

Re: The Lord's Natural Philosopher

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"mg" wrote:

So, how does "philosophically true" differ from "factually true"?

The word "philosophical", when correctly used, is not to be confused with "subjective" or "a priori".

a priori

2. presumptively, without investigation.
 3. (of knowledge) existing in the mind independently of experience.
- Latin, = from what is before.

So that, "philosophical" and "objective" and "factual" are three words closely linked to one another.

objective, adj.

1. having real existence outside a person's mind, not subjective.

I don't believe you ever answered that question.

Excepting any Pavlovian Dog, there can be no difference between "philosophically true" and "factually true":

UNLIKE many pre-revolutionary scientists, Pavlov was highly regarded by the Soviet government, and he was able to continue his researches until he reached a considerable age. Moreover, he was praised by Lenin and as a Nobel laureate he was seen as a valuable political asset.[1][2]

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In later life he was particularly interested in trying to use conditioning to establish an experimental model of the induction of neuroses.

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His laboratory in Saint Petersburg has been carefully preserved as a museum.

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Pavlov contributed to many areas of physiology, neurology and psychology. Most of his work involved research in temperament, conditioning and

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involuntary reflex actions.

Pavlov performed and directed experiments on digestion which earned him the 1904 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine[4]

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Carl Jung continued Pavlov's work on TMI ... William Sargant and others continued the behavioral research in mental conditioning to achieve memory implantation and brainwashing.

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As Pavlov's work became known in the West, particularly through the writings of John B. Watson, the idea of "conditioning" as an automatic form of learning became a key concept in the developing specialism of comparative psychology, and the general approach to psychology that underlay it, behaviorism. The British philosopher Bertrand Russell was an enthusiastic advocate of the importance of Pavlov's work for philosophy of mind.

Pavlov's research on conditional reflexes greatly influenced not only science, but also popular culture. The phrase "Pavlov's dog" is often used to describe someone who merely reacts to a situation rather than use critical thinking. Pavlovian conditioning was a major theme in Aldous Huxley's dystopian novel, *Brave New World*, ...

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_Pavlov

8 For ye shall see in a little while that the Lord omnipotent reigneth in the heavens above and the earth beneath, and there is none beside me in the might of mine arm as it falleth upon thee even now and upon thy nation, O foolish Gentile Dog.

Revelations of Jesus Christ 58:8

Let us go in depth concerning the empirical act of perceiving between Light and Darkness:

The special educational value of this combined study of music and acoustics

is that more than almost any other study it involves a continual appeal to what we must observe for ourselves.

The facts are things which must be felt; they cannot be learned from any description of them.

All this has been said more than 200 years ago by one of our own prophets, William Harvey of Gonville and Caius College:—"For whosoever they be that read authors, and do not, by the aid of their own senses, abstract true representations of the things themselves (comprehended in the author's expressions) they do not represent true ideas, but deceitful idols and phantasmas; by which means they frame to themselves certaine shadows and chimaeras, and all their theory and contemplation (which they call science) represents nothing but waking men's dreams and sick men's phrensies."

~~James Clerk Maxwell

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<http://www.sonnetsoftware.com/bio/maxbio.pdf>

When I came upon the Book of Mormon in the tiny used books section of a coin dealer, years ago, I still had some doubts but decided to look through it, instead of cursory glances at paintings inserted between the text in previous encounters. Among the first things I noticed were, besides the general tone of pure righteousness, two passages:

1 HEARKEN, O ye Gentiles, and hear the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, which he hath commanded me that I should speak concerning you, for, behold he commandeth me that I should write, saying:

2 Turn, all ye Gentiles, from your wicked ways; and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel.

(Book of Mormon | 3 Nephi 30:1 – 2)

4 And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

5 And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.

(Book of Mormon | Moroni 10:4 – 5)

The Moroni passage especially intrigued me, since I had finished reading the book of John in the New Testament and left with an impression that getting communications, not necessarily in audible ways, from the Spirit of God must be crucial to obtaining salvation, and that prayers are very important also. (Btw, months later it occurred to me, after reading the Acts of the Apostles, Who has authority to baptize?) Some weeks ago, I took note of the import of this Scripture:

9 What are we to understand by Zion loosing herself from the bands of her neck; 2d verse [Isaiah 52:2]?

10 We are to understand that the scattered remnants are exhorted to return to the Lord from whence they have fallen; which if they do, the promise of the Lord is that he will speak to them, or give them revelation. See the 6th, 7th, and 8th verses. The bands of her neck are the curses of God upon her, or the remnants of Israel in their scattered condition among the Gentiles.

