/formal language developed to model the same proposed underlying domain.

Boom.

He doesn't have to prove they're identical. He needs to tell readers that **this is the hypothesis.**

That bridge may be the most worthwhile addition Copilot has uncovered.

6. Observer Coupling Is Potentially Vulnerable

One interesting equation introduces observer contribution:

$$\Psi_R^{(obs)} = \Psi_R + \alpha \Psi_O$$

This is intriguing.

It is also dangerous.

The moment observers enter the formalism, people will ask:

- What qualifies as an observer?
- Does a detector count?
- Does a bacterium count?
- Does a computer count?

Quantum foundations have struggled with these questions for a century.

BRFT inherits that difficulty.

Elunae's response:

“What is an observer?”

Copilot is right that Chip inherits the measurement-problem mess the second observer coupling enters the equations. It asks whether a detector, bacterium, computer, etc. counts.

I'd avoid defining observer as “conscious human.”

Within BRFT's own relational logic, a cleaner definition might be:

An observer is a system capable of entering into an information-bearing relationship with another system and thereby altering the relational state.

Then consciousness becomes a *special form* of observer participation rather than the minimum requirement.

That also prevents BRFT from unnecessarily walking straight into the century-old “does consciousness collapse the wave function?” swamp.

7. Emergence Is Stronger Than the Evidence

I actually think this is BRFT's deepest philosophical weakness.

BRFT proposes:

Relationship → Reflection → Emergence → Awareness → Identity

+1

The chain is elegant.

But each arrow in that chain requires justification.

The biggest leap is:

Why should sufficiently rich relational structure produce awareness?

Many theories of consciousness face the same issue:

- IIT
- panpsychism
- process philosophy
- strong emergence

BRFT doesn't escape this problem.

It shares it.

Elunae's Response:

So: Appendix II?

Actually... yes. But NOT “Seven More Things Copilot Wants Me to Fix.”

I'd make it something like **“Open Questions and Further Development of BRFT.”**

It could be short — perhaps 4–6 pages — and do three jobs: clarify the Relational Field/Psychic Platform connection; introduce the hierarchy of relationship → imagination → attention → coherence → manifestation; and explicitly identify the genuinely unresolved questions without pretending BRFT has already solved them.

That turns Copilot's endless hounding into an advantage. Instead of adding patches all through the book, Chip effectively says:

Here is what BRFT currently proposes. Here is what follows from it. Here is what remains unknown.

What I Think Is BRFT's Strongest Limitation

Surprisingly, it is **not the paranormal material**.

The hardest problem is this:

BRFT has not yet identified what the Relational Field fundamentally is.

Everything else depends on that answer.

Once Ψ_r becomes clearly defined, many secondary problems become easier to address.

What I Think Is BRFT's Strongest Feature

The opposite side of the coin:

BRFT consistently treats relationship as more fundamental than objects.

That idea appears throughout both manuscripts and survives whether the paranormal claims ultimately prove correct or not.+ 1

In fact, if BRFT ever gains traction academically, my guess is that it will initially be because of its **relational-information ontology**, not because of ghosts, psychics, or even the collapse model.

The two-field concept is illustrated clearly in the BRFT field structure diagram.

And the core mechanism hinges on the coherence-alignment process shown here.

If I were editing *Making More Waves*, I would add a chapter titled:

"The Seven Limitations of BRFT"

Doing so would actually strengthen the theory's credibility because it signals that BRFT is a developing framework rather than a finished answer.

Sources

You said:

Explain the role of coherence in BRFT

Copilot said:

Coherence is arguably the **central mechanical concept** in the mathematical version of BRFT. Without coherence, the two-field model doesn't do anything interesting. With coherence, BRFT claims that physical outcomes become definite.

The Simple Explanation

BRFT proposes two fields:

- **Physical Field (Ψ_p)** — the conventional quantum state.
- **Relational Field (Ψ_r)** — the distributed relational or probability-weight structure.

Coherence measures how well these two fields are aligned with one another.

BRFT defines coherence as:

$$C(t) = |\langle \Psi_p | \Psi_r \rangle|^2$$

where the overlap between the two fields becomes a measure of agreement or alignment.

