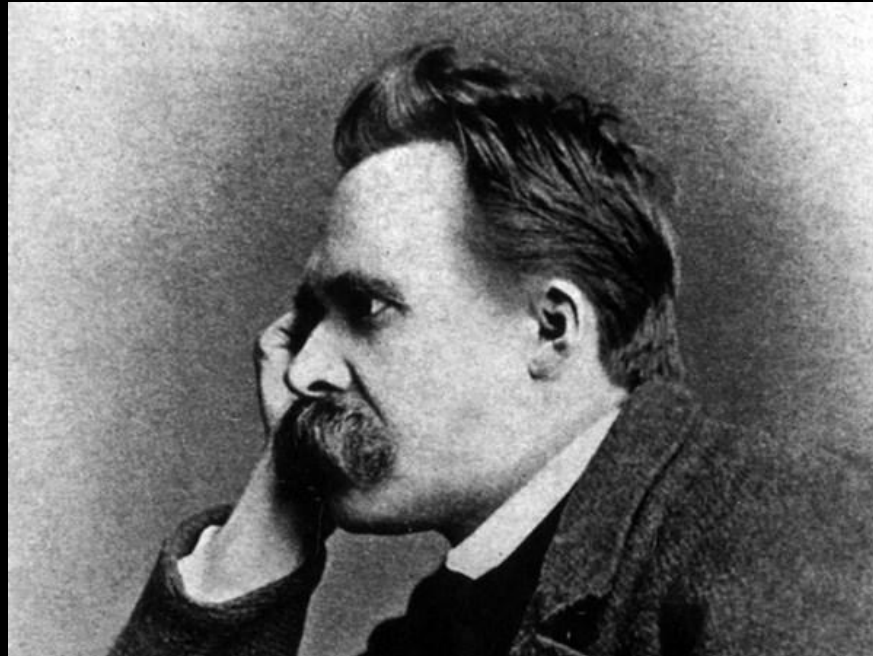


The Eternal Recurrence: Understanding Parallel Universes through Nietzsche

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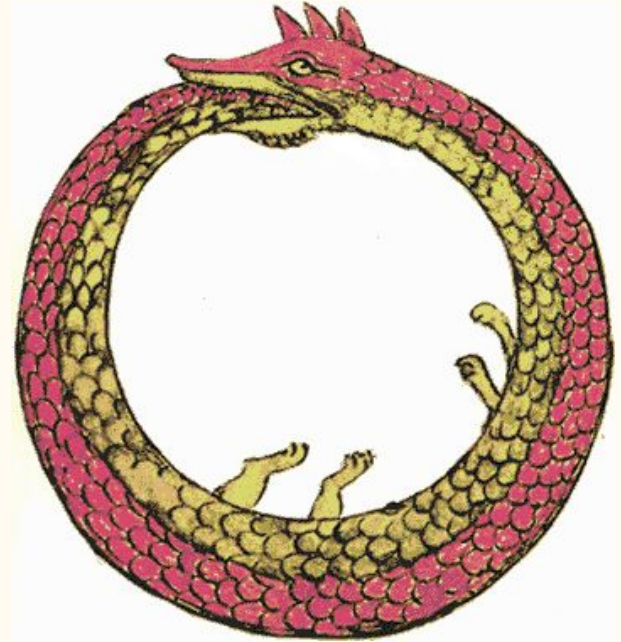
Roadmap

Thesis: If we accept the reasoning of the physicist Max Tegmark, we may be committed to a version of Friedrich Nietzsche's doctrine of the eternal recurrence

- 1) What is eternal recurrence?
- 2) Tegmark's "identical parallel universes"
- 3) Tegmark's identical "doppelgangers"

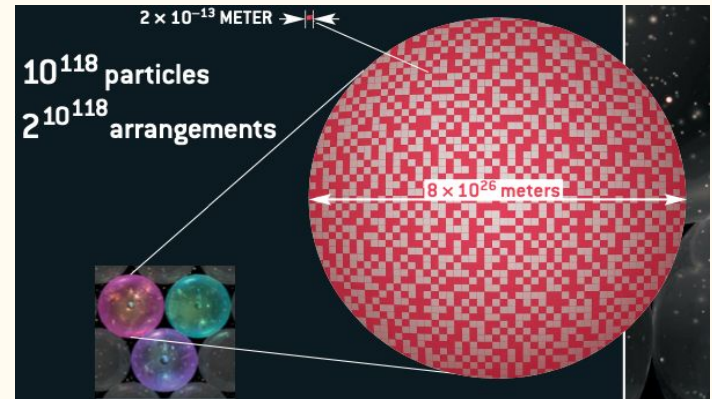
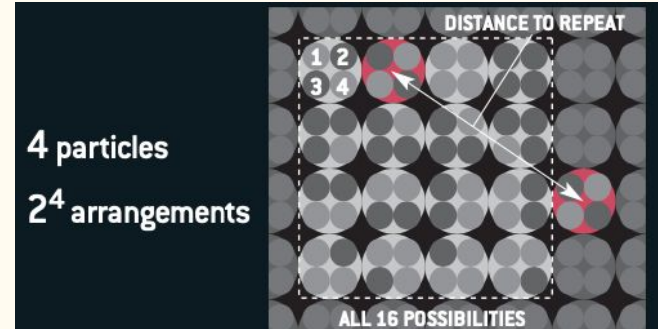
Nietzsche's Doctrine of Eternal Recurrence

- Infinite time and space + finite possible arrangements of matter = ER
- “Fellow-man! Your whole life, like a sandglass, will always be reversed and will ever run out again [...] This ring in which you are but a grain will glitter afresh for ever” (Nietzsche, 25).



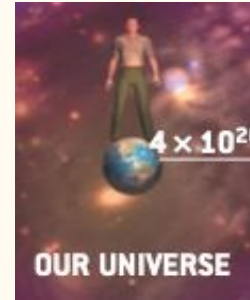
Max Tegmark's Identical Parallel Universes

- What's a “multiverse”?
- Tegmark argues that matter can only be arranged in so many ways
- Parallel universes and identical parallel universes



Tegmark's exact “doppelganger” copies

- Similar parallel universes within 4×10^{26} meters from earth
- Doppelganger “copy” within $10^{10^{118}}$ meters from earth
- Who's the “real” you?



Conclusion

- If we accept the reasoning of the physicist Max Tegmark, we may be committed to a version of Nietzsche's doctrine of the eternal recurrence
 - Fatalism?
 - The eternal recurrence of your exact life?

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