

Unarbitrary Definition for *The New Concise Modern Dictionary of Synchronisticism*

because · /bɪ'kɒz/ · *conjunction*. **1.** Because the limited, dual nature of the human mind necessitates the illusion of cause and effect. **2.** Because all things connected must be understood conjoined, conjoined and ever changing. **3.** Because the wings of butterflies cause hurricanes. **4.** Because A must equal B, & B must equal C; A must also equal C; so you were wrong, Siddhartha: to eliminate desire is to eliminate all life. **5.** Because I need you like the island needs the ocean, deluded in the isolated joys of boundary. **6.** Because Time is Space & Space is Time, and both constructions of the bodies (see also: *celestial, solar, heavenly, physical, and divine*). **7.** Because we conceive of Incarnations, conceived in concepts from the moment of conception. **8.** Because we ask the question, “Why?” **9.** Because the Postmodern has fallen upon us; and the Continental Philosophers all were French; and the French have always had it written in their language: the answer to *pourquoi?* is just *pourquoi*. **10.** Because we always need a reason. **11.** Because explanations make us feel profound. **12.** Because I held you, I will someday lose you. **13.** Because we love, we all will suffer. **14.** Because we all do suffer, we must love.

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