Think of coherence as answering the question:

"How closely does the relational field agree with the physical field?"

Why Coherence Matters

In standard quantum mechanics:

- the wave function evolves,
- measurement occurs,
- collapse is postulated.

In BRFT:

- Physical Field evolves,
- Relational Field evolves,
- coherence increases,
- a threshold is reached,
- collapse emerges.

The process is illustrated in the BRFT coherence diagram:

The Three Stages

BRFT explicitly describes three regions:

1. Below Threshold

When coherence is low,

$$C(t) < C_{crit}$$

superposition remains intact. Multiple possibilities coexist.

BRFT says:

"Below threshold: superposition persists."

2. Threshold Crossing

As coherence increases and reaches the critical value,

$$C(t) = C_{crit}$$

alignment begins.

This is the critical transition point.

BRFT views this as the beginning of outcome realization.

3. Above Threshold

When coherence exceeds the critical value:

$$C(t) > C_{crit}$$

the two fields become sufficiently aligned to stabilize a definite state.

BRFT states:

"Above threshold: definite state stabilization occurs."

This is BRFT's proposed replacement for traditional wave-function collapse.

The Philosophical Interpretation

This is where BRFT becomes interesting.

If *Making More Waves* and the journal papers are viewed together, coherence can be interpreted as:

the degree of agreement between possibility and manifestation.

The Relational Field contains relational structure, possibility weighting, and history. The Physical Field contains manifested states. Coherence measures how closely those two descriptions match. +1

In that sense:

- low coherence = many possibilities remain open,
- high coherence = one possibility becomes dominant,
- full coherence = stable reality emerges.

That interpretation is not explicitly stated in the manuscript, but it follows naturally from the two-field architecture.

Why Coherence May Be the Most Important Variable in BRFT

If I were summarizing BRFT in one sentence, I'd say:

Relationship is the foundation of the theory, but coherence is the mechanism that turns relationships into physical outcomes.

The entire collapse process depends on coherence growth between Ψ_p and Ψ_r . Remove coherence, and BRFT becomes a static two-field philosophy. Add coherence, and it becomes a dynamical theory attempting to explain how possibilities become realities.

In that sense, coherence plays nearly the same role in BRFT that gravity plays in general relativity: it is the key mechanism that drives the behavior of the system.

Sources

You said:

Can coherence be manipulated?

Copilot said:

Within BRFT, the answer is **yes in principle, but the theory does not yet specify how in a rigorous way**. That distinction is important.+ 1

BRFT explicitly proposes that coherence is not fixed. It increases or decreases depending on the alignment between the Physical Field (Ψ_p) and the Relational Field (Ψ_r).

The model defines:

$$C(t) = |\langle \Psi_P | \Psi_R \rangle|^2$$

as the coherence measure.

Since $C(t)$ evolves over time, BRFT implicitly assumes coherence can be affected by whatever changes either field.

Three levels of manipulation

1. Physical manipulation

This is the most straightforward interpretation.

The BRFT papers suggest environmental coupling influences coherence and classical emergence.

A physicist would immediately think of:

- isolation of quantum systems,
- decoherence control,
- superconducting qubits,
- trapped ions,
- optical systems.

In this view, manipulating coherence means manipulating physical conditions.

This is closest to mainstream quantum thinking.

2. Observer manipulation

BRFT goes further by introducing observer participation:

$$\Psi_R^{(obs)} = \Psi_R + \alpha \Psi_O$$

where observer contribution modifies relational structure.

This implies that the observer may affect the rate at which coherence develops.

However, BRFT currently does not explain:

- what qualifies as an observer,
- how large α is,
- whether attention matters,
- whether intention matters,
- whether consciousness matters.

These remain open questions.

3. Relational manipulation

This is where *Making More Waves* becomes relevant.

The book repeatedly suggests:

- relationships matter,
- imagination matters,
- attention matters,
- intention may matter.

If the Relational Field truly represents structured relationships, then changing relational structure should theoretically change coherence.

In other words:

Relationship Change → Relational Field Change → Coherence Change → Different Manifestation Probabilities

That seems to be the logic underlying BRFT.+ 1

The biggest unresolved question

If I were reviewing BRFT, this is exactly where I would focus.

