PHILOSOPHY, MATERIALISM, AND CHRISTIANITY

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1 INTRODUCTION

We consider Christianity as one among the many forms to answer the universal questions of Philosophy, whose purpose is to discuss **the nature of man and its relationship with the world**. So, Philosophy is primary. It is today dominated by Materialism.

2 PHILOSOPHY IN THEORY

The astonishing characteristic of human beings is that they recognize themselves as feeling entities that begin their life crying because of hunger which is satisfied by the mother. Self-recognition is referred to as **consciousness** and hunger is a **feeling** that conveys the **perception** of a fold of **reality**. This implies that we must define **reality** as all that exists without the concourse of observing consciousness. The channels through which consciousness perceives reality and itself are the **senses**. Incredibly astonishing is the fact that our senses do not report numbers or information to the consciousness but feelings which are a whole world by themselves. Next, we exist because a mother begot us, and cannot survive alone because we need full assistance, whose purpose is to maintain us loved, warm, dry, and full. Therefore, we are evolution-dependent and socially sentimental entities. And all this happens amidst an incredibly complexity as of our universe as of our interrelations.

Abstracting, and simplifying a lot just to be practical for the beginning, we get:

The purpose of Philosophy is to explore the tension between consciousness, feelings, perception, and reality. That tension expresses itself in the many definitions and formulations of arising problems and their solutions. Let us develop our own approach.

2.1 Consciousness vs. reality

We open our eyes and see the world.

Let us pay attention to the fact that we do not see reality but a representation of it that our brain composes and presents to an observer that we call consciousness. Reality is, at this level, an illusion. That is why we make the following characterization: **Consciousness is an entity composed of an observer that is immersed in a stage where a drama is presented**. Because in Philosophy everything can be questioned, we might formulate

The existence problem: Does consciousness exist?

Let us consider two extreme answers:

Solipsism declares that consciousness exists and that it is the only thing whose existence cannot be denied, while that of everything else cannot be proved.

On the other extreme and astonishing as it could be, **modern** scientists deny the existence of consciousness. In fact, there is no homunculus inside our head or something that could be taken as an observer. Thus, consciousness is an illusion. Our answer to this complaint will be given elsewhere, and in the meantime, we will assume that consciousness exists and that it is the starting feature of Philosophy. But in the next step, we stumble upon a question:

The first separation problem of Philosophy:

Can consciousness be separated into an observer and a drama over a stage?

Those that answer affirmatively to this question would agree that

the observer or pure consciousness perceives, feels, decides from her own will, implements decisions, and takes responsibility for her actions. Let us repeat and emphasize that the consciousness accepts her own existence and feels itself.

On our side, we adhere to the belief that consciousness and perception cannot be separated. This implies that Philosophy exists only as an elaboration of a given preconception. Ours is dictated by the belief in the existence of reality and in the adequacy of sensorial channels including those for self-awareness and the like. The reason for our choice of inseparability is that every person is such a great source of problems for the rest of humanity that we must accept that we perceive not reality as it is but what is most useful to our purposes. See below.

With this, we are making clear that separating consciousness from perception and reality is rather impossible. But,

2.2 Does reality exist?

Consciousness has an inner activity that produces thoughts and dreams that are volatile and disappear if we focus on any other thing. But there are also perceptions that are stable and that we can not change by a mere redirection of attention, and to which we must adapt ourselves. So, if we feel pain in our stomach because of hunger, we must receive nourishment or else die. That is why consciousness effortlessly accepts that some types of perception are representations of reality, which exists apart from observing consciousness. This poses

The second separation problem:

Can perception be separated into imagination and reality? If that is possible, How must that be done?

We consider that it is a fact of our social systems that the consciousness and feelings of people are tied to external agents and events, say, the mentality of children depends on their parents, and in many circles, the ideas and feelings of people hang on political propaganda. That is why we opt for the inseparability of the quintet formed by *consciousness-ideas-feelings-perception-reality*. Anyway, when we die, the world remains. That is why reality has a special status:

Realism proclaims that stable self-consistent patterns of perception acquire the status of reality. The originator of this type of perception is composed of **substance**, which is a synonym of reality but with a definite emphasis on objective existence that is separated from observing consciousness and that is stable or quasi-stable over time. Say, at room temperature, atoms are stable as well as many structures that they form. In general, stability is tied to conservation laws.

2.3 How is reality?

Substance comes in two types: visible or material and invisible or spiritual. If matter is all to reality, we are dealing with Materialism. If besides matter, spirits are considered to be real, we are dealing with Spiritualism.

