

Immanent Emergence – Paper II

Now, this excursion has been crucial because of at least one vital feature of these pre-Emergence situations. They do not *automatically* carry over into an Emergence. They can occur many times, and then subside again, leaving things essentially as before. So, Emergences should be seen as part of a family of critical situations, where the stable basis of the status quo is severely threatened, but of which only a few actually blossom and ripen into a full blown Emergence, while the rest promise the same, but fail to break through.

NOTE: Both the readers of this piece and the writer must guard against stuffing all these evident Emergences into a single Form. That would be very counter productive. These things happen from the very early Emergence of Matter from Energy, right through to Thoughts and Social Change. The dynamics and tempos of these events will cover a wider spectrum, and must NOT be treated exactly the same. For example, though there can be NO CHOICE in which possible Physical Emergences succeed – it being beyond any directional control, we have at the other end of the spectrum the possibility of Social Revolution, where skilled revolutionaries can determine the possibilities of situations, and cannot passively see them fail as they had many times before, Man changes the dynamic of such situations, because he can intervene. No wonder ruling classes across the world both feared and hated that amazing Event in Russia.

So, the profound Social Emergence in Russia has crucially changed our conception of what Emergences are. Rather than being inevitable, and its successful completion only being a matter of time, we have a more dynamic conception, which sees pre-Emergence situations developing towards a major Event MANY TIMES, and yet mostly fail to complete the process in an Emergence, and fall back to the status quo.

The history of the development of Reality, then becomes one more characterised by failed turnovers than successful ones. And the current form of the Universe being the result of a **multitude** of nearly-ripe situations which don't mature into Emergences, as well as the much fewer ones that do.

But such failures don't leave the situation and possibilities unchanged. They must seed the following situations with remnants of each near turnover. Remember, we are not talking here about the lower Level processes alone. We are talking about the ESTABLISHMENT of a self supporting system, which grows until it overturns the past set up. Thus even within the pre-Emergence situations we have ALL the processes for a turnover, it's just that the particular configuration at that time was not sufficient for the "seeds" to wholly succeed. An Emergence is NOT the flick of a switch. It is a series of transitional situations and processes which on rare and significant occasions carry through to a point where everything is transformed into a new Level. Such a sequence will most times fail at some sub-Emergence stage, but all the transitional stages up to and including the "slide back to the previous overall state, will remain as vestiges of the failed event, and PARTAKE in future culminations too. The trajectories of these failures therefore involves the continual "testing" of possible transitional stages, entities and processes, and their remnants will litter the battlefield, and the closer the situation was to success, the more of these processes AND their crucial sequencing will survive.

In other words, by a kind of Natural Selection, entities and processes will survive to "help" the possible overturn in following crises.

Yes! Yes! I am aware that I am taking evidence from a Social Emergence and generalising it – exactly what I have warned about earlier, But I am not suggesting uncritical, speculative transfer to lower order Emergences. After all, such methods have been used before to great effect. Hegel mined his generalities by studying Emergences in Thought, which have been the ore-bearing seam for all serious subsequent researchers. I attempt to follow his lead and try to establish general principles as long as we do not let the tail wag the dog.