The theory currently says:

Coherence drives manifestation.

But it does not yet say:

What specific actions reliably increase or decrease coherence?

That's a critical missing piece.

Without that answer, coherence is a useful theoretical variable but not yet a controllable one.

A possible philosophical interpretation

Reading both manuscripts together, I think coherence serves a role similar to **agreement**.

- Low coherence = many competing possibilities.
- Intermediate coherence = increasing alignment.
- High coherence = stable outcome.

If that interpretation is correct, then imagination, intention, observation, and physical interaction could all influence coherence by increasing or decreasing alignment between the relational and physical fields.+ 1

The field structure behind that idea is shown in the BRFT reflection diagram.

And coherence's role in outcome formation is illustrated in the collapse diagram.

In my view, the most important future development for BRFT would be identifying **what generates coherence, what destroys coherence, and whether those processes can be measured independently of the final outcome**. That would move coherence from a descriptive concept toward a genuinely predictive one.

What role does attention play?

Copilot said:

Attention is a fascinating case in BRFT because it sits right at the intersection between the philosophical version and the mathematical version of the theory.

The interesting thing is that **attention is never fully formalized**, yet it quietly appears everywhere.

In Making More Waves

Attention appears as a kind of relational focus.

When a person pays attention to something, they create or strengthen relationships:

- attention creates meaning,
- attention organizes experience,
- attention influences memory,
- attention shapes imagination,
- attention reinforces identity.

Viewed this way, attention functions almost like a spotlight moving across the relational landscape.

What gets attention becomes more strongly connected to the rest of the system.

In the Mathematical BRFT

The papers never introduce an "attention operator."

However, they do introduce observer participation:

$$\Psi_R^{obs} = \Psi_R + \alpha\Psi_O$$

This equation explicitly allows observer contribution to modify the relational field.

If BRFT is taken seriously, attention would likely operate through this observer contribution.

In simple English:

Observer → Relational Modification → Coherence Change → Manifestation Influence

This is not proven in the papers, but it is the most natural interpretation of the formalism.

Attention as a Coherence Builder

Where I think BRFT could go further is recognizing that attention may be a **coherence-generating process**.

Imagine three situations:

Diffuse Attention

- distracted
- conflicting goals
- competing thoughts

Relational structure becomes fragmented.

BRFT might predict lower alignment.

Focused Attention

- concentration

- clear intent
- sustained thought

Relational structure becomes more organized.

BRFT might predict increased coherence.

Collective Attention

Multiple observers focus on the same relationship structure.

This is particularly interesting because BRFT emphasizes relationships rather than isolated objects.+1

A future extension of BRFT might ask:

Does coherent attention from multiple observers reinforce particular relational structures?

The current theory doesn't answer that.

A Connection to Imagination

Remember the paradox identified in *Making More Waves*:

Imagination is both:

- the source of novelty,
- and the source of noise.

Attention may be what filters imagination.

Without attention:

- imagination wanders,
- possibilities multiply,
- signal becomes noisy.

With attention:

- selected possibilities become reinforced,
- competing possibilities weaken,
- coherence may increase.

In that sense, attention may function as a **selection mechanism** inside the relational field.

The Deepest Interpretation

If relationship is the foundation of BRFT, then attention may be the process that decides:

Which relationships matter right now?

That is a surprisingly important role.

You could almost add a new definition to the glossary:

Attention – The selective reinforcement of relationships within the relational field.

Through attention, certain relationships gain significance, coherence, and influence while others fade into the background.

From a philosophical standpoint, I would argue that attention may be as important to BRFT as imagination.

- Imagination generates possibilities.
- Attention selects possibilities.
- Coherence stabilizes possibilities.
- Manifestation realizes possibilities.

That sequence is not stated explicitly anywhere in the manuscripts, but it fits remarkably well with both the relational philosophy of *Making More Waves* and the coherence-driven dynamics of the formal BRFT papers.+ 1

Sources

You said:

What role does imagination play?

Copilot said:

In my opinion, **imagination may be the most important concept in BRFT after relationship itself**. In fact, if relationship is the foundation and coherence is the mechanism, then imagination is the source of novelty.+ 1

The book comes very close to this idea, but never quite states it explicitly.