Materialism claims that reality exists prior to and apart from observing consciousness, and that the matter generates in the consciousness stable, objective patterns of perception that are described by theories that are tested by the Scientific Method. The matter is composed of hydrogen, oxygen, carbon, iron, radiation and the like that can be reduced to the fundamental particles and waves of the Standard Model. In materialism, the universe (everything that is real) is composed of matter and nothing else. In particular, consciousness is a byproduct of matter, which can form very complex

systems. The matter is necessarily manipulable and experimentally testable. That is the meaning of objectiveness. The force of materialism resides in our imperative need to survive and our innate fear to die before due age.

Spiritualism teaches that every human being has an eternal spirit that survives the decomposition of the body and that carries the essence of personality and free will. Besides, there are spirits together with ghosts, the spirits of dead persons. They can be observed by clear-sighted persons, which can be kids, elders, women, and some men. Drunkards, drug addicts, and practitioners of esoterism and yoga also experience phenomena that are caused by spirits. All of them can see visions, hear voices not produced by material beings, or feel presences that cause goosebumps. In general, the belief in the existence of spirits is the cornerstone of almost all religions because spirits make prophecies and revelations. For example:

A young lady waited for her husband and suddenly heard a voice in her mind that said: *Ten past two*. It was nearly ten at night. Much later, the husband arrived and opened the door, the wife looked at her watch and read: *ten past two in the morning*. Cases like these are few among ordinary people but are enough to create the extended belief that there are spirits that have too much control over our lives. In ancient times, people brought them offers and sacrifices and called them gods. Why? It was because they believed that gods and ghosts can help them, say, by bringing rain, augmenting the fertility of the land, and by providing security.

Nevertheless, not all encounters with spirits are pleasant. Consider the case of the many people that ask for professional help because when they are ready to get asleep, they use to hear a voice that speaks and speaks nonstop. With rare exceptions, doctors find nothing in their scans and analysis so patients return home without help or are remitted to psychiatric treatment. A usual solution in my culture is to pray to the soul of the grandmother, or to a saint. This example shows that ordinary people around us classify spirits as good or bad, and that help and protection are expected from good spirits against bad ones. According to the anthropological witness, many spirits offer help but demand to be worshiped as gods and make human sacrifices in their honor, which can be of children, teenagers, and warriors. Religions result from an alliance with a god.

Christianity, my religion, is an alliance of a group of persons with God, the spirit that is holy and that made Earth, Heavens, the sea, and everything that exists in them. He will judge us on the last day. In the alliance with him, your part of the deal is, in the first place, to save your soul from the judgment of God, bringing forth in prayer the death of Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for your sin. That is why all your prayers shall be to God only and in the name of Jesus. Secondly, stop doing wrong to others. Instead, treat others as you want to be treated. The part of the deal that corresponds to God is to raise you from death to eternal life, where no badness will be present.

Christianity is the most shameful of all religions because our glory is to see Jesus coming in the clouds, but as I write this line, his sign has not appeared in the heavens.

To explain the origin of matter, Christianity teaches that the material world was made of an invisible substance, whose origin is not declared. However, the apostle Paul seems to be delighted by the Greek idea that *In God we live, move, and exist*. Apostle Peter says that the world was made of water, just as in the Egyptian credo and the Greek materialist philosophy. Apostle John says that the world was made by the logos, i.e., programmatically. This idea is also Egyptian. The invisible world is composed of spirits that belong to either

of two kingdoms, whose rulers are God and Diablo. The dividing criterion is to love, or else to hate Jesus Christ.

As a partial conclusion, we adhere to the belief that reality exists and consists of visible and invisible substances. The visible substance is called matter while the invisible one is tied to spirits. Now, let us ask ourselves about the quality of our perception of reality.

2.4 How faithful are the channels of perception?

If reality exists, How is the mapping of reality into consciousness? Is it a carbon copy or a bijection or a caricature or distortion or...what?

Materialism answers: the mapping of reality into consciousness is faithful enough to guarantee survival. We have that a newborn loves the breast of her mom that gives him or her the milk that relieves the pain in the stomach. Love and pain are feelings directed to enable survival through a clean implementation of the Scientific Method that relies on a statistical connection between pain, drinking milk, and pain relief.

The Scientific Method is highly appreciated among all sorts of realists to validate propositions about reality: something is true when it has explicative power and cannot be falsified, or contradicted by observation. Is reality completely knowable by this method? Given that the Scientific Method demands the skill of preparing observed objects in particular states, we can reformulate the question as follows: Is reality manipulable to the full? Science is pragmatic in this regard: *If I do not try, it will never be done!*

Among those that deny that all matter is totally manipulable, we have cosmologists and spiritualists:

Cosmologists offer theories about the origin and fate of the Universe. The need of the preparation of systems in special initial states is sometimes filled with the observation of cosmic systems with needed characteristics.

