

Editor's note for Nebula 2.1, March 2005

I have sat at my computer for days wondering what I will write to introduce *Nebula's* first birthday issue. I wondered whether I should tell you about the pleasant synchronicities that have abounded since the establishment of this journal, what with Russell Richards' submission in the last issue, and now with at least five uniquely concomitant articles, making a themed issue out of a journal so decidedly adamant on providing a multiplicity of themes and subjects. By what process, natural ("physical") or divined do these meaningful coincidences that C. G. Jung gave the term *synchronicity* to, come to pass? What is their true significance, their function in the vast intricacies of actions and reactions that form the physical world? Jung left us an incomplete speculation. Incomplete perhaps because human consciousness is incapable of performing the work of ultimate clairvoyance, that modernist texts often tricked us into glimpsing. Incomplete perhaps because, as quantum physicists have always told us (until String Theory at least), a grand unified theory does not exist, or at least cannot exist within the functions of consciousness which is evanescent and fragmented. At any rate, occasionally the thinking being glimpses the machinations of something greater at work and feels humbled in a world where sunset is the most obvious and largest routine one can afford to think of. And there I was, still wondering what to tell you, when I discovered that the mission was accomplished. Samar Habib, editor.