

## “BRAIN CELL.”

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So far in our consideration of the normal complete cycle we have studied those steps which have to do entirely with the immaterial, with no thought of the expression of that immateriality. So far we have dealt only with the abstract, and not the concrete only with the intelligence, and not the expression of that intelligence. But that which exists only in the abstract can not be proven and, therefore, is theory, but that which exists in the abstract can use the material through which to express itself and therefore be taken out of the realm of theory and proven by the concrete expression through the material of that which is immaterial, and that is the object of our study of cycles to consider the physical manifestation of this immateriality which we are unable to define, or properly comprehend with our finite mind: that is Life.

The force, or life, can not be expressed through just any sort of material. We might modify this statement and say, the kind of material determines the form of manifestation. If the material is that of a tree then the life will be expressed accordingly; or a jelly fish, the manifestation will be in keeping with the material. So in man the physical or material must be in a certain condition, and the expression of life will be governed by the quality, quantity, shape, etc., of the material.

The fifth step in the cycle is “brain cell.” This is a materiality. The intelligence, we believe, must have a place of residence in the body and we accept the brain as that place. The brain is one of the most complicated organs in the body and is composed of the most delicate tissue. We will not concern ourselves in this article with the anatomy of the brain; suffice to say that the brain cells are elongated into fibres and these nerve fibres ramify the body, going to every cell in the body.

This gives us, then, the residence of the mentality. Then the physical, concrete, substance that we have to deal with in the cycle being Brain cell, nerve fibre and tissue cell, affording an ample path through which the Intelligent force travels in cyclic form.

It is not necessary to present proof to substantiate the argument that life is more than the “clash of atoms.” The brain cell itself is not intelligent, it is simply tissue as any other tissue of the body and subject to the metabolic changes that take place in all tissue. The intelligence is *in*, but not *of*, the brain cell. The mentality is abstract, the brain cell concrete. The abstract works through the concrete; the positive through the negative.

We reach the conclusion, then, that man is not the result of the working of the laws of chemistry and physics and that life is more than the “clashing of atoms” and this is very apparent when we take into consideration the continuity of consciousness.

What constitutes “you” or in other words, “What constitutes self?” “Self” consists of more than material; although I would say that the material determines the individuality which differentiates one person from another; for the expression of Innate Intelligence is governed by the physical through which the expression takes place, but the tissue cell, whether in the brain or elsewhere in the body, does not constitute the real self. We find unchanging personality and power of memory, etc., that show that we are the same in self-consciousness today that we were years ago, and that we have been all our lives, although the atoms of today are not those

of yesterday, a new combination arises continually. To be sure, these new cells are similar to the old ones, but even so they are not the same cells, yet you are identically the same "self" that you were years ago. During all the years of your life your "self" has not changed, but the brain cells have, so then we say *memory is* a function of the Innate Intelligence, but the possibility of expression lies in the brain cell. Without the brain cell there would be no media through which to have a physical expression of the real self, which is the sum total of all there is of the intelligent force that is being expressed; and science teaches us that force is indestructible. Therefore, the real "self" consisting of the Innate Intelligence is dependent only upon the Brain cell as a place of residence in the physical body that there may be a proper expression through the material and that Innate may become cognizant of all that pertains to the physical world, and at the destruction of the brain cell this indestructible force will only be effected in its physical expression. This gives us a general idea of the place occupied by "Brain cell" in the normal complete cycle.