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“What came first the Chicken or the Egg?”

I first solved the definitive answer to this question in my eBook “A Pocket Volume of the Universe”, back in 1998.

I posed the problem of finding the answer to the structure of the Universe in ‘Reality’.

As part of the solution to the above I had to be able to solve other simpler problems or dilemmas. To do this I had to build concepts in logic that did not contradict themselves. I called this 'Simple Complex logic'.

It is some of these concepts that I will convey to you, so that you too can build upon and solve all your problems.

So back to the question “What came first the Chicken or the Egg?”

Before we go any further, you must first understand the question. You may think this is obvious, but you need to look at this in more detail, before proceeding to the answer.

To understand the question means you must understand the meanings of all the words and all the relationships of the words!

I explain this in more detail in my 'Tea Break Book': - 'The Meaning of Words'.

To summarise: - it means that everyone has slightly different meanings to every word they hear, read and use and the context in which they use them. These differences maybe subtle and they do not need to be the same as the dictionary definitions. It all depends on each persons experience and the subtle links they create in their conscious and subconscious minds. These subtle differences in normal life and conversations do not normally cause a problem (unless you are arguing some point with someone). But when you try and solve complex or sometimes very simple problems they make all the difference to your understanding and theirs.

If you are clear thinking and have a logical brain you will have no dilemma in solving this riddle or problem.

I have never had a problem with solving this riddle (and others) and I know from experience that many people, (I have not met one in person who hasn't) either have a dilemma or are adamant about their answer, but do not, or cannot explain satisfactorily their conclusion.

So what! some may say. This is the point of 'the meaning of words' as you understand them. If you attach slightly different meanings to the words you use, as opposed to the meanings of words that someone else is using. Then you could either agree with someone and they have understood things differently, or you may disagree with someone, but in fact you are trying to say the same thing.

Let's get back to the riddle and the answer.

To find the answer, you have to understand the question. (I was always able to understand the questions in exams; my problem was that I did not always know the answers). Others I knew, knew the answers, but they did not fully understand the question, therefore they did not always give the correct answer).

The answer to riddle: - Is most positively the egg.

Most people by now are arguing as to why?

The explanation is as follows (I have to assume that you believe in evolution) if not, skip to riddle/problem 2. [\*In my original eBook I had a second riddle].

The reason that I have sent some people to problem 2, Is that it would make my book too long if I try and explain everything, it would get too long winded, and I know that some of you think it is too long winded already.

To continue ....with the answer.

The chicken was laid from an 'egg'; I assume no one is going to argue with that.

But the dilemma comes in some people's mind, where did the 'egg' come from?

The answer is not from a chicken. Why not from a chicken?

The answer is that it came from a bird, not a chicken, but a 'chicken like bird'. Before chickens had evolved, chicken like birds would lay 'eggs'. Then a mutation would occur that would make one of these eggs produce the 'first chicken', which would in turn produce the first 'chicken egg'. The answer is understanding the definition of the words of the question.

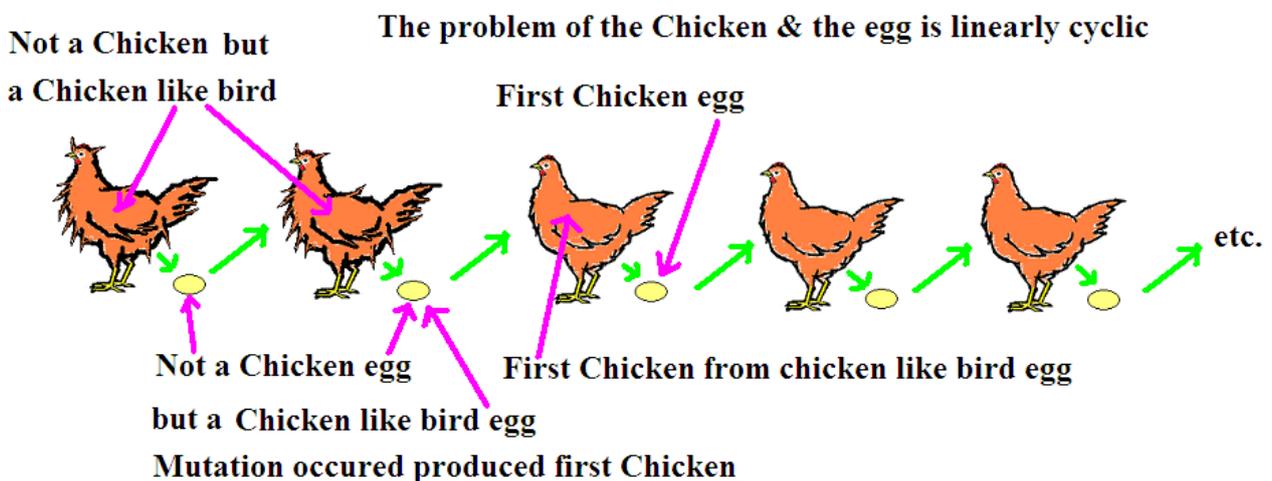
Some people at this point will say "but if that 'egg' was laid by a chicken, then what came first the chicken or the egg?"

There is still no dilemma to this question. The reason that there is no dilemma is that these people have created another dilemma in their minds. In so doing they have redefined the question.

The question they have asked is "What came first the chicken or the 'chicken's egg'?"

Again there is no dilemma to this question. The answer this time is most definitely the **chicken**. The reason is that the chicken still came from a 'chicken like egg', but it laid the first 'chicken's egg'.

If you did not fully understand the above re-read it again. The problem is not truly cyclic but what I call linearly cyclic.



By now I hope you have understood what I mean by definition of words and their subsequent meanings.

The problem must be looked at more closely, i.e. we must define the meaning and concepts of these words we use.

The first concept that must be learned and understood is that some problems are linear, and linear logic must be used as in first, then a sequence, then last (you may not know the beginning or the end, but you know the problem is linear).

The second concept that must be learned and understood is that some problems are cyclic, and cyclic logic must be used. In these problems there is NO absolute first and NO absolute last. You can define your own first and last (sequence) but it must coincide with the person's 'first and last' you are communicating with. (even if you can not agree with a first and a last, you still know the problem is cyclic).

The last concept that you must learn and understand is that some problems are linearly cyclic, and linearly cyclic logic must be used, (as is the case with the chicken and the egg). Again you may not know the beginning and the end of the linear cycles, but you do know that it is linearly cyclic.

I hope you understood this short eBook. I try and make my eBooks short so that the subconscious as well as the conscious part of your minds are fulfilled. (Explained in another eBook).

\*By the way, the second riddle in my original eBook was: - “What would happen if an unstoppable force met an immovable object?”

This is again easily solved, but you need additional concepts that are not one of the three that I have mentioned above.

If you want to find the definitive answer to this riddle/problem go to my website [www.apepes.com](http://www.apepes.com) where I have many other eBooks to make you think. (Thinking is not hard when someone points the way).

[You can also be pointed in the wrong way, then things can get difficult, which is why people have problems they can't solve].

I would like to build in the future a website community of my members that will be able to post their problems and have their problems solved (not just answered, which is not the same as solving them).

Have a Nice day (and night).

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