

Igor Galkin, Eastern and Western Thought

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Contrasting Comparison

	Western	Eastern
Questions	What does the world consist of?	What is holding the world together?
What is seen	Particular details of the world	The world's common ground
Focus on	Dissection into particles	Cohesive processes
Consequences	We dissect the world.	We search for a cohesive substance.
Principles	Interaction of the nearest particles	Overarching principles of cohesion
Research	into the micro-/macrocosm	of relations
Search for	Mechanisms of the components	Globally applicable principles of cooperation
	Mechanisms of interreaction with neighbouring components	Dynamic transformations of principles of cooperation
	Microlaws in micro-/macroworld	Macroprinciples of the universe
Our results	Mechanisms and particles	Perceptions and concepts
Method to gain insight	Decimation	Generalisation
Vector of insight	Towards the "smallest", dead, technically graspable, but NOT sensible.	Towards the "Big", living, inapprehensible, but sensible.
	The world is a complex mechanism.	The world is a mutually interactive living harmony.
	Objects, parts of objects, forces, vectors, mechanisms	energy, changes, harmonies, the flowing, polarities
Principle of construction	Nested statistically determinable objects with their properties, occurrences and reactions.	Reconverting qualities of a perceptible as well as imperceptible indivisible duality without name.
	Physical body: position, distances, dimensions, shape - an object	Living body: perception, feeling
	touchable/visible, dead, mechanic	perceptible, alive, to be experienced
Body	Matter	Concentrated flowing Qi energy
Life	Life has been defined in about 48 different ways (meaning: no clue).	Incessantly interflowing energy (Qi) substances/aggregates under the unity of polarities.

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The world	is conquered, ruled, transformed, dissected.	and human life - are harmonised with each other. Man is adjusted to life and the world man.
Relation: Mankind - World	Mankind	Complete cohesion, dependence, integrity
What is forgotten	globality, the unmeasurable	details, the minuscule
Overarching Method	Analysis	Synthesis
Vision for the future	Unity of the world: Analysis and Synthesis	

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