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(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 113:9 – 10)

26 Now, as I said concerning faith—that it was not a perfect knowledge—even so it is with my words. Ye cannot know of their surety at first, unto perfection, any more than faith is a perfect knowledge.

27 But behold, if ye will awake and arouse your faculties, even to an experiment upon my words, and exercise a particle of faith, yea, even if ye can no more than desire to believe, let this desire work in you, even until ye believe in a manner that ye can give place for a portion of my words.

28 Now, we will compare the word unto a seed. Now, if ye give place, that a seed may be planted in your heart, behold, if it be a true seed, or a good seed, if ye do not cast it out by your unbelief, that ye will resist the Spirit of the Lord, behold, it will begin to swell within your breasts; and when you feel these swelling motions, ye will begin to say within yourselves—It must needs be that this is a good seed, or that the word is good, for it beginneth to enlarge my soul; yea, it beginneth to enlighten my understanding, yea, it beginneth to be delicious to me.

29 Now behold, would not this increase your faith? I say unto you, Yea; nevertheless it hath not grown up to a perfect knowledge.

30 But behold, as the seed swelleth, and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow, then you must needs say that the seed is good; for behold it swelleth, and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow. And now, behold, will not this strengthen your faith? Yea, it will strengthen your faith: for ye will say I know that this is a good seed; for behold it sprouteth and beginneth to grow.

31 And now, behold, are ye sure that this is a good seed? I say unto you, Yea; for every seed bringeth forth unto its own likeness.

32 Therefore, if a seed groweth it is good, but if it groweth not, behold it is not good, therefore it is cast away.

33 And now, behold, because ye have tried the experiment, and planted the seed, and it swelleth and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow, ye must needs know that the seed is good.

34 And now, behold, is your knowledge perfect? Yea, your knowledge is perfect in that thing, and your faith is dormant; and this because you know, for ye know that the word hath swelled your souls, and ye also know that it hath sprouted up, that your understanding doth begin to be enlightened, and your mind doth begin to expand.

35 O then, is not this real? I say unto you, Yea, because it is light; and whatsoever is light, is good, because it is discernible, therefore ye must know that it is good; and now behold, after ye have tasted this light is your knowledge perfect?

36 Behold I say unto you, Nay; neither must ye lay aside your faith, for ye

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have only exercised your faith to plant the seed that ye might try the experiment to know if the seed was good.

(Book of Mormon | Alma 32:26 – 36)

The Apostle Art Bulla, at the time of baptizing me and performing upon me other ordinances of the Priesthood, taught me the above Scripture (Alma), or word of God. We know empirically, that this is how it works, to the glory of Christ and His Father.

7 And it shall come to pass that I, the Lord God, will send one mighty and strong, holding the scepter of power in his hand, clothed with light for a covering, whose mouth shall utter words, eternal words; while his bowels shall be a fountain of truth, to set in order the house of God, and to arrange by lot the inheritances of the saints whose names are found, and the names of their fathers, and of their children, enrolled in the book of the law of God;

(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 85:7)

Art Bulla is the One Mighty and Strong. (Also see Isaiah 28.)
Joseph Smith is the Seer.
Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ.

Simple, incontrovertible mathematical, or Maxwellian, truths.

<http://www.sonnetsoftware.com/bio/maxbio.pdf>

I believe, with the Westminster Divines and their predecessors ad Infinitum that "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him for ever."

~~James Clerk Maxwell

James Clerk Maxwell, my physicist, saith the Lord.
(12:50 am, Oct. 11, 2007)

Amen and amen to all these truths.

"What is truth?"

~~Pontius Pilate,
John 18:38

I define *philosophy* to be 'truth seeking', so that the Apostle John Taylor's quoted words, i.e. anything being "philosophically true", denote:

$2 + 2 = 4$

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This is an example of 1 dimensional geometrical truth, of 'movement' along either a straight line or a curved line in one direction (in the opposite direction would be denoted by a negative sign).

An example of 2 dimensional geometrical truth is $3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$, which truth is an arithmetical relationship of eternal duration, founded upon a geometrical concept of areas of 3 particular squares, all lying in a plane in such a way as to form a right triangle. Extended into space or 3 dimensions, the universal truth then becomes:

$$(B^2 + S^2) + F^2 = C^2 + F^2 = P^2,$$

where B denotes Bulla, S denotes Smith, C denotes Christ the Only Begotten, F denotes the Father, and P denotes the Priesthood, which is from everlasting to everlasting, being the Government of the Eloheim.

