

**Spiritualists assert:** observed real-life coincidences are immensely too unlikely to be explainable as “just chance”.

**Rationalists assert:** oh no they’re not. Because there are gazillions of possible coincidence that **don’t** happen.

I’m on the rationalist side, but must admit that (outside “small universe” models like the birthday paradox) there’s essentially no **evidence** (analogous to baseball teams evidence of birthday paradox) that interesting real-life coincidences occur no more often than “pure chance” predicts.