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Bell's Theorem

The Most Profound Discovery in Physics

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Chapter 1: The Man and the Detour

The theorem's discovery chapter deserves its human record first, because the story is the series' own favorite kind: a working physicist's spare-time question. John Stewart Bell, born in Belfast in 1928, a working-class Catholic family's son, having come up through the technical colleges to a doctorate in nuclear physics and a career in the accelerators' theoretical design, joining CERN in 1960 as a particle theorist, the quantum foundations being officially a hobby, the hobby having been fed by his own decade of private doubts, the accelerator world's by-day business being the symmetries and the particle dynamics, and the foundations being the by-night reading. The trigger: Bohm's 1952 pilot-wave papers, the deterministic reconstruction of quantum mechanics that the trade had mostly ignored, Bell having been assigned to review it for a seminar and having come away impressed and bothered, the bothered part being the question: how does Bohm's explicit nonlocality relate to the standard theory's apparent locality, and can a hidden account be built that keeps the locality? The question sat in the drawer, and the sabbatical of 1963-64, a year in the United States, at Stanford and Wisconsin and Brandeis, being the theorem's own season, the paper written and submitted in 1964, the famous result being a hobby's harvest, the trade's own reception being silence for years, the paper having been published in a short-lived journal, Physics, that most libraries did not hold, the obscurity being the result's first decade, the theorem having been discovered in effect twice, once in 1964 and again in the 1970s when the experimenters found it.

Bell's own personality deserves the honest portrait: the Irishman's bluntness being the trade's own legend, the seminars' sharpest questioner, the foundations' most uncompromising voice, the papers' prose being famously careful, the 1964 paper's title being modest, the theorem having been named by others. The reader should hold the portrait's honest meaning: the result came from the trade's own inside, a fully credentialed particle physicist, not a marginal figure, and the result's obscurity being the culture's own doing, the truce having been so complete that a revolution could sit in an unread journal for a decade, the story being the series' recurring one: the question the truce refused having returned, by way of a hobby, wearing a CERN badge.

The discovery's second visit is the sabbatical's own record, because the theorem's birth season deserves the honest detail. The 1963-64 leave having been taken by Bell and his wife Mary, herself a physicist and accelerator colleague, the two having toured the American stations, the Stanford term being the paper's own writing room, and the Wisconsin and Brandeis visits being the argument's own stages, the seminars' receptions being mixed, the trade's foundations allergy being the era's own medicine, the paper having been submitted from the leave's travels, the season's honest meaning being the result's fragility: had the sabbatical gone otherwise, had the drawer question stayed drawn, the trade's decade of silence having been nearly a death, the theorem's survival owing to a few experimenters' stubbornness in the

1970s, the season being the reminder that the science's key results often hang by single threads of biography, the reader's honest awe being the fragility itself.

Bell's own later standing deserves the record, the man's having lived to see the turn: the 1980s' CERN seminar rooms having hosted the foundations' own revival, Bell being the trade's conscience in person, the workshops being organized, the Erice meetings being the foundations' own parliament, Bell's being the movement's presiding skeptic, the questions' having been sharpened by his presence, and the man's death in 1990 having cut the revival's own season short, the theorem's 2015 closure being thus posthumous, the verdict having arrived without its judge, the honest record being that Bell died before the loophole-free tests, the question's having been settled by the heirs, the man's own papers being the heirs' own instruments, the biography's closing note being the series' recurring one: the question's askers rarely see the answer's finish line, the asker's monument being the question itself.

Bell's own writings deserve the second record, because the man's essays are the foundations' best prose. The collected works, the two volumes of Speakable and Unspeakable, the title itself being the locality question's own joke, the speakable being the observable physics, the unspeakable being the hidden account, the essays' being the theorem's own companion literature, the Bertlmann socks piece being the collection's most quoted, the introductions' being the program's own honest running commentary, the reader's being pointed to the essays as the book's own best companion, the man's prose being the series' own standard: exact, blunt, and generous to the opponents, Bell's having written the foundations' plain language before this series tried, the essays being the inheritance's own shelf.

