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In the physics literature, many authors discussing quantum phenomena begin by telling us what the classical Hamiltonian (i.e. the generator of the time evolution) for the system would be if the system were classical, and then "quantize" this Hamiltonian. This subjunctive approach to quantum phenomena suggests a facetious operational definition for doing quantum mechanics: taking an attitude towards a physical system which otherwise would behave the way we used to think it behaved. In fact, some of our more glib colleagues never really distinguish whether they are discussing things classically or quantum mechanically. I mention these things to illustrate that even after more than