

# Review of: "Mindful Mechanisms: Drawing Parallels Between the Quantum Domain and the Three Bodies (Trikaya) of Buddhist Ontology"

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David Leong's paper on the parallels between quantum theory and Buddhist consciousness covers an important topic that has received lots of attention over the past several decades. While the author appears very well versed in the tenets of Buddhism, he seems much less versed on the science side. For example, while he embraces the Copenhagen interpretation of physics, there is great controversy and disagreement that surrounds this interpretation. While there is great nuance with respect to Buddhist concepts, none of the nuance regarding science is present in this paper.

The author also appears to be operating in a vacuum, as he doesn't cite any of the previous authors that have explored these parallels. In this sense, he is re-inventing the wheel without giving any credit to the intellectual forbearers. Also, there is a great deal of repetition in the paper, with the same concepts and explanations given multiple times. The repetition had the effect of turning off my discernment, causing me to gloss over whole sections. I would suggest paring the paper down and organizing it so that there is more of a progression of ideas and less circling back round to the same ideas.