The man's third record is the Belfast roots, because the biography's beginnings deserve their lines. The Protestant-dominated city's Catholic family, the farm family's son, the scholarship's being the ladder, the technical college's being the first rung, the Queen's University Belfast being the second, the accelerator physics being the career's road, the road's having been the era's own narrow path for the working-class scholar, Bell's own recollections being the record of a talent requiring the era's rare breaks, the biography's honest meaning being the sociology's: the century's physics having been built by the lucky survivors of many filters, the theorem's author being one, the reader's holding the roots as the series' honest sociology, the luck's being recorded without romance, the breaks' being named, and the talent's having been the necessary and insufficient condition, the drawer question's having needed the career's badge to be asked safely, the badge's having needed the ladder's luck to exist at all.

Chapter 2: The Correlations That Started It

The puzzle's raw material deserves its careful description, because the theorem is about one specific fact: the entangled pair's correlations. The setup, the theory's own since 1935: two particles, prepared together and separated, each measured later, far apart, each measurement giving one of two answers, the answers being random individually, the coin-flips' own character, and the answers being correlated jointly,

the pair's correlations depending on the two measurement choices' relation, the angle between the two settings' own arithmetic, the quantum predictions being exact: at matched settings, the answers agree perfectly, or disagree perfectly, depending on the pair's type, and at intermediate angles the agreement rate follows the cosine-squared curve, the correlations being the trigonometry's own shape. The mystery's felt shape: the two answers arrive random and correlated, the far partner's answer being predictable from the near one once the near one is known, and the predictability being maintained at any distance, the pair behaving as if it shares a secret. The standard theory's account: the pair is one system, the shared state being the whole pair's own condition, the measurement's joint statistics being the state's own arithmetic, the theory being silent about the secret's content and exact about the statistics, the entanglement being this book's neighboring volume's own full subject, and this chapter holding only the theorem's needed piece: the correlations' curve, the exact numbers that any account of the world must match.

The reader should hold the fact's plain standing before the theorem: the correlations are data now, the modern experiments having measured the curve at every setting, the agreement rates following the quantum predictions to the parts-per-thousand level and beyond, the curve being the world's own given. The account of the curve is the battlefield, the theorem's own stake: the question being whether the world's account can keep the locality assumption while matching the curve, and the reader's chapters ahead being the question's trial, the curve being the prosecution's own exhibit, entered at the start.

The correlations' second visit is the curve's own arithmetic, because the reader deserves the numbers' feel without the equations. The cosine-squared shape: at matched settings the agreement being total, the hundred percent; at ninety degrees' difference the anti-agreement being total, the settings' opposite questions receiving opposite answers; at the intermediate angles the curve's smooth slope, the forty-five-degree setting giving the roughly eighty-five percent agreement region in the photon tests' own form, the curve's characteristic being its steepness in the middle, the steep part being the violation's own stage, the Bell bound being the straight-line accounts' own ceiling and the curve being the arched roof that breaks it, the middle angles being where the arch clears the ceiling. The reader should feel the geometry: the bound is a chord, the curve is an arc, and the arc rises above the chord, the experiments' having measured the arc for fifty years, the chord's having never once been touched, the geometry being the whole theorem in one image, the arch being the world's own signature, drawn in correlations.

The correlations' third visit is the pair's preparation, because the laboratory recipe deserves the plain description. The entangled source: the calcium cascade's being the founding recipe, the atoms' being excited and their decay's emitting the twin photons, the two emissions' being born entangled, the polarizations being the correlated pair's own luggage; the modern recipes being the nonlinear crystals' spontaneous conversion, the laser's pump photon being split into the twin daughters, the daughters' polarization entanglement being the crystal's own gift, the recipe being the trade's standard now. The reader should feel the preparation's meaning: the pair's

correlation being born at the source, the two photons' being one system at birth, the separation being the later geography, the entanglement being the birthright, and the measurement's being the reading, the recipe's honesty being the chapter's point: nothing mysterious being added at the measurement, the mystery being the birthright's own statistics, the source being the factory of the puzzle, the standard recipe being the industry's own as well, the entanglement's being manufactured by the billion now, the resource era's supply chains having descended from the basements' first cascades.