"THE COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF MORMONISM. --
Is there a true principle of science in the world?
It is ours."

[interjection]

Like, the Pythagorean Theorem and
the Principle of Least Action and
the 20, not 4, Maxwell equations of electromagnetism.

[music]

Your head is full of doubt, you can't figure it out
Carry on, carry on
Between the time it takes to make all those mistakes
Carry on, carry on
It don't matter what you say or do
It just seems to work out if you want it to

~~JJ Cale

"Are there true principles of music, of mechanism, or of philosophy?
If there are, they are all ours."

~~John Taylor, Apostle of Joseph the Seer,
The Gospel Kingdom, Pgs.4-5

Down with syncopation!
(As well as with Richard Wagner and the illegitimate music thereof.)

Long live the music of J.S. Bach! Yea, the Lord's music.

9th July 1877,

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Euler.

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Lagrange and Virtual Velocity.

This is the germ of the method of energy which was fully developed in mathematical form in the *Mecanique Analytique*, but very little appreciated outside the inner circle of mathematicians till the physical theory of energy became generally known.

Mathematical development of higher dynamics. (See Cayley's Brit. Ass. Report, 1857 and 1862? specially Hamilton and Jacobi.

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The dynamics of other varieties of space than our own requires very brief notice indeed.

–Yours truly,

J. CLERK MAXWELL.

~~The Life of James Clerk Maxwell (1882)

91 For true science and true religion, are they not the same things, O man?

92 For I the Lord God am the author of all truth, which cometh from me.

Revelations of Jesus Christ 3:91–92

Scientifically or by any other name, Mormonism, or the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, is "philosophically true", indeed encompassing all truths.

"It is all over the face of the Bible. It stands beyond the power of controversy. A wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein."

~~Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith,
Apostle of Jesus the Christ,
Section Six 1843–44 Pg.370

FROM PROF. F. J. A. HORT TO PROF. L. CAMPBELL.

Feb. 4, 1882.

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During Maxwell's last illness I had the privilege of enjoying two conversations with him; and not long afterwards I put on paper a short and desultory record of some of his words.

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"... What is done by what is called myself is, I feel, done by something greater than myself in me. My interest in things has always made me care

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much more for theology than for anthropology; ...

~~The Life of James Clerk Maxwell (1882),
by Campbell and Garnett, p. 201–203

.... my religion is natural philosophy. You never heard me preach a doctrine but what has a natural system to it, and, when understood, is as easy to comprehend as that two and two equal four. All the revelations of the Lord Almighty to the children of men, and all revealed doctrines of salvation are upon natural principles, upon natural philosophy.

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All is doubtful, except what comes from the Almighty in His revelations to His people.

~~Brigham Young,
Apostle of Joseph the Seer,
Journal of Discourses, Vol.4, Pg.203, Feb. 1, 1857

The Pythagorean Theorem in both 2 and 3 dimensions is a numeric/geometric relationship based on the only true "natural system", or the reality of the world that we inhabit.

Journal of Discourses, Vol.15, Pg.138 – Pg.139, Brigham Young, August 24, 1872:

I am going to stop my talking by saying that, in the millennium, when the kingdom of God is established on the earth in power, glory and perfection, and the reign of wickedness that has so long prevailed is subdued, the Saints of God will have the privilege of building their temples, and of entering into them, becoming, as it were, pillars in the temples of God, and they will officiate for their dead. Then we will see OUR FRIENDS come up, and perhaps come that we have been acquainted with here. If we ask who will stand at the head of the resurrection in this last dispensation, the answer is--Joseph Smith, Junior, the Prophet of God. He is the man who will be resurrected and receive the keys of the resurrection, and he will seal this authority upon others, and they will hunt up THEIR FRIENDS and resurrect them when they shall have been officiated for, and bring them up. And we will have revelations to know our forefathers clear back to Father Adam and Mother Eve, and we will enter into the temples of God and officiate for them. Then man will be sealed to man until the chain is made perfect back to Adam, so that there will be a perfect chain of priesthood from Adam to the winding-up scene.

This will be the work of the Latter-day Saints in the millennium. How much time do you suppose we have to attend to and foster Babylon? I leave this question for you to answer at your pleasure. I have no time at all for that, I say, and stop my sayings.

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