New Science

Science advances one funeral at a time...

"A **new scientific truth** does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die, and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it." [Max Planck]

Jesus

"How does this spiritual teaching relate to **New Science**? As John Keely alluded to, such clarification of the Heart energy is necessary to guide one on her/his path toward greater knowingness, and its application to good use. This should be the definition of Science: application of Universal wisdom to daily life's challenges. An increasingly heightened awareness is necessary to deal with increasingly more powerful methods of applying remedies to earthly ills. For example, genetic engineering requires a raised consciousness and conscience about the ramifications and use of the technology. If the technology is developed, what assurance is there that it will be used in wisdom instead of with greed or other misplaced motives? Only the Good Heart can make such an assurance." [Jesus, Good Heart]

Isaac Asimov

"A number of years ago, when I was a freshly-appointed instructor, I met, for the first time, a certain eminent historian of science. At the time I could only regard him with tolerant condescension.

I was sorry of the man who, it seemed to me, was forced to hover about the edges of science. He was compelled to shiver endlessly in the outskirts, getting only feeble warmth from the distant sun of science- in-progress; while I, just beginning my research, was bathed in the heady liquid heat up at the very center of the glow.

In a lifetime of being wrong at many a point, I was never more wrong. It was I, not he, who was wandering in the periphery. It was he, not I, who lived in the blaze.

I had fallen victim to the fallacy of the 'growing edge;' the belief that only the very frontier of scientific advance counted; that everything that had been left behind by that advance was faded and dead.

But is that true? Because a tree in spring buds and comes greenly into leaf, are those leaves therefore the tree? If the newborn twigs and their leaves were all that existed, they would form a vague halo of green suspended in mid-air, but surely that is not the tree. The leaves, by themselves, are no more than trivial fluttering decoration. It is the trunk and limbs that give the tree its grandeur and the leaves themselves their meaning.

There is not a discovery in science, however revolutionary, however sparkling with insight, that does not arise out of what went before. 'If I have seen further than other men,' said Isaac Newton, 'it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants." [Isaac Asimov]

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