

The Danger of Dogmatizing Fuzziness of Human Understanding

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Fuzziology warns us against the danger of dogmatizing the fuzziness inherent in human understanding. The danger of following 'dogmatically' any precisely described instruction-manual or algorithm that helps us to run a technological process (or an engineering system) is incomparably less than the danger involved in choosing or being forced to choose to follow blindly (as dogmas) interpretations related to somebody's way of understanding complexity of life. In particular, individuals' decisions to follow others' teaching how to live and behave can lead to disastrous social and ecological consequences.

Any precise handbook or algorithm covers quite a limited sphere of interaction with reality; in most cases one deals with an artificial (human-made) reality, the truth of the statements about which can be tested and verified in an objective way. However, the fuzzy understanding related to any kind of recipe how to deal with complexity of human existence covers a huge virtual space of possible interpretations and interactions with the living reality. The truth of the statements about this reality is tested and verified subjectively - while experiencing (individually or socially) its almost unlimited variety of manifestations, and not pushing its dynamics into frozen dogmas (rules, instructions, recipes, habits, prejudices, standards, stereotypes).

As far as each individual life unfolds in a unique unpredictable way, any voluntary or externally imposed choice to live according to dogmas impedes the possible emergence (discovery, creation) of a multitude of other (different) ways of understanding and dealing with the life complexity. The suppression of human creativity inevitably causes misery and anguish, blocks the natural flows of individual and social energy (be it physical, emotional, mental, spiritual), takes all the joy and gladness from the human life and eventually destroys it.

We can be only ourselves and nothing else. It is not allowed by existence to be others than ourselves. We live with our own fuzziness of understanding. We struggle with it trying to grasp its bottomless sources. We suffer when it leads us to delusion and pain and feel happy when it triggers new insights and inspiration. There is no need to imitate somebody's fuzziness. Non-imitation is the law of human behaviour. Existence hardly tolerates imitations. When dogmatizing the fuzziness of understanding, we can easily kill its capacity to move - to change, evolve and transform together with the changes, evolution and transformation of the process of our knowing. While keeping alive the dynamics of the fuzziness related to our understanding, we never stop to strengthen our capacity to learn and know.