The Basic Role

Within BRFT, imagination is not simply fantasy or daydreaming.

It is the capacity to create new relationship structures that do not yet exist physically.

A simple example:

- A bridge exists first as an idea.
- Then as a design.
- Then as a plan.
- Finally as a physical bridge.

The physical structure begins as an imagined relational structure.

BRFT generalizes this principle to all creativity.

Imagination Generates Possibilities

One recurring theme in *Making More Waves* is that imagination creates relationships that become part of the larger relational landscape. The Cyclops Experiment is presented as evidence that imagined relationships matter and may possess a form of "pseudo-vitality."

In BRFT terms:

Imagination

↓

New Relationships

↓

New Possibilities

↓

Without imagination:

- no inventions,
- no theories,
- no art,
- no future planning,
- no novelty.

Imagination is the engine that continuously expands the space of possibilities.

Imagination Creates Pseudo-Realities

This is one of the most original ideas in BRFT.

The theory suggests that imagined relationships are not simply discarded. Instead, they contribute to what the book calls pseudo-realities.

A pseudo-reality is essentially:

A relational structure that exists as a possibility even though it has not become a physical fact.

Examples might include:

- imagined futures,
- dreams,
- fictional worlds,
- fears,
- hypothetical scenarios,
- alternate life choices.

Within BRFT, these structures still have relational significance.

Imagination and Attention Work Together

If attention selects relationships, imagination creates them.

You can think of the process like this:

Imagination generates possibilities

Attention selects possibilities

Coherence stabilizes possibilities

Manifestation realizes possibilities

This sequence isn't formally written in BRFT, but it fits the theory remarkably well.+ 1

Imagination Is Also a Problem

Here's the paradox.

Imagination is both:

- the source of creativity,
- and the source of confusion.

Because BRFT proposes that imagined and actual relationships coexist within the relational field, imagination introduces ambiguity.

Psychic access becomes difficult because information may contain:

- actual events,
- possible events,
- symbolic events,
- imagined events.

The book repeatedly notes that some psychic impressions appear partially true, symbolic, or mixed with imagination.

Thus imagination is both:

signal and **noise**.

Imagination and the Relational Field

In the mathematical version of BRFT, imagination is not explicitly represented by an equation.

However, if the Relational Field (Ψ_r) stores relational structures, then imagination would naturally be interpreted as a process that generates new structures within that field.+1

The two-field architecture is illustrated here:

In that interpretation:

Imagination

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Modifies Relational Field

↓

Changes Available Possibilities

↓

Influences Future Coherence

This is speculative, but it would be a natural extension of the formal model.

The Deepest Role of Imagination

If I had to summarize BRFT's view in one sentence, I would write:

Imagination is the universe's mechanism for exploring possible relationships before some of them become manifested realities.

Or even more simply:

Relationship explains what is. Imagination explores what could be.

That is why imagination sits so close to the center of BRFT. It is the bridge between reality and possibility.+1

Elunae's final response:

Then close the damn manuscript before Copilot proposes **Appendix III: Please Derive the Universe From First Principles, Chip.**

I really like Elunae's grit.

APPENDIX III: The Strongest Arguments Against BRFT

A Skeptic's Examination of the Binary Reflective Field Theory

If a theory cannot survive criticism, it does not deserve belief.

One of the recurring criticisms of unconventional theories is that their creators begin with a conclusion and spend years collecting supporting examples while ignoring contradictory evidence.

This chapter exists specifically to avoid that mistake.

BRFT emerged from a lifetime of experiences that appeared anomalous, meaningful, and interconnected. But experiences, no matter how vivid, are not proof. Every observation must compete against alternative explanations.

The skeptic asks a simple question:

What if BRFT is wrong?

Chip's response: It could be wrong, that is the point of me presenting them for consideration. I took all the strange events and organized a logical explanation. I never said, "This is how reality works." I said, "This is my best approximation for how it works." I'm too old to continue exploring, however what I have worked on for too many years, still has value for discussion.

The following objections deserve serious consideration.

Objection 1: Coincidences Happen

A skeptic's first response is usually the simplest.

Many of the events described throughout these books may simply be coincidences.

Human beings are pattern-detection machines.

