

Transcending Math

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As a skydiver, I am confronted with the question of probability of failure on a regular basis. "Doesn't the risk eventually catch up to you?" "You can't escape statistics", they tell me. Although cold, statistical analysis explains one aspect of the situation that governs the "reality" of risk, it is my experience that the individual has a large portion of the control within their grasp.

We each bring to the moment our expectations, our skill, and our ability to refocus our minds on what we want to have happen. My experience confirms my belief that we are in control over more than 50 percent of the equation. Quantum physics agrees as well. You are experiencing what you have created in your visualizations and expectations, and how you handle the situations that challenge your abilities has far more to do with the outcome than simple particle physics, statistics and probabilities of outcome.

This is the core of the adventurer's philosophy. We believe that we can control the outcome to an acceptable degree, so we feel comfortable with the "risk-to-benefit" ratio. To the person less capable of self-trust, math seems the only answer that has any meaning. To the skydiver, math is what the non-skydivers do when they watch us, almost hoping we will burn in so we can give them a bit of excitement in their dull lives made duller by the fear that has turned them into spectators, rather than participants.

So, you may find that your malfunction rate falls along predictable lines, but if you truly believe in yourself, you are far more likely to fix your malfunction. That's what pilots do. That is transcending math, and living on a higher plane of cause and effect by working on a quantum level.

We are, all of us, very impressive. We take risks and we survive. We survive because we manipulate the situation with our minds by believing and creating what we believe through thought and action. We are benders of probabilities, and manufactures of realities. We are pilots of what is, through conscious intent. We are doing what we were born to do, demonstrating that humans are more than meat puppets. We are creators of novel moments in time that bring about novel branches of possibilities that did not exist before our attention was drawn to them.

We are nothing short of visionaries.

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