The curve's fourth visit is the singlet's plain portrait, because the pair's total spin deserves the felt description. The singlet state: the pair's total spin being zero, the two particles' spins being opposite in every direction, the matched settings' giving opposite answers, the pair being the perfect anti-correlator, the zero being the pair's own identity, the state's being the entanglement's canonical exhibit, the answer's randomness being individual and the anti-agreement being joint, the portrait's meaning being the puzzle's sharpening: each answer being a fresh coin-flip, the two coins being always opposite, the opposite-ness surviving any distance and any setting choice, the pair being the world's own conspiracy of agreement to disagree, the singlet being the theorem's own favorite pair, the experiments' canonical source, the reader's holding the portrait as the felt core: the zero-total being the birthright, the anti-answers being the inheritance, and the curve being the inheritance's fine print, the whole mystery being in the two coins' coordinated randomness.

The curve's fifth visit is the detector's plain view, because the experimenter's screen deserves its honest description. The pair's arrival at the two stations: the near station's detector clicking its random sequence, the far station's clicking its own, the two sequences' being individually indistinguishable from noise, the comparison's being the reveal, the settings' logs being the third column, the correlation's appearing only in the joint accounting, the experimenter's view being thus the bookkeeping's own drama: nothing in the moment, everything in the ledger, the analysis being the truth's own slow bloom, the modern tests' statistics being the same shape at higher volume, the reader's feeling the experimenter's honest experience: the click-stream's containing no message, the ledger's containing the nonlocality, the data's whole verdict being in the joint table, the table being the theorem's own face, and the face being readable only by the patient, which is the program's own motto, honestly worn on the decades' sleeves.

Chapter 3: EPR's Inheritance: The Parent Argument

The theorem's parent argument deserves its chapter, because Bell's question is Einstein's 1935 question made mathematical. The EPR paper, Einstein, Podolsky, and Rosen, 1935: the argument's structure being the completeness complaint, the pair's perfect correlations being the tool, the reasoning being that if the far measurement's choice lets one infer the near particle's property with certainty, and if the far choice cannot disturb the near particle, locality being the premise, then the property was already there, the pair's perfect correlations implying pre-existing values for every

measurable choice, and the quantum state, which does not carry those values, being therefore incomplete, the argument's conclusion: the theory is unfinished, the deeper account exists. The founding generation's answer: Bohr's reply declining the inference, the trade's truce being drawn, and the argument's being filed as philosophy for three decades. Bell's move being the parent argument's own completion: the inference's implicit claim, the pre-existing values for every choice, being the very thing that Bell made testable, the question becoming: do the pre-existing values, if they exist, match the curve? The theorem's answer being the parent argument's own twist: the pre-existing values, if kept local, cannot match the curve, the completeness complaint's own favored alternative, the local deeper account, being the thing the theorem kills, the family quarrel having become a measurement.

The reader should hold the lineage's honest shape: Einstein's argument was right in its structure and wrong in its favorite hope, the EPR logic showing that locality plus the correlations implies pre-existing values, and Bell showing that the pre-existing values imply a bound that the curve violates, the two papers being one argument in two halves, the 1935 half deriving the consequence and the 1964 half testing it, the case having taken twenty-nine years to close, and the closing being the experiments' own work, the lineage being the book's own spine: the complaint, the truce, the theorem, the test.

The EPR chapter's second visit is the locality premise's own role, because the parent argument's power and price both live there. The inference's structure: the perfect correlation plus the no-disturbance assumption implying the pre-existing values, the no-disturbance being the locality premise's own face, the EPR authors' having taken it as obvious, the relativity's own spirit being the premise's warrant, and the argument's having been airtight given the premise, the trade's having missed for decades that the premise was the load-bearing wall, Bohr's reply having declined the inference without naming the wall, the reply's being famously unsatisfying to the founders' own colleagues, the honest reading being that the 1935 paper's real content was the premise's exposure: the argument being a proof that locality and the correlations jointly force the pre-existing values, the forcing being the theorem's own doorway, the premise's having been the wall that Bell's counting removed, the lineage's shape being thus the wall's own biography, the parent argument having been right about the forcing and wrong about the hope, the hope having been the very wall's own survival.

The EPR lineage's third visit is the completeness term's honest meaning, because the 1935 word deserves its unpacking. The claim's content: the theory's state being the whole available description, the completeness being the assertion that nothing was left out, Einstein's complaint being the incompleteness, the missing something being the pre-existing values, the complaint's own logic being thus the hidden-account program's founding charter, and the theorem's being the charter's own audit: the missing something, if added locally, being unable to match the data, the completeness complaint having been correct that something was missing and incorrect about what could restore it, the lineage's irony being the sharpest in the canon: the founder's complaint having launched the very program that the founder's own premises then killed, the complaint's honest afterlife being the measurement

problem's neighboring seam, the values having been refused, the outcomes being the theory's own events, the reader's holding the lineage's two branches: the local branch being dead, the anti-realist branch being the mainstream, the family tree having been pruned by one arithmetic in one decade of spare time, the 1935 word having thus sorted the century, the completeness term being the family tree's own root.

