

Our Most Essential Human Problem

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Constructs! Everything we humans see, do, explore, and discuss depends on constructs. But, ALL CONSTRUCTS ARE ARTIFICIAL. Every category we create at any scale is an attempt to carve a piece out of the whole which, when fully understood, is so completely integrated that the attempt is futile from the outset. Every theory amounts to a meta construct – claiming a lawful relationship among constructs. Every paradigm further compounds this meta problem. And for the most part our modern worldviews – even our science – rest on this shaky hyper “meta” foundation.

Language is our tool for creating, referencing, and naming constructs, and it invites the assumption that these constructs somehow accurately capture reality. But, when does a stream become a river, a butte become a mountain, blue become green, rural become urban, Sunni become Shia, moderate become liberal, socialism become communism, a particle become a wave, an insight become a thought, me become we? The more inclusive and ideational the construct, the more problematic it becomes. Unfortunately, we humans very easily forget/overlook the underlying conceptual fallacy in language, as we burrow into the infinite number of holes that we create for ourselves in life. Indeed, we are so committed to our artificial constructs that we argue, fight, and even kill one another over our differences in how we view and define these constructs.

As humans, we can not avoid the activity of construct building if we are to interact, communicate and explore together. But, we must never forget that all of the varied and elaborate systems that we develop within this layered “construct building process” are just imposed conveniences. By definition, while our constructs can be useful for us in “understanding” and managing our everyday domain, they can never be fully adequate or sufficient. In this context, it is no small irony that “Truth” is a construct that can never be realized in our constructs. All is approximation! There are no absolutes except the fact that at any scale the whole always escapes us – at least intellectually.

Our World of Words
Solidifies Our Artificial Constructs;
One Additional Step
Takes Us To
The Potential Terror
Of Unrestrained Belief!