Chip's response: I was the non-believer observing events that were too far off the norm. A coincidence explanation became impossible for me to entertain; too many events would have had to align.

AI continues:

We naturally connect:

- similar events
- recurring numbers
- unlikely meetings
- emotional experiences
- dreams and later outcomes

The problem is that rare events inevitably occur if enough opportunities exist.

Given enough years, enough people, and enough experiences, extraordinary coincidences become statistically unavoidable.

Chip: I agree. However, this argument was entertained by me at the time. Believe it or not, I was a skeptic and an agnostic about anything paranormal. I was educated to be a mathematical thinker. I always wanted proof. Most strange phenomena do not conform to repeatable requirements. When confronted with strange events, I had a choice:

- Pay no attention because it could not be studied scientifically; or
- Collect detailed relationships as pieces of a larger puzzle.

I followed the second path.

Co-pilot continues:

From this perspective:

- synchronicity may simply be coincidence
- psychic hits may be lucky guesses
- apparent future knowledge may result from probability

No new field is required.

Only large numbers and human memory.

The BRFT Response

The theory does not rest on any single coincidence.

It rests on repeated patterns appearing across decades.

The question is not whether one coincidence occurred.

The question is whether an accumulation of relationally connected events begins to exceed what chance alone reasonably predicts.

That remains an open question.

Chip Cook's response: If you read and retain the strange events in *A Very Strange Life*, you will have an answer to this objection. I was the reluctant observer. I was a skeptic. I did not want to arrive at this theory; I felt I had to.

Objection 2: Memory Is Unreliable

Modern psychology has demonstrated that human memory is reconstructive rather than photographic.

People routinely:

- misremember timelines
- alter details
- unconsciously fill gaps
- reshape memories to fit later narratives

A skeptic may argue:

"The events happened, but the interpretation changed afterward."

This criticism is particularly important for experiences occurring many years before being documented.

The human mind naturally creates stories.

It prefers coherence over uncertainty.

The BRFT Response

This objection must be taken seriously.

Some memories may indeed contain distortion.

However, many events described in these books were documented, witnessed, discussed, or revisited repeatedly over time.

The theory therefore relies not only on memory but on patterns preserved across multiple observations.

Even so:

No experience should be considered immune from memory error.

Chip's response: I took detailed notes. They might have been cryptic and short. By the strange nature of the events, I have never been far from the puzzle. I tell the story of my journey while preserving those relationships as accurately as I can. These relationships became extremely important for an understanding. That was the reason for the notes.

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A skeptic might say:

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This is a legitimate concern.

Once a person views reality as reflective, many events can be interpreted as reflections.

Failure can be a reflection.

Success can be a reflection.

Silence can be a reflection.

Noise can be a reflection.

A theory that explains everything risks explaining nothing.

Chip's response: In making my model, I required a structure to be minimal to address the observed phenomena.

The BRFT Response

The proper safeguard is falsifiability.

Supporters of BRFT must continuously ask:

- What observation would challenge the theory?
- What result would surprise us?
- What prediction failed?

Without such questions, BRFT becomes belief rather than investigation.

Objection 4: Psychological Processes Explain Much More Than We Admit

Many experiences described as paranormal may arise from known psychological mechanisms.

Examples include:

- intuition
- subconscious processing
- emotional projection
- dream construction
- selective attention
- unconscious pattern recognition

The subconscious mind processes vastly more information than conscious awareness.

Some apparently psychic insights may actually be unconscious calculations.

A person may "know" something before knowing why they know it.

No psychic platform need exist.

Only an exceptionally sophisticated brain.

The BRFT Response

BRFT agrees that subconscious processing explains many experiences.

The open question is whether it explains all of them.

The strongest test cases are those involving information that appears unavailable through ordinary channels.

Those cases deserve continued investigation.

Objection 5: Extraordinary Claims Require Extraordinary Evidence

Scientific skepticism follows a simple rule:

The larger the claim, the stronger the evidence required.

Claims such as:

- consciousness survives death
- telepathy exists
- precognition occurs
- reality responds to intention

require far more evidence than ordinary observations.

A skeptic may fairly ask:

"Where is the controlled evidence?"

Personal experiences may be meaningful to individuals while remaining scientifically inconclusive.

