



PHILOSOPHY OF EAST AND WEST: COMMONALITIES AND DIFFERENCES. CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF EASTERN PHILOSOPHY

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Abstract: Eastern philosophy arose simultaneously with ancient philosophy. They are similar in genesis and issues, but differ from each other in the type of philosophizing. This is what became the determining factor in further development. In turn, this fact became the basis for believing that the philosophies of the East and the West are opposite to each other. This is not unreasonable, since there are differences in certain spheres of life: system, moral principles, culture, worldview.

INTRODUCTION

The division of philosophy into Western and Eastern has become actively entrenched in sociological and cultural thought. The contrast of teachings was pointed out by Confucius and Mo Tzu, as well as some other Hindu and Buddhist thinkers. In addition, Plato, Aristotle and Polybius spoke about contrast. A little later, already in the 17th - first half of the 19th centuries. these ideas received their life in the works of contemporary philosophers.

The era of colonialism was marked by the development and dawn of the ideas of racism, the ideology of which implied the belittlement of the history and cultural values of all peoples except European ones. The modern era intends to overcome the principles of Eurocentrism, which are based on the idea of the only true path of development for all countries, not only Western and North American, but also Eastern. The founders of such ideas are ancient thinkers who divided the world into barbarians and the civil world, into the world of God and the pagan world.

The philosophy of the East seems incomparable with Western philosophy, and its complete uniqueness is even perceived on a different spiritual level. Although the reverse side of Eastern philosophy is not to deny mythological traditions, but rather to develop and complicate them, to legalize them, thereby attracting logical-discursive argumentation. This is a feature of Eastern philosophizing.

The texts of Eastern teachings are filled with fragments of symbolic and metaphorical plots that reflect traditional forms of archaic cultural expressions. The same applies to philosophical texts - they are

complex in their structure, multi-layered. They reflect not only the author's views, but also an entire philosophical school.

Ultimately, the worldview of the race is formed on the basis of its biosocial unity with nature, which suggests that Greek thought is fundamentally different from the fundamentals of thought of ancient Indian and ancient Chinese philosophizing. They are aimed at taking into account the thinking of a given people in a specific situation, within a certain geographical framework, chronological socio-historical and cultural conditions. Philosophical discourse is determined by the world of the ethnos with its subconscious anticipations and archetypes of perception.

Myth-making and mythology are the most important witnesses to the unstoppable process of spiritual development of humanity. Establishing a connection between both cultures has been the idea of many thinkers.

The spiritual civilization of the East, on the contrary, does not seek to transform philosophical knowledge into a scientific system and does not try to give it a "world-descriptive" character. Instead, it seems to distance itself from the material and turns to individual existence, personality, its self-awareness and self-improvement, and offers a thoughtful spiritual path, upon which a person will be able to achieve greater awareness and bring his life to harmony. Philosophical principles have a practical orientation and can be used in various areas of human activity.

Eastern philosophy offers a path of self-improvement, self-deepening, a path to the soul, an ascent to oneself. Such a serious approach to the inner subjective life of the spirit and thinking requires a person to have high individual responsibility not only for actions, but also for thoughts and speech.

I would like to believe and hope that the philosophical teachings of the Ancient East are interesting not only for their mystical side. The desire to be in order, to feel a state of peace of mind and stability in real life; questions of the structure of society with the help of traditional values are also problems that ancient Eastern philosophy faces and tries to solve.

I believe that the main feature of the Eastern philosophical tradition is its appeal to a person, constant and close attention to his inner state. After all, harmony is comprehended insofar as it is carried within oneself.

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