

# “I Don’t Know”

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If we humans are honest within our cultures, societies and selves, in the background of our thoughts the assessment, “I Don’t Know” is nearly always present. Only if we are arrogant and refuse to recognize how little we do know can our “established” religious or scientific beliefs overwhelm our natural sense of restraint and exclude this qualifier. And in the philosophy of science, the requirement of sustaining an open mind is contained in the underlying thought:

“I Don’t Know.....for Sure”

In spite of our achievements – especially in the last 150 years, “I Don’t Know” very much remains the human condition. Currently, we are struggling in our best science to be 1%ers in our understanding of the full nature of reality. In this regard, we have only recently begun to question our underlying paradigm assumptions that constants serve to reveal the lawful relations among separate “things.” With great reluctance, we are coming to recognize that in a perpetually evolving and totally integrated material and energetic reality there are no constants and separation itself is an illusion. As an entirely unified, expanding whole, reality is always changing/vibrating/in flux. And, whatever we propose as accounting for reality – past or present – will inevitably be altered, adjusted, even entirely abandoned as we proceed in the infinite discovery process. This is about the only thing “We Know.....for Sure.”

To avoid religious or scientific hubris, the paramount rule that must apply is: the more we discover, the more we discover there is to discover. At one and the same time, our understanding deepens and weakens.

Penetrating to the nature of reality is a perpetual mystery drama in which as minor understudy actors we are too often attempting first to claim a leading role and then to direct ourselves, garner audience approval, and become our own independent critics.