The EPR chapter's fourth visit is the Podolsky-Rosen personnel, because the argument's authors deserve the honest record. Boris Podolsky, the collaboration's writer, the paper's English prose being his, the argument's drafting being his pen, Einstein's complaint being the argument's origin but the paper's actual text being the younger men's; Nathan Rosen, the calculation's contributor, the paper's third author being the steady hand, the 1935 paper's authorship being thus the complaint's own team, Einstein's own later discomfort with the paper's drafting being recorded, the complaint having been Einstein's, the phrasing having been Podolsky's, the phrasing's having given Bohr the reply's angle, the honest record being the argument's being a team product, the team's name having become the brand, the initials being the trade's own shorthand, the personnel's meaning being the history's texture, the complaint having outlived the complainants' control, the EPR initials being now the entanglement's own trademark, the team's having named the century's deepest resource by accident.

Chapter 4: The Assumptions, Stated Honestly

The theorem's strength is its small print, and the reader deserves the small print stated plainly, because the popular accounts blur it. The ruled-out thing is the local hidden account, the assumption package being three items. First, locality: the near measurement's outcome depends only on the near conditions, the far setting and far outcome having no instantaneous influence here, the influences being carried, at light speed at most, the assumption being relativity's own spirit. Second, realism, in the theorem's technical sense: the pair carries pre-existing answers for the measurable choices, the answers being fixed before the measurement, the particle being a thing with properties rather than a mere potentiality, the assumption being the EPR inference's own content. Third, measurement independence, the freedom-of-choice assumption: the experimenters' setting choices being independent of the pair's pre-existing answers, the choices not being correlated with the hidden variables by any conspiracy, the assumption being the experimenter's own ordinary freedom. The theorem's logic: these three assumptions together imply a bound on the correlations, the counting bound of the next chapter, and the quantum curve exceeds the bound, the world forcing the package's surrender: at least one of the three must go.

The honest mapping of the surrenders deserves the statement here and the tours later: the standard quantum readings drop the realism assumption, the outcomes being not pre-existing, the collapse being the settling; the pilot-wave family drops the locality assumption, the explicit nonlocality being Bohm's own mathematics; the conspiratorial readings drop the freedom assumption, the superdeterminism being the labeled wager; and the retrocausal readings bend the time's arrow, the option being

the labeled exotic. The reader should hold the package's honesty: the theorem does not say the world is mysterious, it says one specific, stated, intuitive package is false, and the choice of which item to surrender being the interpretation wars' own map, the assumption census being the book's own honest frame, the small print being the whole argument.

The assumptions' second visit is the freedom clause's own quiet history, because the third assumption deserves its spotlight before the cosmic chapter needs it. The clause's content: the settings' independence from the hidden variables, the experimenter's choice being free of the pair's own pre-history, the clause having been so obvious to Bell's original paper that it lived implicitly, the assumption's being named later, the decade's honest work having made the implicit explicit, the fine print's own evolution being the program's maturity, and the clause's consequences being the wildest escape hatch's own foundation: the superdeterminist's being the reader who denies the clause, the denial's cost being the experimental method's own validity, every statistical science resting on the free choice's independence, the clause's denial being thus not a physics move but an epistemology's own demolition, the reader's being shown the door plainly, the clause's honest standing being: assumed by the whole trade, denied by one labeled family, and tested by the stars in the later chapter, the small print being the big fights' own arena.

The assumptions' third visit is the term "realism" honest calibration, because the word is the most abused in the canon. The theorem's realism being the technical clause, the pre-existing values, and not the philosophical attitude, the word's being the assumption's label rather than a worldview's name, the technical clause being killable while the broader philosophical realism being untouched: the pilot-wave family being realist in every philosophical sense while paying the locality price, the theorem's killing only the local pre-existing values, the popular retellings' announcing realism's death being the standard abuse, the death being the technical clause's alone. The reader should hold the calibration as the book's own shield: when the headlines say quantum mechanics disproves realism, the reader's translating: the local pre-existing values are dead, the worldviews being separately priced, the families' census being the honest map, the word being the canon's loudest and least precise, the calibration being the reader's own translation service, the small print being the whole difference between the science and the headline.

