

The "Cult" That Is Scientific Materialism

We think that the existence of "self" and "world" is a self-evident fact — they are such a basic part of our experience that we do not even question them. But this is truly only because we participate in a constant language-mind-game to define and reinforce them. All the cultures and pursuits of humankind — ancient and modern — have buttressed the illusion of separate "self" and separate "world".

Part 1

Modern secular "science" began as a "method" for investigating (and "knowing", or finding out about) the structures and workings of processes in the realm of conditional Nature.

As it developed, the "method" of science was presumed to be a superior "method" (in contrast and opposition to the superstitions, conventional beliefs, and metaphysical presumptions of traditional "religion") — based, rather, on the rigorous observation, conceptualization, and analysis of perceptible (and conditionally arising) events.

Over time, the "method" of science has become more than an intellectual "method" for the discovery of specific "knowledge" about perceptible events — and it seems to have generally been forgotten that any "knowledge" of perceptible events is "knowledge" of conditionally arising phenomena, and that, therefore, all such "knowledge" is, itself, merely conditional, space-time-bound, and relevant only to "point of view" and the human scale of concerns.

Conditionally-based science has, unfortunately, become the reigning (and distinctly authoritarian) "official philosophy" in this "late-time" (or "dark" epoch).

Indeed, conditionally-based science has become not merely a means of gathering natural information, but the very principle and exclusive model for the relationship human beings presume to the natural "world", to each other, and even to their own body-minds.

Thus, in this "late-time" (or "dark" epoch), reductionistic (and so-called "humanistic") science (or scientism, or scientific materialism) presumes to be the only "officially" acceptable form of relationship to anything whatsoever.

Although the scientific "method" of enquiry may serve as a means of analytical "knowledge", it utterly fails as a right and true form of moment to moment relationship to conditional things and beings, and to the totality of existence.

The "method" of science is properly only a special form of relationship to specific perceptible (or otherwise merely conditional) events in specific moments and for specific purposes.

If science is allowed to become the standard of relationship itself, the natural process of human participation — even non-verbally, or non-conceptually, and even egolessly — in the always spontaneously arising "play" of existence is retarded, suppressed, and even destroyed.

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The scientific "method" is, fundamentally, an exercise of the verbal mind in relation to events occurring within, or (otherwise) events perceived via, the autonomic nervous system. As such, the scientific "method" is only a very partial development of the potential of the total body-mind to perceive and "experience".

Furthermore, by its very nature, the scientific "method" requires a stark and strategic conceptual separation between the observer and the observed. When this exercise becomes the primary mode of one's relationship to things (and to all "experience", and even to existence itself), its effect is separative — and a kind of warfare (or opposition) develops between the human being and all its relations.

Thus, science — which is the practical and conceptual exercise of "point of view" — becomes the hard-driven technology of personal and collective egoity.

Scientific materialism has become the popular (and chronic) form of the everyday (or casual) approach of all people to the events of "experience". As a result, the process of participatory relationship itself has become disturbed.

Part 2

Science would pretend to be able to create a true and superior human culture, founded on technology and analytical "knowledge" — yet, in fact, the scientific "method" has no capability to create a true (or human) culture, since the scientific "method" is founded on analytical observation and conceptualization, rather than on non-verbal (or tacit) participation in the human being's inherent (and, necessarily, ego-transcending) unity with the total "world" of existence.

Therefore, if human beings adopt a form of relationship to the "world"-process that is founded on separation, observation, and analytical "knowing", rather than on intuitive and compassionately ego-surrendering participation in Unity with the "world"-process, then people will tend (more and more) to interfere (and even lose sympathy) with their own Unity both with the "world"-process and with the Non-conditional, Intrinsically egoless, Perfectly Acausal, and Self-Evidently Divine Self-Nature, Self-Condition, and Self-State in Which they (and all, and All) are presently arising.

Indeed, in this "late-time" (or "dark" epoch), such has already occurred. Human beings are now in the midst of a dehumanizing, anti-"religious" (and anti-Spiritual and anti-Transcendental), and even anti-cultural and post-"civilization" technological revolution of the entire order of humankind.

The inherently conditional and "point-of-view"-bound "method" that is science is no longer viewed from a right perspective. As a result, the unitive, intuitive, ego-transcending, ecstatic, and participatory culture of humankind is being displaced and prevented by the authoritarian propaganda associated with the "cult" that is scientific materialism.

This Argument is not intended to Call for an end to analytical science. Rather, this Argument is to Call for a cultural re-orientation — even of the culture of science itself — to the primary mode of human existence, wherein human beings must constantly transcend themselves and all their conventional "knowledge", by means of surrender into Unity with the "world"-process and with the Intrinsically egoless, Transcendental, Intrinsically

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Spiritual, Perfectly Acausal, and Self-Evidently Divine Self-Nature, Self-Condition, Source-Condition, and Self-State of Reality Itself. (Ones "own" eternally existing SELF AWARENESS)

It is when individuals surrender separate and separative "self" that they are participating in human well-being and in ego-transcending Spiritual growth in Reality Itself. Only individuals who thus surrender themselves can also apply themselves to the "method" and the data of analytical science without becoming deluded and "Godless".

Only when the leaders and the general population of humankind begin to awaken to this understanding will true human culture begin again, free of the tragic pride of unilluminated "knowledge", even while also given to "know" and understand all conditionally apparent things.

Both secular science and conventional (or merely exoteric) "God"-religion are based upon the two common faults of humankind — egoity and the non-Recognition of the Real Nature (or One-Reality-Condition — or Perfectly Subjective, and Perfectly non-objective, Nature) of phenomenal experience (and of conditional existence, itself).

Likewise, both secular science and conventional "God"-religion also (and equally) support and serve the illusions of humankind, rather than the need for humankind to Realize (and to Demonstrate) Reality, Truth, and Real (Acausal) God.