## A DIFFERENT DIFFERENCE

MAUREEN O'CONNOR, SCHOOL OF ENGLISH, UCC



LOUIS ERNEST BARRIAS,

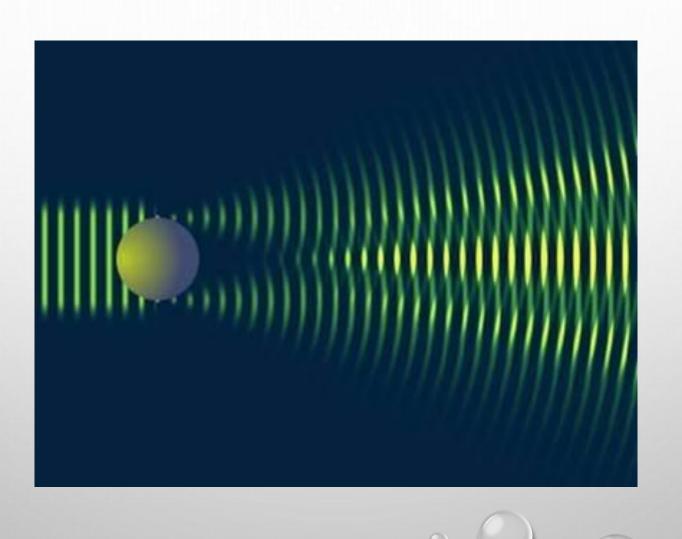
LA NATURE DEVOILANT

DEVANT LA SCIENCE (1899)





## **DIFFRACTION**



## KAREN BARAD, NEW MATERIALISM: INTERVIEWS AND CARTOGRAPHIES, EDS RICK DOLPHIJN AND IRIS VAN DER TUIN (OPEN HUMANITIES, 2012)

Diffractive readings bring inventive provocations; they are good to think with. They are respectful, detailed, ethical engagements.

## DONNA HARAWAY, MODEST\_WITNESS@SECOND\_MILLENIUM. FEMALEMAN©\_MEETS\_ ONCOMOUSE<sup>TM</sup> (ROUTLEDGE, 1997)

Diffraction patterns record the history of interaction, interference, reinforcement, difference. Diffraction is about heterogeneous history, not about originals. Unlike reflections, diffractions do not displace the same elsewhere, in more or less distorted form, thereby giving rise to industries of metaphysics.