

Integral Scientific Paradigm

Collective Cognition as the Missing Level of Modern Science

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TOPIC AND QUESTION

Why does modern science, despite its precision, struggle to grasp the whole of reality?

This chapter explores the limits of fragmented knowledge and introduces an integral scientific framework in which collective cognition becomes a necessary level of inquiry.

ANNOTATION

This chapter argues that the issue lies not in science itself, but in its underlying paradigm. The fragmentation of knowledge has made it difficult to understand complex systems — such as consciousness, society, and civilization — within isolated disciplines.

The author introduces an integral scientific framework in which information is treated as a universal level of description, and “desire” is understood as the directionality of processes across physical, biological, and social domains.

A key shift in the text is the introduction of collective cognition as a necessary level of scientific inquiry. Understanding complex systems becomes possible not at the level of the individual observer, but through coordinated group interaction functioning as a unified cognitive system.

This chapter is especially valuable for readers seeking new foundations for scientific thought and for those open to viewing science as an evolving system moving toward collective intelligence.

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