

Homework 21

Due Tuesday, May 7th in class

Read Ch. 13 of Rovelli and the Epilogue “The Sister of Sleep”.

1. In the final full chapter of his book (Ch. 13) Rovelli states

Perhaps the emotion of time is precisely what time *is* for us.

This aspect, the role of emotion, is one of the many themes at the end of the book that we haven’t had a chance to discuss together. What do you make of this idea? How does thinking about the emotional impact of our experience of time interact with the other ideas that we have explored in the course? That is too broad a question to address all at once, but perhaps you could give one example of how thinking about our emotional entanglement with time sheds light on something that you were thinking about earlier in the course.

2. We will ask you to do this again for the course as a whole in next weekend’s homework, but list three things that you have taken from Rovelli’s book that you will carry with you into the future. What are the ideas that were most impactful for you? Why? How will they change the way you think about Nature and time from now on?