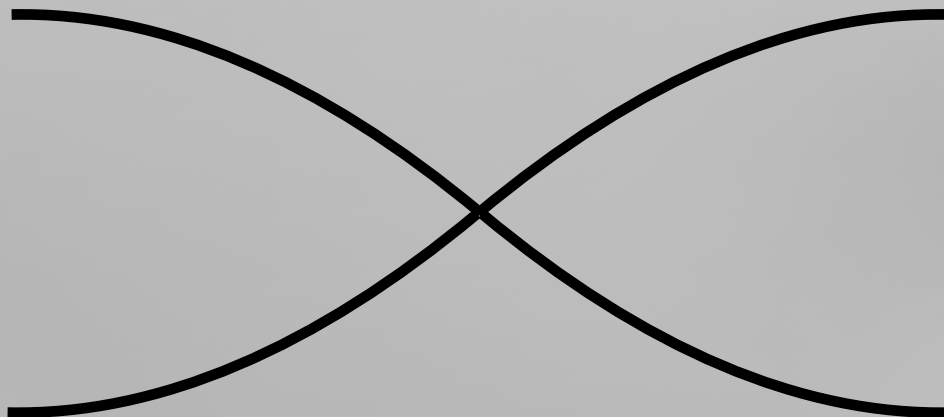

Mythogram three - of singularity and a resolution of quantum paradoxes

I believe that if quantum physicists try to measure sub-atomic scale events, only to discover that by doing the measurement they affect the nature of the event (no matter how scrupulously they try to avoid doing that) then our intuitions about space and time must be in doubt. My view is that despite all the evidence of our senses which tell us that we are surrounded by different objects in space and time, we are all actually a singularity. The entire universe as a single moment.

Singularity of what though? It can't be 'difference', because that's how we com-prehend reality. But if we think about the very idea of difference as such - beyond the objects of perception, we can perhaps glimpse the state of 'understanding', of which difference is merely a [our] limited condition. And if we pare the term 'understanding' down to its literal roots, we can claim that every thing under-stands (literally stands under) every other thing.

To help us visualise this, let us draw two curved lines that cross each other in a two-dimensional plane. Both these lines can be said to stand under the other. They have an understanding. They form a thing – an environment of understanding. The two lines are not different from each other. Without one there cannot be the other - because together they are the least possible meaning of understanding - and as such neither can exist objectively in its own right. Each is nothing more or less than the symbol of the other.



Therefore, a thing is not only an 'as yet undefined real object' (as in 'those things over there'); a thing is an environment of understanding, for which all the constituents under-stand all the [other] constituents, and are as no-thing but that understanding. If the singularity of understanding is the state prior to our com-prehending - as objects in spacetime - then we can describe each line as having been 'thrown-with' the other. The ancient Greek for thrown-with is 'sum-ballein' - which translates as the modern English word 'symbol'. Each constituent of a singularity is as the symbol of each and every other constituent. This '*State of understanding as symbolic under-standing*' is perhaps a way to com-prehend the counter-intuitive 'singularity of everything'; and give us hope that a new language of symbols - a mythogram - could reconnect us with the things around us.