The Law of Causality

The 2nd Principle of Knowledge
Remember, all the denials of the Law of Non-contradiction are **FORCED** and **TEMPORARY**.
The Enlightenment (18th Century)

- "Why I Am Not a Christian" --by Bertrand Russell

John Stuart Mill
Defining God’s Character

- God is a self-existent, eternal being that has the power of being within Himself, who is independent, un-derived.
- He is not caused because He is NOT an effect.
Russell and Mill’s Error

- The error was an error in definition: that everything must have a cause.

- Rather, the Law of Causality stated properly is that: Every EFFECT must have an antecedent cause.
Formal Truth and Logical Truth

- Formal truth means that it is true by definition.
- An analytical statement:
  - A bachelor is an unmarried man.
  - Subject = bachelor

When something is Formally True or Analytically True it is also Logically True
Causality and Non-contradiction

- If we say that "every effect must have an cause, what is an EFFECT?"
- An effect, by definition, is something that has been caused.
- So, the Law of Causality is simply a mental extension of the Law of Non-Contradiction.
- Because something can’t be an effect and a non-effect at the same time and in the relationship.
- You can’t have an effect without a cause...that would be a contradiction! 😊
iTHINK with me for a moment...

- When we say that the Law of Causality is a Formal Principle, we’re saying that it doesn’t teach us anything directly about reality.
David Hume

- Did Hume Destroy Causality altogether?