

su•per•po•si•tion

noun (physics)

the combination of two distinct physical phenomena of the same type (such as spin or wavelength) so that they coexist as part of the same event

Popularized by Schrödinger's cat, quantum superposition makes up reality. Until you look, the particles that create the universe spin both up and down, exist in space and don't, and stack to create something new. Somehow, when confronted with a choice, the universe chooses both and neither. Yet, in life we are forced to pick sides and binarize our thinking. Let's think like the universe.

No longer male nor female, nonbinary lives represent this universal superposition. Presented with the gender binary, we chose both and neither, unconstrained by binaries. Pushed out of place and unrecognized by binary society, yet we are still here. Alienated from the meaning of our own bodies, yet we still live. Combining both sides of the gender binary, we create a new vision of self and gender: one that bigger than its mere parts.

