

Reason, Philosophy and the Books..

When in Sarah's review of 'One Great Whole', she wrote "using his background in Philosophy", it made me think to look at my College thesis again. Reviewing the paper reminded me of the complexity of some philosophical books and concepts, and the analytical training and exercise it was to go through that program at Colorado College. Those analytical exercises were practice for development of ideas and organization which was done in larger scale in 'One Great Whole' and subsequent books.

The 40 pages of that thesis that I still have and initially posted here, felt significant in terms of the difficulty it was to organize and structure the conceptual progression in the three book series.. But when upon a second and third time I re-read the paper, I noticed some problematic logic. Reviewing this material reminded me that while philosophical thinking may be great exercise for the brain, analytical reflection is not a perfect exercise. There can be mistakes, people can disagree.

For this reason religion has taken the perspective that revelation, where it can be obtained, is superior to analysis. And this is certainly true, as Kant demonstrated in the Critique of Pure Reason, that reason has limits in deriving information of primary causes.. While this is true.. reason also has value, and when used to reflect on new and existing evidence, premises and information, can develop and further additional understanding. Reason can be used to make an inference, or notice an un-spoken or un-spelled out implication, even from scriptural material, or from evidence of spiritual things such as Near Death Experiences or the Human Energy Field.

Philosophy means love of knowledge, and philosophical inquiry has been the attempt to use human reason, in isolation or in reflection on any available evidences concerning the subject of inquiry, to derive information or truth. Philosophical study over the centuries has been a quest for knowledge and truth about topics that are important to human life. While I agree that human reason has serious limitations in terms of deriving knowledge about metaphysical truth, the human attempt to have tried to do that with philosophical inquiry and reflection was admirable.

But for all the philosophers love of knowledge, only so much can be derived without having good premises and data to work with. It's for this reason that these books are unique, or a very special kind of analytical reflection. They are working with material that has it's roots beyond the mortal/material or earthly veil. NDEs gives stories and evidence of the Spirit world, and the HEF is part of the immortal substance of the human soul that is able to be measured by scientific instruments.

Reflection on premises and material of this world can bring some limited information about spiritual things. But reflection upon spiritual things, and the glimpse of the eternal world that is opened in NDEs, and scientific findings regarding the HEF can provide much more insight into spiritual concepts. The main purpose of the books is to use these new evidences as material to reflect upon in support of religious and spiritual understanding. They are not offered as a replacement of anything scriptural, but as additional supportive evidence and argument of scriptural truth..

The books are in some part spiritual and scientific research, and in so much as they are analytically reflective, are in another part a type of modern philosophy. It is philosophy that I would hope could bring back the field of philosophy from the Postmodern abyss; and in reflection on new scientific premises which support scriptural truth, I would hope it might bring intellectualism into recognition that human beings can have certain knowledge regarding spiritual realities and truths.

For anybody who is disappointed that the paper was taken down, it will be brought back in a future year in a corrected, and expanded version of the investigation into human language contained there..