

The quest for knowledge is plunging more into its abyss

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Editorial

Philosophical thinking renders mainly three advantages. However, there are some disadvantages too. The first and most important advantage is that it radiates a kind of supraknowledge in us – the consciousness of the highest numinous reality – that assists us to exalt ourselves to the level of spiritual being. Next, since civilization and its values themselves are reflected in philosophical thinking of a particular epoch, it satisfies our natural inclination of the quest for values. The last but not least, philosophical thinking teaches us rationalization of everything and, in turn, find a solution to the problem of everyday praxis. All in all, philosophical thinking is at the service of humanity.

To mention disadvantages, there are mainly two. First, philosophical thinking and an enlightened world view make actions dull, and make people unable to cope with the day-to-day chores. Next, in the numinous quality of its experience, philosophical thinking often stands against life taking the side of death. This is the reason many philosophers and artists often die young. To borrow Keatian phrase: it is a 'cold pastoral' to humanity.

However, the quest for knowledge can never be separated from civilization. The twentieth century philosophical development may give the impression that the quest for knowledge leads one to anti-knowledge. Yet, quest for knowledge can never create a crisis. It rather expresses if there are any crises. Philosophy gives one the courage to face whether it be a crisis or an impending doom.

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If phenomena are things in themselves, freedom cannot be saved.

- Immanuel Kant