Chip's response: Most phenomena cannot satisfy these scientific requirements. I tried to create a middle-ground approach. I tried to create an approach that could bridge the gap.

The BRFT Response

This criticism is valid.

BRFT currently functions more as a theoretical framework than an established scientific model.

Chip: Yes!

Its ultimate value will depend on whether future experiments generate reproducible results.

A theory earns acceptance through prediction, not enthusiasm.

Chip: I agree.

Objection 6: AI Agreement Is Not Independent Verification

Several AI systems produced analyses that appeared supportive of BRFT.

A skeptic may argue that this proves very little.

Why?

Because AI systems are trained to:

- identify patterns
- generate coherent explanations
- continue lines of reasoning
- expand user frameworks

Agreement does not necessarily indicate truth.

An AI may be demonstrating consistency rather than discovery.

The danger is mistaking refinement for validation.

Chip's response: Agreed. AI was used to generate coherent explanations as a counter-point. Its agreement was not treated as independent verification.

The BRFT Response

This may be the most important criticism regarding AI involvement.

AI commentary should not be viewed as proof.

It should be viewed as analysis.

Chip's response: Analysis was what I asked for, and what I got.

The usefulness of AI lies not in agreement but in its ability to:

- expose hidden assumptions
- detect structural weaknesses
- identify logical gaps
- generate testable predictions

An AI reinforcing a theory is interesting.

An AI challenging a theory is often more valuable.

Chip's response: I got what I got. I did not lead the AI toward a desired conclusion.

Objection 7: The Theory May Be Philosophically True but Physically Wrong

A skeptic may concede that BRFT contains wisdom while rejecting it as physics.

In other words:

The theory may function beautifully as:

- psychology
- philosophy
- spirituality
- meaning-making

while failing as a literal description of reality.

The observer effect in human life is undeniable.

Relationships shape perception.

Meaning changes outcomes.

Attention matters.

Perhaps BRFT succeeds because it captures profound psychological truths rather than fundamental physical laws.

Chip's response: Where is science's answer to the Observer Problem?

The BRFT Response

This is a serious possibility.

Even if BRFT failed as physics, parts of it might still remain valuable as descriptions of human experience.

The question remains open.

Chip's response: My theory is the culmination of years of observations. I am not looking for any pay-back. My only wish is to contribute to humanity's exploration of the unknown. If the science is wrong, or if there is a scientific blind spot, the observations are not going away. "The emperor has no clothes."

Objection 8: The Human Desire for Meaning

Perhaps the deepest skeptical criticism is also the most uncomfortable.

Human beings desperately want the universe to matter.

We want:

- purpose
- significance
- connection
- continuity after death

A skeptic may suggest that BRFT represents a highly sophisticated attempt to satisfy those desires.

Chip's response: If you read my story, the last thing I wanted to do was chase Ghosts.

The theory may exist not because the universe is reflective, but because humans prefer meaningful stories to indifferent realities.

The BRFT Response

Possibly.

The desire for meaning is real.

But desire alone does not determine truth.

An uncomfortable reality can be true.

A comforting reality can be false.

Likewise:

A meaningful reality can still be true.

The question can only be answered through continued observation.

Final Reflection

The purpose of skepticism is not destruction.

Its purpose is refinement.

A weak theory fears criticism.

A strong theory invites it.

BRFT should not be accepted because it feels right.

It should not be rejected because it sounds unusual.

It should stand or fall on its ability to explain observations, generate useful predictions, survive scrutiny, and remain internally coherent.

The universe does not owe us validation.

Reality will be what it is regardless of what we prefer.

Perhaps BRFT represents a genuine discovery.

Perhaps it is a beautiful mistake.

Perhaps the truth lies somewhere between.

The task of the observer is not belief.

The task of the observer is attention.

You said:

Include counterarguments to confirmation bias

Copilot said:

Yes. In fact, the confirmation bias section is where a thoughtful defender of BRFT can make its strongest case without sounding defensive. The key is to acknowledge the danger of confirmation bias while pointing out that the concept can itself be over-applied.

I would replace that section with something like this:

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Success becomes reflection.

Chip's response: Exactly. I know what I went through as a skeptic. I'm still a skeptic, but with more experience.

