

What is formalism? A manifesto for the third millennium

The essence; a short version of the full truth.

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The name formalism comes from mathematics. After mathematical logic became formalized this was adopted as the method treating the whole mathematics in this new exact frame.

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The full meaning of formalism is the hidden logic by which social influence controls the individual mind.

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The basic ignorance is not to question this influence. For people who set out to explore the mind, the basic ignorance led to the perverted idea that all hidden factors of the mind are the unconscious individual experiences, traumas that are then played out in our whole life. This is perverted not because it is not true but because it is minute compared to the ignored part, the unconscious social confusion. Strangely, the two basic schools of this ignorance are at against each other. Psychiatry still believes in Freud, who first formulated this limited view of the unconscious. But a newer version of it, Hubbard's Dianetics, went even further and explicitly stated that if all unconscious traumas are brought out or cleared, then the person in fact becomes a "clear" with perfectly operating "analytic" mind. The error of course is that the analytic mind is itself mostly unconscious. After didn't get acceptance from the official psychiatry, Dianetics and its offshoot, the religion of Scientology started a war on psychiatry.

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The basic duality is the difference between individual and social influences. An over simplified version of this duality might only look at the primary individual factors like our perception, instincts, "blood and gut" existence against the refined learnt social skills like language. This is false on two levels. Firstly, the "blood and gut" or rather "blood and hormone" existence enters into the learnt skills. So our thinking is not simply social but individual too. Secondly, the social influence becomes much more rigid factor than even perception. Indeed, it's easier to hypnotize someone not to see a real object than to convince the person about his false formalism. So the real meaning of basic duality is that in spite of this, in spite of their entangled relationship, the two origins are always totally separable.

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The human condition is this entanglement. Usually we talk about human intelligence as opposed to animal or machine abilities. Beside the fact that our human condition might look very unintelligent for a higher intelligence, it is indeed a true problem why the human condition leads to our superiority. Of course, the fact that we evolved from the animals and we build better and better computers, raised also the idea that maybe all this is only a question of degrees and animals could be taught to have human intelligence and computers will catch up or even surpass us too. These views are consequences of primitive formalisms based on our basic ignorance. We have no idea how the

entanglement works, but can train chimpanzees and computers, so we ask stupid questions.

6.)

False theories all serve the single purpose of not facing the social influence. But of course, if we are in such deliberate denials then it means we already know all our faults. Yes, every priest knows that his religion is false; every animal trainer knows that his animals are not intelligent and every computer programmer knows that a machine will never think. We are tortured from two sides. We deprave ourselves from primary motivations, by replacing them with social lies. To seal it, we use words to pretend that we control our motivations.

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Why is man equipped with this complicated self-deceit? Because at the same time that he is falling for the obvious lies, he is building on both ends layers upon layers to enrich the individual and social forms. These abstractions are the true language of nature. So the fall of man is the consciousness of nature.

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The meaning of life is to reveal as much of the social lies as possible. The obtained abstractions still remain, in fact become even more enjoyable. Both uncovering the lies and freeing the enjoyable interactions go against the social systems. In short, honesty is the biggest enemy of society, yet it doesn't have any official avenues to fight it. So it tries to trap it, to use phony reasons to annihilate it. That only means that honesty must be much smarter than formalism, this requires co-operation and organization.