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# Literary Analysis

## METAPHYSICAL CONCEIT

A **metaphysical conceit** is a type of metaphor or simile in which the comparison is unusually striking, original, and elaborate. It often appears in metaphysical poetry. The poet compares two things that may at first seem to have no connection whatsoever.

**Directions:** Use the chart to explain the meaning of each metaphysical conceit listed in the first column.

	What Is Being Compared	How the Two Are Similar
"A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning," lines 1–6		
"A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning," lines 25–36		
"Meditation 17," lines 8–13		
"Meditation 17," lines 19–22		