

Thoughts on The Law of Attraction

Look closely: Law of Attr**action** *action* is in the word

Law of **At traction** “At traction” could mean traction is involved.

The Laws of Physics Have Not Been Abolished

Cause and effect. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. An object at rest tends to stay at rest, unless acted upon by an outside force. An object in motion tends to stay in motion unless acted upon by an outside force. Some variables may also be implied in the word *tends*.

If you were inside a plastic sphere on a flat surface and began walking, that resting object would no longer be in a state of rest. However, an inside force would be the actual cause. Plastic spheres were not around in the time of Isaac Newton. Jets or cars with engines were also not around but there were plenty of animals, using their ambulatory capabilities and internal energy to propel their bodies in whatever directions they chose. All were in motion from inside forces.

“The Secret”

Rhonda Byrne, the writer of The Secret, ostensibly was motivated by a book written by Wallace Wattles, who lived in the last two centuries: 1860 to 1911. He is called a “New Thought Writer” and may well have been ahead of his times, having been born around the time of the Civil War. Rhonda had studied or researched many people who had used a secret, as was brought out in the movie.

If watched with an open mind, “The Secret” can be inspirational. It can be enlightening, eye-opening, and awakening for many. In it are many truths, even though some have been disputed. When looked upon within the framework of creativity and of causation, it is plausible that prior to an effect there is a cause. If it is looked upon as a “law”, however, many questions arise from the practical and the pragmatic.

Is it positive thinking, wishing, or hoping? It doesn't really matter what it is, if it acts as a catalyst or an inspiration to act. Without action, there is no traction. Without gravity and friction, there also is no traction. Possibilities not seen before or not considered may be born or rekindled from watching “The Secret”. Critics and naysayers live in their own little self-created hells of walls of excuses preventing their own escape. They may see through their confines but may never venture out. To them, The Secret looks like lies or “rubber science”.

The Psychology of Scarcity

Years ago, I saw a little video of an experiment with a fish in a tank. In the middle of a tank was a sheet of glass. After some time, the sheet of glass in the middle was removed but the fish stayed on the same side it was already on, knowing that there was no space in the water beyond that side. Similarly, what we “know” may not be so.

What is Attraction?

Attraction is maybe an odd concept, in the way it is described as if it were a law. There are laws of gravity, though. Gravity is a force of attraction of objects or materials containing mass. Back at the ranch, the cowboy sings his sad song as he gazes up at the moon, thinking about the girl who left him. He puts down the guitar and notices the moon apparently moving across the sky. In fact, the world is turning. The moon doesn't advance in its orbit very far, certainly not a distance across the night sky.

The moon is attracted to the earth. Is this true? Is this the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God? No. The moon is held in orbit by the earth's gravity, but gravity is a two-way street. The moon is also attracting the earth. The oceans bulge from this attraction, causing a rise and fall in tides. This is a significant force. The weight and volume of the water is quite substantial, yet the ocean tides rise and fall.

It has long been proven that gravity exists. People fall. Apples fall off trees. Leaves fall in Autumn, when they have completed their tasks of photosynthesis and their cells have stopped replicating. Boulders can fall and skaters can fall. Satellites shot up into orbit can fall when the orbit and speed have decayed to the point where gravity out does centrifugal force and inertia. So far, the moon hasn't fallen into the earth. Is attraction why people fall in love; because they can't stand to be lonely?

Attraction between objects is commonly known. Attraction between people is also known. Magnets can attract when opposite poles face each other. Magnets can be attracted to substances, such as steel, if they contain iron, in which case polarity is not a factor.

Two types of attraction are: magnetic and gravitational and we have harnessed the power of these in countless ways. There are both magnetic and gravitational fields which spread out somewhat spheroidally from their sources. As the distance between objects increases, the force of attraction also decreases. Considering this, does absence (distance) really make the heart grow fonder? When time and space are factored into some equations having to do with mass, the variables can become almost biological. It can look as if there is life to a universe or to a galaxy. There is not only motion, but also a beginning, a middle, and an end.

The Laws of Quantum Physics

At the microcosm of the quantum level of physics, gravity has yet to be proven to exist. There is attraction at a molecular and at an atomic level, which may be magnetic, but it hasn't been proven between subatomic particles. What is so charming about a subatomic particle, known as a *charm*?

Quantum physics is replete with names and descriptions of particles most of us never learned about. Some have a mass, a spin, an attraction which is magnetic, and some have a negative or positive electrical charge. Some have no mass. That seems scary. These particles also have specific or non-specific ways of interacting with other subatomic particles. As if this is not baffling enough, each also has a counterpart, an opposite, in anti-matter. Just when you think you are starting to grasp something, another monkey wrench is thrown into the equation. Still, the *graviton* has been hypothesized but not yet proven to exist. There also is debate as to the nature of particles, since some appear as forces or waves, rather than existing as something solid.

One fascinating aspect within the field of quantum physics is that of quantum mechanics, how the particles interact with one another. Quantum entanglement is impossible to explain since it involves great distances beyond waves of gravity or magnetism. Yet one particle somehow affects another at a great distance. But wait. There's more. There is still more to be discovered in the vast microcosm. Maybe new forces, new intelligence, and new attractions will appear.

The Delusion

Some people who watched “The Secret” did not assimilate it in its entirety but instead gave it their own meaning or interpretation or misunderstanding or alteration or adaptation or hallucination. Some people have little or no ability to see the bigger picture. Maybe it is beyond capability or interest. Maybe it is a choice. Maybe it feels safer to not know about certain things, in order to create a sense of stability and/or control.

What if. “What if” thinking can expand and expound upon possibilities. It can open the mind. It can open doors. It is what gave rise to telescopes, microscopes, endoscopes, scintillators, and other equipment used to discover properties of masses and energies. What if there were a way to see inside the body without cutting it open? X-rays, MRIs, Computed Tomography, and who knows what will follow these as the *Law of What If* is applied to life and physics?

Let’s pretend. Let’s pretend that we do not know everything there is to know. What else could there be? You have never seen quarks. They exist. You cannot fully describe the color, *blue*, to a person who has never had the ability to see. You cannot fully describe the sound of a violin to a deaf person, yet we know of the existence of such things.

Maybe “The Secret” was done just to get you to open your eyes. Once they are open, it is up to you, to see, to observe, to learn, to search, and to discover. Look for possibilities. Whether we attract what we desire or go and get it doesn’t matter. Having it is the point.