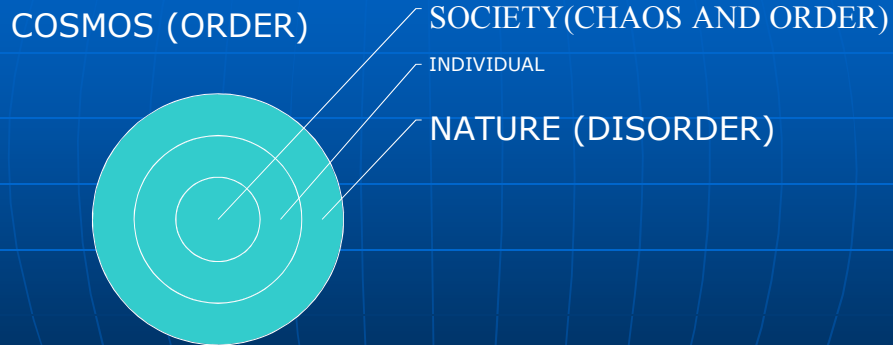


AN EARLY MODERN UNIVERSE



HOBBS (order) (1588-1679)

- THE NATURAL, BIOLOGICAL, STATE OF HUMANKIND IS ONE OF LAWLESS COMPETITION.
- HOBBS DRAWS ON NOTIONS FROM MECHANISTIC SCIENCE TO DEDUCE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR.
- SIMILARLY TO MACHIAVELLI THE ONLY SCIENCE WAS THE KNOWLEDGE OF CONSEQUENCES (Machiavelli utilises experiential data and Hobbes theoretical.)

HOBBS 2

- FROM WHICH HOBBS ESTABLISHES ABSTRACT MECHANISM OF REGULATION OF THE PUBLIC GOOD, THE STATE, THROUGH SOVEREIGN RULE. (*the beginnings of the sovereign liberal individuality, in the cognitive order of modernity*)
- SUCH THESES ALSO ENTAIL SOCIAL FACTS, CERTAINTY AND OBJECTIVE TRUTH WHICH CONTAIN WITHIN THEM ETHICAL AND MORAL IMPLICATIONS.

SUBJECT AND SOCIETY AS RATIONAL SYSTEMS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ (DESCARTES 1596-1650) ■ METHOD; SEPERATION OF THE RATIONAL MIND AND THE IRRATIONALITY OF EMBODIED EXPERIENCE ■ "EACH PROBLEM THAT I SOLVED BECAME A RULE, WHICH SERVED AFTERWORD TO SOLVE OTHER PROBLEMS" ■ SEPERATION OF THE TWO SUBSTANCES OF MIND AND BODY AND, ULTIMATELY, THEORETICAL CAUSE AND PHYSICAL EFFECT. | <p>(NEWTON 1642-1727);
OBSERVATION AND DEDUCTION. THE ABSTRACTION, AND IMMEDIACY OF THE THEOREM AS A MEANS OF ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLE.</p> <p>"IN EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY, PROPOSITIONS GATHERED FROM PHENOMENA BY INDUCTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO BE...TRUE NOTWITHSTANDING CONTRARY HYPOTHOSSES."</p> |
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ADAM SMITH (1723-1790)

- MODERN POLITICAL ECONOMY.
- A NEWTONIAN APPROACH TO POWER, COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC GOOD.
- "THE INVISIBLE HAND" (Of the market or "GOD")
- *"The all-wise Author of Nature has, in this manner, taught man to respect the sentiments and judgements of his brethren"*

The libertarian/neo-liberal ethos

- (Robert Nozick, 1938-2002)
- Although a libertarian philosopher Nozick's thesis is also ultimately reliant upon an external force or an **invisible hand** to realise the full flourishing of individual dreams goals and ambitions which, through collective competition and negotiation, best serve the greater good.

The subject

- The individual is, primarily, rationally motivated to serve their own interests. (As with Hobbes). The ultimate representation of all of these interests is demonstrated in the material world. (as with Marx)
- Similarly, virtually all foundational economic theses begin with the words 'all things being equal.'

PROBLEMS OF CONTEXT

- THE MIND IS EMBODIED WITHIN A HUMAN BODY. (Aside from the animal mind)
- THERE IS NO ABSTRACT CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAINTY, TRUTH, VALUE WHICH CAN BE UNIVERSALLY APPLIED THAT IS FREE FROM THE IMPERFECTION OF THIS HUMAN CONDITION.
- RATIONALITY IS ALWAYS MITIGATED BY SUBJECTIVE CONTEXT.

DITTO

- THE MARKET IS A HUMAN CREATION WITHIN THE FINITE CONFINES OF A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY. THERE ARE NO STARTING POINTS IN NATURE OR SOCIETY FROM WHICH ABSOLUTE EQUILIBRIUM CAN BE ESTABLISHED.
- The ideal of limitless growth of extraction, production, consumption and profits, on which this whole thesis relies, is fundamentally flawed.

SOLUTION

- Recognition of complexity and
- RE-CONTEXTUALISATION OF;
- MIND,
- BODY,
- SOCIETY.