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NATURE´S WISDOM - the new consciousness

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Wisdom is understood as the integration of knowlegde and values i.e. ethics. In modern times wisdom is marginally existing in our civilisation with drastic consequences. This paper presents the approach that wisdom is to be found in nature when looking not on its structure but on its functions.

Nature´´s wisdom was first presented by the author at the 2nd World Eco-Summit in Halifax (lit.1) in 2001and recieved full consensus between all 250 experts from all over the world! The arguments of nature´´s wisdom are highly convincing as they represent a high problem solving capacity for the problems we have on earth. This fact may be surprising for many people if they ignore that nature has a much longer „experience“ in its evolution than mankind i.e. 3-4 billions years vs. 400.000 years in human civilisations! Taking the functioning of nature as basis, it is possible to overcome our purely materialistic world view as the functioning is holistic which can only be seen using intuition, which means that all 6 senses are taken into account, so that rationality is seen to be not enough in case of complex systems like nature and also life itself! Thereby so called macropatterns are used. The final result is the turntable of nature´´s functioning in the form of the following 3-fold equation:

rich **diversity** in manifold **interactions** result in **evolution!**

This result is a more general formulation of the theory of evolution, where Darwin used mutation and selection. However, mutation is based on diversity and selection as the „survival oft the fittest“ with (-/-) behaviour is not the only type of interaction but it includes also (0/0) and even (+/+)! It is interesting to mention, that ancient wisdom in india (Jain philosophy) explained evolution – as the result of non-violent behaviour, which is called *ahimsa* (a term used by Gandhi) – as the consequence of *anekantavada* (i.e.diversity) and *parasparopagraho* (i.e.interactions)! It is to be added here, that also in ancient egypt an adequate picture was known , the „flower of life“ manifested in stone reliefs! Finally it can be stated here, that recently mathematical models proved that evolution is - on the long run and considering the whole – mainly governed by cooperation (+/+) and not by competitin (-/-)(Martin Novak, Nature 489/2012).

What are now the consequences of the 3-fold equation above for our human world? 3 terms are essential:

- i) if there is a diversity this means that always **limits** exist resulting in **effective** (not efficient) actions
- ii) if there is interaction this means that everything is **embedded** into the whole resulting in **non-invasiveness**
- iii) if there is evolution this can be interpreted as **selforganisation** resulting in **creative** behaviour.

Thereby it becomes clear that this is wisdom as criteria like limits, effectiveness, embeddedness and non-invasiveness represent knowlegde including values i.e. ethics! This is representing the **new consciousness**, which is spiritually oriented and will be helpful to overcome our purly materialistic lifestyle in our world!

This new consciousness in ourself can be realized by following the path of holistic thinking with 3 steps:

- i) to feed all 6 senses acc.to Viktor Frankl i.e. „to listed with our heart“, where nature is very helpful ...
- ii) to digest these intuitive feelings and to confirm them by our rationality using lots of patience
- iii) to take care that this emotional intuition and intellectual cognition is transferred to our real life!

Essence: everything depends on our consciousness resuting in NATURECULTURE (lit.2) as the green lifestyle

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