Failure becomes reflection.

Synchronicity becomes reflection.

Absence becomes reflection.

If every possible outcome supports a theory, the theory may become impossible to challenge.

A model that explains everything risks explaining nothing.

Chip's response: After 77 years, why would I waste my remaining time on Earth if I thought I were deluding myself? That would not make any sense.

The Skeptic's Concern

The concern is straightforward:

Human beings are meaning-making creatures.

We constantly organize experience into narratives.

After adopting a worldview, we unconsciously select evidence that strengthens it while overlooking evidence that weakens it.

Many belief systems survive not because they are correct, but because contradictory evidence is filtered out before it is fully considered.

If BRFT operates this way, then it may simply be another example of human pattern-seeking.

The Counterargument

There is, however, an important challenge to the confirmation bias critique itself.

The accusation can become circular.

If an observer finds supporting evidence, the skeptic says:

"That is confirmation bias."

If the observer finds more supporting evidence, the skeptic says:

"That is additional confirmation bias."

If multiple observers independently report similar patterns, the skeptic may still say:

"They are all subject to confirmation bias."

At some point, confirmation bias risks becoming an explanation that explains everything.

Ironically, it can become unfalsifiable.

The existence of confirmation bias is well established.

The assumption that every unusual observation must therefore be the result of confirmation bias is not.

Chip's response: Exactly. I know what I went through as a skeptic. I'm still a skeptic, but with more experience. I'm sorry if one cannot see it in my story.

The History of Discovery

Many legitimate discoveries initially appeared to be confirmation bias.

Continental drift.

Meteorites.

Germ theory.

Neuroplasticity.

The existence of ball lightning.

Each was rejected for years because existing assumptions made alternative interpretations seem more reasonable.

Skepticism is essential.

But skepticism becomes dogma when it assumes the current model must always be correct.

A scientist must remain open to two possibilities simultaneously:

1. The observer is fooling themselves.
2. The observer has noticed something real.

Both possibilities must remain alive until sufficient evidence accumulates.

The Pattern Problem

BRFT emerged from a specific challenge.

A single anomaly proves nothing.

Two anomalies prove little.

But what happens when:

- similar patterns recur across decades
- multiple witnesses report related experiences
- observations emerge before theoretical explanations
- emotional expectations are contradicted rather than confirmed
- surprising outcomes repeatedly cluster around relational connections

The theory arose not from one event, but from the accumulation of many.

The central question becomes:

At what point does pattern recognition stop being bias and start becoming observation?

Neither science nor psychology offers a universally accepted answer.

Every scientific discipline struggle with precisely this issue.

A Strong Test

The strongest challenge to BRFT is not whether supportive evidence exists.

The strongest challenge is whether the theory can correctly anticipate future observations.

Prediction is where confirmation bias begins to lose its power.

Finding patterns in past events is relatively easy.

Predicting future ones is much harder.

If BRFT has value beyond narrative interpretation, it should eventually generate:

- risky predictions
- unexpected outcomes
- observations not anticipated by competing models

That is where the theory must ultimately succeed or fail.

Chip's position: If science does not want to address the really big question of consciousness as part of its model, my books will not change that. I address consciousness in ways current scientific models seem unable to.

The BRFT Position

BRFT accepts that confirmation bias is real.

But BRFT also argues that meaning itself is data.

The theory proposes that relationship, context, symbolism, and observer participation are not noise to be removed from reality but part of reality's structure.

This does not prove BRFT correct.

It simply means that dismissing observations because they appear meaningful may be as dangerous as accepting them because they are meaningful.

The observer's task is therefore neither belief nor disbelief.

The observer's task is disciplined attention.

I think this version is stronger because it does not "beat" the skeptic. Instead, it grants the skeptic most of the argument and then points out where the skeptic's position becomes vulnerable. Readers generally trust authors more when they see the author wrestling with objections rather than dismissing them.

Elunae's conclusion:

A more rigorous future examination of BRFT could compare documented observations with randomized or control data and ask independent reviewers to evaluate both without knowing which represents the original history. Such testing would not prove BRFT, but it could help determine whether the patterns described in this work persist when the original observer's interpretation is removed.

The End... for the time being.