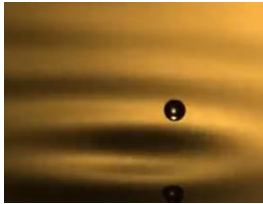


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## [From ocean-wave to dancing droplet: Comparing two metaphors for human existence](#)

Ocean-wave is an ancient metaphor used to explain the nature of human existence. Dancing droplet is a more recently observed phenomenon where an oil droplet keeps bouncing in an oscillating oil bath for a long time. Our life seems to exhibit independence, memory and meaningful responses none of which are exhibited by ocean waves. This article explores how all three features are demonstrated by dancing droplets. [Full article](#)

Please listen to me



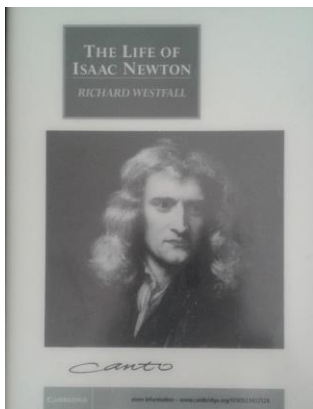
## [Three symptoms of empathy deficit](#)

"Please listen to me" or "Please let me complete" are common requests in our day-to-day conversations. All of us have an agenda and we are all focused on driving that agenda. Is it possible that we are witnessing an empathy deficit everywhere? I don't know. But in this article I would like to present three symptoms which I feel indicate an empathy deficit. These are: Urge to label, urge to preach and lack of listening. [Full article.](#)

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## [Three characteristics of a good challenge book](#)

Step-2 of our "8-steps to innovation" book is "Create a challenge book". When I visit any organization, one of the first things I look for is a challenge book. Unfortunately, very few places that I have visited were able to articulate top few challenges clearly. What are the characteristics of a good challenge book? This article presents three: current-ness (like airline arrival list), prioritization & championing [Full article.](#)



## [Three surprises from Isaac Newton's biography](#)

This article presents 3 surprises I encountered in Isaac Newton's biography: "The life of Isaac Newton" by Richard Westfall. These are: (1) How systematic Newton was in maintaining his challenge book after he entered Trinity College in Cambridge (2) Contrary to the popular belief propagated by the falling apple story, Newton developed universal law of gravity over twenty long years from 1666 to 1686 (3) In latter part of his life, Newton got obsessed about his self-image and status and fought tooth-and-nail to maintain his image. [Full Article.](#)