

Dynamic Humanism – The Basics 2024

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The psychological, social and cultural core of the Dynamic Humanism worldview has been stable from the time of development in the mid 1970s to the original copyright date of 2007. Since that time a great deal has emerged in the surrounding micro and macro understanding of reality that is highly relevant. In addition, understanding the nature of verbal language and the role it plays in shaping our thought and our conception of reality is critically important. The following updated outline of the Dynamic Humanism worldview includes new components on these topics. The entire Dynamic Humanism “package” with many related essays is available on my professional website:

<http://www.dynamic-humanism.com>

Outline of Dynamic Humanism Basics

Reality

Reality is composed of matter and energy

Matter itself is energy based, so energy is primary

Matter and energy are both everywhere all the time

Matter and energy are totally connected and integrated in ONE entity

The entirety of reality is in a perpetual state of change – vibration and expansion

There is no separation or independence of “things”

Everything participates in the totality of change – causation is universal

Every change ramifies through the fabric of the universe, but at the minute local level the effects are so small they are usually not observable

Constant change, expansion and the enormous scale of reality allow for a great deal of flexibility at the minute, local level

This condition of flexibility plus the thin density of air on Earth is sufficient at the minute, local level on Earth for most organic phenomena – including individual humans and human groups – to perceive reality as being composed of separate/independent things that are related by mostly very local and independent causes

The fundamental assumptions of separation and local cause lead to the further assumption that separate things have “free will”

Since system flexibility limits are very rarely reached at the minute local level, organic entities have literally evolved successfully under these separatist and free will assumptions

The concept of natural selection with the successful competitors surviving exemplifies how what seems a scientific truth at the minute local level is in fact based on the false assumption of separation

Language

Verbal language is the basic means of communication among humans. Based on the human perception of separation among things [relying mainly on the extremely limited human sense of vision], language then operates on the assumption of separation with different sounds combining to make up different words representing different “things/ actions/categories/concepts.”

From a very young age children learn that different words stand for different things and actions with the association becoming so strong that the words and the “things” are essentially unified conceptually.

From start to finish this is an entirely artificial process with the product being imposed on reality and claiming to accurately represent that reality.

Language then connects these separated entities in an artificial set of linear grammatical rules to communicate complete “thoughts”

Finally, language becomes the primary basis for the analytical thought process in which sentences are combined “logically” to produce an argument which, when “confirmed,” supposedly leads to valid conclusions.

The high value placed on the language based analytical thought process becomes the basis for asserting that the analytically oriented intellect is the primary human mental function.

Language and language based analytical thought are built upon and confirm reality as grounded on the assumption of separation.

Science brings rigor to the process of intellectual analytical language based thought but floats on the separation foundation of “independent” variables!

Both language and language based analytical thought depend on the separation assumption, which much of the time seems accurate at the minute local scale, but which is false in the grand scale of a reality that is totally unified as one inseparable phenomenon.

At a fundamental level, humans have been largely successful in relying on language and language based thought to reveal reality and to define their behavior within that reality.

Only when the effects of human behavior accumulate over time and clearly exceed the limits of grand system flexibility – as in the challenge posed by climate change – are humans forced to reassess. And most still do not understand the underlying conceptual source of their failure – their separation and free will assumptions.

Alternative Mental Processing

Humans possess an alternative thought process based on the intuitive mode of mental operation

This intuitive, mostly visual based process is oriented to synthesis much more than analysis as is the case for language based intellect

As such, this intuitive process supports the unification principle in reality

Reality is understood as basically integrated rather than separated

This perspective supports the concepts of shared identity, cooperation and respect rather than competition among separate free will entities

For 96% of homo sapiens existence, humans lived in bands and tribes, and for the most part these societies learned to balance the use and input of the intellect and intuitive modes of mentation

While the intuitive mode of thought has been developed to a high level in some complex societies, its fairly exclusive focus on a goal of personal enlightenment has limited the potential productivity of its more general cultural application

The discipline of parapsychology has emerged within science in the last century to examine the nature of competencies associated with the intuitive function – the psi phenomena of telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition and psychokinesis

While these competencies are “impossible” from the intellectual “separatist” point of view, they are legitimate options in the synthetic intuitive mode in a totally integrated and unified reality

It should come as no surprise that these paranormal competencies are reported as universal in human cultures

In the last 30 years or so, Integral and Humanistic Psychology have emerged as subdisciplines of psychology, and they include in their scope the paranormal, the spiritual and consciousness studies

While consciousness is valid as a concept to assist humans in their analytical efforts to understand the various functions of mind [another concept], they make the basic mistake of language separation when they then convert the concept into a separate entity capable of independent existence and effects.

