

WHAT IS STRANGE?

(Some thoughts about normality in honor of Masatomo Sakurai)

Time travel
is nothing extraordinary

Reading minds from a distance
is actually no surprise

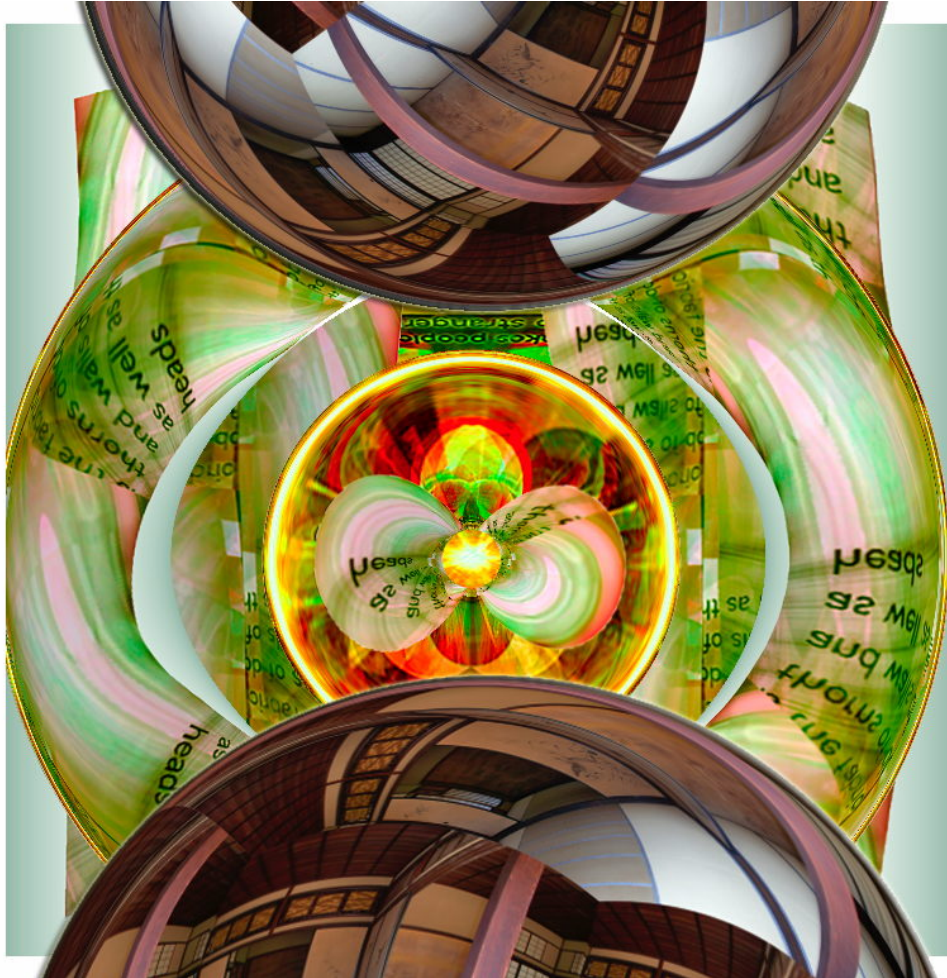
Sensing things before they happen
is a skill anyone can master

Healing through energy
is 'normal' if we opened our minds

However,
what's truly weird
is seeking a 'golden future'
when the present is adequate,
or fretting over past mistakes
long after they have ceased

What's laughably odd is
repeating old habits
while realizing they are fruitless
or making sacrifices to
sources of misery

What's comically queer
is believing one set of dogmas
can explain all phenomena,
or pretending to be 'normal'
in a universe filled with mysteries
that are wonderfully & inexplicably strange



Wan-Sze: A typical brain is merely 1,400 cubic centimeters, yet remarkably it can conceive the vastness of space. Imagine conceiving of something that is 156 billion light years wide!

Will: (nodding). I believe the human capacity for insight is nearly as amazing its capacity for stupidity. At times our depth of ignorance is astounding. Despite that, nearly all of us can gain insights into higher dimensions when operating optimally. Don't most of us intuit realities much deeper than daily ho-hum life?

Nadia: Perhaps so. Moreover, from the perspective from a cosmic timespan aren't we mere children? In a few aeons our species might evolve into creatures that are wise and ethical. Right now, we are too often brutish and foolish.

Kasim: (frowning) If our species has any chance of surviving, we need to make a evolutionary shift. Our current system of nation-states and overconsumption is unstable. Mass extinction is an probable outcome.

Will: (pausing) That thought is sobering. We don't have to worry about aliens from outer space killing us. We are quite capable of destroying ourselves.

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