

How real is the Western scientific understanding of the world?

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Early 20th century Kurt Gödel, the Austrian logician, mathematician has shown us that the mathematics is not an absolute science, and when the modern science so much depends upon mathematics which itself is not absolute, thus the science can't be an absolute discipline.

Most of the scientific theories known and promoted as truths (new Gospels) are based upon the suppositions/questions inspired/raised by the Judo-Christian interpretations of reality of the world/universe. As a result claims made by Western scientists and thinkers are naturally based upon only one interpretation of reality, ignoring equally valid interpretations offered by other cultures/civilizations.

For example, the West did not develop the concept of number 'zero', using Roman numerals the biggest number could be written was 1000 by 'M'. One can imagine the difficulty in imagining/conceiving numbers bigger than 1000. When using Roman numerals a very simple number such as 1999 needs 16 characters 'MDCCCCLXXXVIII'; one is not surprised, that in 1650 the Archbishop of Armagh, James Ussher, published the Ussher chronology based on Biblical history giving a date for Creation of the world/universe as 4004 BC.

Whereas Indian mathematician had developed the concept of 'zero' very early on, as a result Hindu religious scriptures such as the Vedas and Purāṇas describe a massive range of units of time (Kāla) measurements, spanning from the Paramāṇu (about 17 microseconds) to the Mahā-Manvantara (311.04 trillion years). According to these texts, the creation and destruction of the universe is a cyclic process, which repeats itself forever. Each cycle starts with the birth and expansion (lifetime) of the universe equaling 311.04 trillion years.

Greek philosophers of pre-Christian era made a unique contribution to world, it provided very useful tools such Reason, Logic, dialogue and Democracy etc. those helped us to develop new modes of governance. I wish to point out that when read the works of those great philosophers, we often fail to distinguish abovementioned tools from the overall interpretation of reality these philosophers offered us.


Tools are like realizations those can serve the humanity for longer periods whereas interrelations of the reality are always very momentary by the very nature of them. This is what distinguishes science from religion. Most religions offer so options for revision of their interpretation/s whereas science always does. If we consider philosophy as a science, it must always open itself to new interpretations.

So let us think how real is the Western scientific understanding of the world, which is based purely on Judo-Christian interpretations of reality.

Today most of interpretations of the world problems and solutions offered are based upon the very Western world view which is promoted as the only valid interpretation of reality. This very blinkered interpretation of the world is imposed upon rest of the world under the guise of globalization.



If we are serious about understanding of the today's problems and searching solutions for a better future, we need to expand our vision and broaden our world view with an open minded approach.

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