The assumptions' fourth visit is the outcome-independence nuance, because the modern fine print deserves its mention. The locality clause's having been refined by the modern analyses: the hidden account's locality having two faces, the parameter-independence being the far setting's irrelevance to the near outcome, the outcome-independence being the far outcome's irrelevance given the hidden variables, the standard locality being the conjunction, the theorem's surviving the refinement: the quantum violation's requiring at least one face's surrender, the Bohmian family's surrendering the parameter face, the standard reading's surrendering both faces at the outcomes, the superdeterminist's surrendering the statistical face upstream, the refinement's honest meaning being the small print's own sharpening, the families' prices being thus itemizable at the finest grain, the reader's

being shown the itemization as the census's last refinement, the doors being thus double-hinged, each hinge being priced separately, the option space's geometry being the modern seminar's own exact map.

Chapter 5: The Inequality: A Counting Argument

The theorem's mathematics deserves its equation-free telling, because the logic is genuinely simple and the popular accounts make it look either trivial or mystical, and it is neither. The counting version, the cleanest teaching form: imagine the pair carrying answer cards for three measurement settings, each particle holding its pre-written answers for each of the three settings, the local account's own bookkeeping, and consider the statistics: setting one against setting two, two against three, one against three, the three pairings' agreement rates being constrained by the cards' own consistency, the simple counting being that the answers cannot disagree maximally in every pairing, the disagree-counts across the three pairings being bounded, the bound being the elementary fact that three cards cannot be pairwise opposite in all three pairings, the arithmetic being the pigeonhole's own cousin. The bound, in its Bell form, being a numerical ceiling on the correlations' combined strength, and the quantum curve's exceeding it being the theorem: the pair's statistics at the three settings violate the counting ceiling, the pre-written cards being unable to match the data, the impossibility being the pigeonhole's own verdict.

Bell's own teaching image deserves its lines, the famous 1980 essay: Bertlmann's socks, the physicist Reinhold Bertlmann's habit of always wearing socks of different colors, the reader's seeing one pink sock predicting the other sock's greenness with certainty, the prediction's being no mystery, the sock's color having been there all along, the correlation being the laundry's own doing, the image being the local account's own illustration, and the theorem being the demonstration that the quantum pairs are not socks, the correlations being stronger than any laundry can manage, the image's honest use being the boundary marker: ordinary correlation is socks, and the quantum curve is past the sock line, the counting argument being the sock line's own mathematical fence, the reader having now the theorem's whole shape in three sentences: cards, a counting bound, and data that breaks it.

The counting argument's second visit is the three-setting teaching version's honest walk, because the pigeonhole deserves its felt shape. The three cards, one for each setting, each card holding a yes or a no, the pair's two particles holding mirror cards, the local account's own bookkeeping, and the statistics being the three pairings' disagreement counts: pairing A-B disagreeing sometimes, B-C disagreeing sometimes, A-C disagreeing sometimes, the counting being that the three disagreement counts sum to no more than a bound, the elementary reason being the cards' own consistency: if A disagrees with B and B disagrees with C, then A must agree with C, the cards being one-dimensional, the transitivity being the ceiling's own source, and the quantum curve's having the three pairings disagree more than the transitivity allows, the world's pairs violating the transitive ceiling, the violation's felt shape being the cards' impossibility: no deck of cards can be arranged to disagree pairwise at the

quantum rates, the deck being ruled out by arithmetic alone, the reader's holding the whole theorem as a card game whose scores are impossible, the game being the world's own.

The counting's third visit is the original 1964 form's honest shape, because the reader deserves the first paper's own character. The original theorem being the perfect-correlation version, the settings' being the three directions of a spin measurement, the continuous version's being the 1964 form, the bound being the correlation-function inequality, the later CHSH form being the discrete four-setting version, the experimenters' having standardized on the later form, the original being the theorist's proof, the two forms being the same ceiling in two shapes. The reader should feel the lineage's modesty: the 1964 paper's being six pages, the mathematics being elementary, the result being the assumptions' own arithmetic, the ceiling's having needed no new physics, only the honesty to ask, the six pages' having been the century's cheapest revolution, the reader's holding the form's lesson: the great results being sometimes small, the ceiling's being the pigeonhole in a tuxedo, the tuxedo being the spin geometry, the arithmetic being the reader's own high school's, the revolution being the question's alone.

