

Title: Convergence
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Colossians 1:15-20 (NASB)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him. **17** He is before all things, and *in Him all things hold together*. **18** He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. **19** For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, **20** and *through Him to reconcile all things to Himself*, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

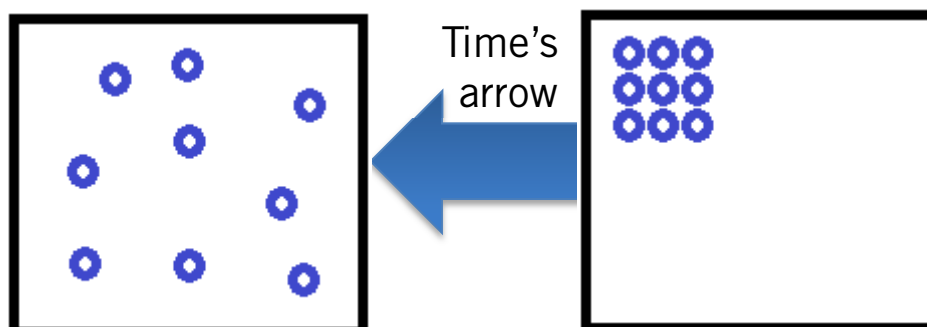
A) the challenge of entropy

definition

A scientific theory derived from the Second Law of Thermodynamics referring to the degradation of matter and energy in the universe to an ultimate state of inert uniformity.

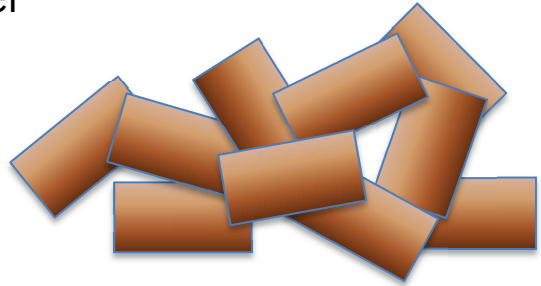
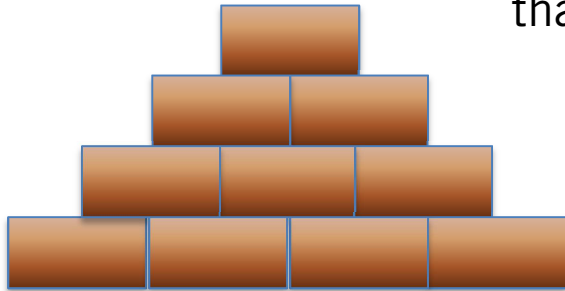
It is a process of inevitable and steady deterioration of a system, or society. It is a running down, or a trend to disorder, chaos and decay of diversity; a disorganization and randomness.

In social entropy it implies the tendency of social networks and society in general to break down over time, moving from co-operation and advancement toward conflict and chaos.



If you tossed bricks off a truck, which kind of pile of bricks would you more likely produce?

Disorder is
more probable
than order



B) power to converge

1. knowledge of the Glory

A.

Isaiah 60:2

“For behold darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.”

B.

Numbers 14:21

But truly, as I live all the earth shall be filled with the glory of God.

Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. As the waters cover the sea.

John 17:22

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.

2. revelation knowledge

A. the Spirit of liberty

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (AMP)

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom). **18** And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His *very own* image in ever increasing splendour *and* from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

B. maturity through pain

1 Peter 2:21; 4:1, 12-14

2:21 To this you were called because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.

4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. **12** Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed *because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.*

2. nature of the Glory

A. John 13:35

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- *The power of love: transparent, honest, accountable*

B. 1 Corinthians 12:26 (AMP)

And if one member suffers, all the parts [share] the suffering; if one member is honoured, all the members [share in] the enjoyment of it.

- *Power to share life*

C. Up the game

Fellowship> friendship> partnership> kinship

C) family first – perfectly biased

Galatians 6:10 (NASB)

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Songs 4:7 (GNT)

How beautiful you are, my love; how perfect you are!