

Vacuum

I was contemplating the reason that fire creates wind. I knew that fire needs oxygen to exist, but by what force does it draw oxygen to itself? Why does it not run out of air as it consumes it? The answer was that the consumption of oxygen would leave an empty space but for the vacuum. Why a vacuum? As far as I can tell, it's a matter of gravity. The empty space cannot exist because gravity closes the space as quickly as the fire consumes the oxygen. A big fire, a big vacuum, a mighty wind.

So, having solved this mystery of physics, I was somehow reminded of another problem I had been pondering: it was about the existence of spirit or souls. I perceive a soul as that which is self aware or conscious. I have heard scientists describe consciousness as an illusion created by the brain's thought processes, but in my mind self awareness is separate from thought process. It is the essence of the individual, not what the individual has, like a brain that may have memory, habits, and even desires, but the one who experiences desires and so forth - the one who thinks the thought.

One of these desires an individual has or thinks is self preservation - it strives to go on living. I pondered why the individual should want to continue, why should it care? And so the role of vacuum played in a fire came to mind. The wind is caused by the absence of something. The void has to be filled. Inaction is not allowed! Perhaps the desire to live is the vacuum, and living is the fire. It is a process that must occur.