The inequality's fourth visit is the four-setting version's plain walk, because the canonical test form deserves its own felt shape. The CHSH arrangement: four settings, two per side, the two pairings being the statistics' cross, the bound being the four-correlation sum's ceiling, the ceiling being the value two in the trade's own units, the quantum maximum being the arch's own peak at the value just above two, the two-root-two being the celebrated transcendence, the number being the trade's tattoo, the experimenters' reporting the sums, the modern tests' exceeding two by the overwhelming margins, the reader's feeling the canonical form's shape: four settings, one sum, one ceiling, and the world's sums being above the ceiling, the whole program having been the two-root-two's own half-century siege, the number being the book's own talisman, the simplest expression of the whole result: two being the local world's ceiling, two-point-eight being the world's own answer, the arch's height being thus one number, and the number having been the century's most consequential decimal.

Chapter 6: The First Tests: Berkeley and Beyond

The experimental program deserves its founding record, because the theorem waited eight years for its first court date. The first test: Stuart Freedman and John Clauser, Berkeley, 1972, the basement apparatus being the calcium cascade's entangled photons, the polarizers being hand-turned, the settings being fixed before the runs, the data having been accumulated over two hundred hours of patient counting, the result being the quantum side's own win, the correlations violating the bound, the first experimental crack in the local world, the paper's own caveat being honest: the test being of the bound, the loopholes being open, the result being the first word rather than the last. The follow: Fry and Thompson, 1976, the cascade being better and the violation clearer; the Clauser and Shimony reviews having organized the program's

questions; the era's own culture being the trade's marginal work, the experiments being performed in the cracks of careers, the funding being thin, the foundations' being the labs' own disreputable wing, the experimenters' patience being the program's own first capital.

The reader should hold the era's honest standing: the 1970s tests were suggestive and open, the detection loophole being the era's own cloud, the photon losses being high, the samples being small, the fair-sampling assumption being the results' own crutch, and the program's next phase being the loopholes' own siege, the Berkeley generation's credit being the courage: having run the forbidden test at all, having built the apparatus in the basement, and having put the theorem into the laboratory where it could be killed or confirmed, the era's quiet heroism being the series' recurring story, the orthodoxy's disapproval being recorded honestly, the question having been declared philosophy and the experimenters having declined the verdict.

The first tests' second visit is the Clauser question's own story, because the program's start was a graduate student's letter. John Clauser, the Columbia graduate student, having read the theorem and the early literature, having written to the principals proposing the test, the letters' being the program's founding documents, the notable exchange being Clauser's letter to Bohr's circle having received the era's own dismissal, the founding generation's having considered the question closed, and Clauser's persistence having found the opening at Berkeley, the apparatus's being built on the physics department's margins, the having been the series' recurring pattern: the young experimenter's having asked the forbidden question and the trade's having said no, the student's having done it anyway, the 1972 data being the result, the honest record being that the experimental program began as a letter the establishment declined, the answer's having been built by the people the establishment declined to answer, the program's own founding irony being the book's honest opening exhibit.

The first tests' third visit is the funding record, because the program's poverty deserves the honest ledger. The Berkeley era's costs: the hand-turned polarizers, the borrowed detectors, the graduate-student labor, the two-hundred-hour runs, the basement's being the actual site, the era's budget being the program's own private savings, the foundations' having been the funding agencies' own blind spot, the NSF's having declined the area, the honest record being that the 1972 test having been run on scraps and stubbornness, the later eras' budgets being the contrast: the Aspect program having been the doctoral-scale apparatus, the 2015 closures having been the big-science era's instruments, the cosmic tests having used the telescopes' own infrastructure, the arc being the poverty-to-platform story, the reader's holding the ledger as the series' recurring economics: the forbidden questions' being cheap to ask, expensive to test, and the having been asked first by whoever could afford the asking, the basement being the cheapest courtroom the century ever built, the verdict having been certified later in the palaces, the economics being the program's own honest spine.

The first tests' fourth visit is the CERN skeptic's own record, because the era's hostility

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