Humans can experience their shared existence in Oneness through the intuitive mode without having to attribute this access and its benefits to consciousness and then going to the extreme of falsely claiming that independent consciousness is universal and creates reality

The Role of Art and Ritual

Most human behaviors require both intellect and intuition mental modes operating together in unison, but some behaviors depend more on one than the other. It's a continuum.

The whole range of rituals and arts in traditionally oriented human societies evoke and rely more exclusively upon the intuitive mental mode

These special behaviors constitute “time out” periods from instrumental activities and have as their primary function transporting the participants to the unification perspective and experience of reality

This perspective and experience is often referred to using the term “spiritual” and the category and function of these behaviors using the term “spirituality”

The traditional arts include all of the graphic, dramatic, musical, narrative, and plastic divisions plus play and game

In general, most modern media based entertainments are so sensational and secular oriented that they qualify minimally as art in this regard

Ritual in traditional society deals mostly with life transition events: birth, initiation, marriage, role and event celebrations, health, and death

For the most part art and ritual are inseparable in traditional society with ritual emerging as something considered distinctive when religion arises as an institution in more complex societies

While religion has the unification experience at its core, it can become so encumbered with elaborate beliefs and administrative structures and personnel that the core experience gets lost for many participants and the primary function shifts to social control

The Current State of Imbalance

Humans have the capacity to balance the legitimate inputs of the intellectual and intuitive modes of thought in their understanding of reality, but currently that is not the case

The analytical language based mode of the intellect has dominated especially in modern technologically, scientifically and economically oriented complex societies

When the intellect has more or less exclusive reign, its separatist and free will assumptions support excessive competition resulting in the potential for a high level of both internal and external conflict as well as the abuse of the environment

Internally, egalitarian principled democracies are threatened by the excessively powerful and exclusive economic interests of competitive corporations and the self-focused hyper wealthy

Externally, cooperation, which is supported by the integration oriented intuitive, is too weak to control the emergence of serious conflicts between nations and different religious, racial and ethnic groups

Materialism, consumerism, and the pursuit of wealth are motivated under the separation and free will assumptions

The underlying perspective difference resulting from the intellectual vs intuitive mental operations is manifested in many of our recognized dichotomies: individualism vs communalism, totalitarian vs egalitarian, conservative-right vs liberal-left, divide vs unify, reactionary vs progressive, Me vs We, Us vs Them, get vs give, competition vs cooperation, part vs whole, etc.

In spite of science having discovered the unification principles of Oneness in the total integration of matter and energy in an ever changing reality, it sustains a mostly separatist, material based explanatory orientation seeking to identify the specific rules that define the relationships among select material variables that are considered separate and independent

Science and the scientific model are a long way from operating within a balanced perspective on reality. Energy, upon which all material reality depends, must receive much greater emphasis, and at a minimum, investigations in science must be conceived and executed within a full system/subsystem framework.

Conclusion

Very few modern humans have any awareness of the pervasive underlying influence on their worldviews of language based analytical thought and its assumptions of separation and free will. They also are largely ignorant of the existence of the intuitive mental mode and its function to assist humans in being aware of both their totally unified reality and the advantages of participating in that reality from that perspective.

Humanity in the complex society condition has enormous potential. To realize that potential it must seriously adjust its current worldview to accommodate a proven reality of Oneness/Unification. In so doing, the intellectual perspective of separation, free will, competition, and language based analytical thought can be recognized for both its strengths and weaknesses. The contribution of the intellect needs to be complemented by refined input from intuition which supports the principles of integration, shared identity, cooperation, and respect. In proper dynamic balance, intellect and intuition are a powerful combination that can provide the basis for appropriate institutional design and operation at all levels. Humanity can not get to a sustainable, much-needed and empowered global government without being supported by this much better balanced worldview perspective. For 96% of human history, humans existed in bands and tribes, and overall they figured this out and prevailed. Humans in modern complex society need to retrieve this balance so they can thrive and progress while living mostly in harmony among themselves and sustainably in relationship to their surrounding ecology.