

New Worlds Require New World Wars, Naturally

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Close readers of strannikov's "High Definitions" will observe that his primary definition of "Death" is: "quantum oscillation stabilization effected by gravity". (This informed view encapsulates the very latest coming from our friends at CERN, the LHC, LIGO, Fermilab, et cetera.) It is no wild extrapolation to hold that death in discrete biological organisms occurs when our innermost quanta cease and desist from all their wonderful oscillations due to the stabilizing force of the local gravitational field we fondly call "Earth".

For good or ill these views have led to a startling conclusion concerning the waging of world war in our 21st century, some ninety years now after our Quantum Era commenced. In the good ol' days of the 20th century, whenever world wars were waged, conflicts occurred according to rules dictated by the classical physics of the Newtonian era: states and dynasties would wage wars against other states and dynasties seen as regional or global competitors, with economic and ideological pretexts serving as the requisite fuel to initiate and sustain such contests.

Those happy days now seem long and forever gone: instead, with the advent of quantum physics and more precise descriptions of "nonlocality" and "superposition", humans seem no longer capable of sustaining conflicts or disputes of any consequence in terms deemed "non-local", no matter the economic or ideological pretext: instead, the pernicious effects of quantum mechanics and gravity being virtually identical to their descriptions (I have to suspect we have not been told plainly that one unwelcome outcome of particle research has been the most minute accumulation of just one handful too many of those Higgs bosons with all their attendant mass), we

find ourselves drawn and falling with all of our quantum potentials into localized gravitational pools, no doubt an unintended consequence of physicists' mania to arrive at a reasonably accurate understanding of quantum phenomena.

Look at conflicts raging across the world today, and you'll begin to see what I mean. While the Quantum Era arrived in full force (1926, by present reckoning) to inaugurate the Atomic Age (1945, fairly unambiguously) with its subsequent research into missiles with ICBM capabilities, kindly observe that nuclear-tipped missiles have never been deployed in actual combat, and observe further the difficulty a nation like North Korea now faces even with testing such devices. Then, glance again briefly at our planet's riven nations, divided countries, split societies (if you read this today, you likely live in one yourself): our planet has become a new place in scant decades, and new rules obviously are already being applied. With whatever grief or sadness you care to cite, however, rules for the conduct of global conflict have had to change, too. World War III, should any survivors survive and any descendants descend to tell of it, will not have been any set of contests or conflicts between competing states and dynasties: World War III will have been a near-simultaneous set of conflicts and contests and competitions within states and dynasties the whole world over—even within the bounds and limits of discrete human crania—outbreaks of conflict threatening to collapse the entire globe upon itself, one nation, one region, one state, one district, one city, one household, one lone cranium at a time.

That is: the risks posed to us by being entirely self-coincidental appear higher now than ever. Happily, though, the chemical marriage of physiology and geology offers the possibility of relief, since geologists have discovered fresh reserves of helium gas in East Africa and physiologists have known for centuries how cathartic and psychically eruptive laughter is for the human organism. Thus, while inhaling helium may itself pose risks to

human respiratory and cardiovascular systems, this may be our only recourse for averting global catastrophe.

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