

Pre-Established Harmony

One of the most famous problems in philosophy is the mind's relationship to the body. How can something material interact with an immaterial mind? It's a question that has baffled the greatest minds in history.

Philosopher Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646-1716), a supremely intelligent man, proposed what he called "pre-established harmony." He denied body-mind interaction but instead believed that in the beginning, God established a series of correspondences. Each behavior of each person throughout history would be *exactly timed* to occur at the same time as a specific thought for each person throughout history. For example, on a given day at a given place at a given moment, a person *moves* his right foot 2.127 inches to the left. At this exact same moment, the same person *decides* to move his right foot a few inches to the left. The decision did not cause the movement; it only corresponded to it, merely the appearance of causation.

How do you disprove this? You don't. Everything considered, it seems as good an explanation as any that have been proposed...so far.