In regard to spiritualists, imagine a patient with tetraplegia that is given the task of deciding what classifies as material reality. He has control over his eyes and nothing else. In the same position stand the clear-sighted people that say they detect spirits. But a difference exists: while we all know that the eyes do an excellent good job to represent material reality, spiritualists must handle a terrible question: how to know if what they see is real or else a hallucination of the brain or a vision that is presented by a spirit? And, if it is a spirit, is it from God or from the Devil? The exorbitant diversity of religions and their sects together with the merciless quarrels among all of us show that we are blind guides. But, if we presume of seeing, we have one more weakness:

Christian believers teach that the consciousness distorts the perception of reality according to the secret purposes of our hearts. That is why our consciousness is called corrupted and cauterized. Thus, the entanglement of consciousness and perception opens a whole field of re-education of the consciousness to diminish the conscious or unconscious distortion of perception. In this regard, Jesus challenges us with a promise: *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*. A typical case study to see how this dare is applied is the following:

A married man expresses his desire to divorce her wife in the following terms: The older my woman gets, the more stubborn she becomes. Therefore, it is time to finish our relationship before things worsen. But a change of attitude could lead to a new insight: By applying in practice what I have taught her over the years, my lady is getting more confident and self-determinant. Therefore, she

can assume more responsibilities in our relationship so that I can rest and use my saved energy and time for other purposes. The price that I must pay is that she becomes the matriarch and I, her subject. Actually, if the husband learns to negotiate decisions instead of being domineering, he will be happier. Next, he has to learn to support the projects of her wife, who is any longer the little girl of yesterday. In that way, she will know that he loves her.

The reader is invited to notice that the preceding discussion is just common sense, where no religious principle has been invoked. This is an illustration of a general fact: in regard to ordinary life, wisdom might be more important than rules, be they religious or whatever. So, to be accepted, religions must promote and reinforce wisdom, or else rule by oppression. Now, as Apostle James wrote, Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from heaven but is earthly, non spiritual, and demonic. Where you have envy and selfish ambition, you find disorder and every evil practice there. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is, first of all, pure; then peace-loving, considerate, recognizer of authority, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

The cleansing of our consciousness is furthermore related to the next delicate consideration.

2.5 The mystery of feelings

With some training and with the help of a piece of paper and a pencil, our consciousness can simulate a computer. So, we know that making a subtraction or a multiplication is extremely different from

feeling the satisfaction of having solved a difficult problem. Strong feelings invade and replenish the consciousness so, intense and persistent pain deprives one of the ability to think.

In materialism, feelings are associated with brain activity that generates mental states that can evoke physiological responses.

In spiritualism, feelings are believed to be irreducible to material processes. For instance and according to Taoism, feelings are related to the balance and strength of fluxes of metaphysical energy, yin, and yan, that flows through channels. Specific feelings are attached to specific channels and acupuncture points. By the same token and in my culture, many people *feel the energy* of others and use this information to manage interrelationships. To *feel the energy* is to feel something invisible outside the body of the other person. So, it is a spiritual experience. Compared with other cultures, this corresponds with feeling the soul or the chi or the aura. More impressive is the fact that in all ancient cultures, human beings and animals have feelings of the same nature. In other words, animals also have a spiritual counterpart. And, what about plants? Women in my culture use to talk tenderly to them. In various ancient cultures, plants were worshipped and some groups continue to do so even today.

Since feelings are considered to be spiritual phenomena, spiritualism declares that robots have nothing to do with living beings, animals and plants included.

Now it is the time for a reflection, Is our discourse realistic?

3 PHILOSOPHY IN PRACTICE

Real people usually live in a varying superposition of different philosophical states, say, mixing pop Philosophy with atheism and Science

together with disfigured religion, and omens. But, how can we mix contradictory views, such as Science and omens? That is possible thanks to our **Irrationality** which refers to our capability to hold beliefs that are self-contradictory or that contradict the evidence. The reason is that we fall in love with our beliefs and in this way, they are shielded from every judgment. A common reason is that we believe this because our fathers taught it to us.

For instance, I have met people that worship the sun or a meteorite. Somebody has presumed of being rational when proposing to worship Google. In regard to my religion, the Bible contains too many contradictions and lies. I justify many lies as exaggerations to capture the attention of listeners in nocturne storytelling. Other contradictions denote personal criteria, but not all. Some contradictions are in my opinion irresolvable, for example, that God created plants before the sun. But anyway, I continue to be Christian. This means that I am highly irrational. Of course, I am not an exception, rather we all are like that. What Philosophy do we produce from nothingness?

Ordinary people reinvent **pop philosophies** at every moment and at every place just because we are beings that feel and think. In fact, strong and persistent situations create deep and permanent feelings that induce many types of thought, and some of them are generators of philosophies, worldviews, and rules of life. Some examples are:

- Knowing that death can sting us at whatever moment induces a feeling of no future that is reflected in a Philosophy: let us eat, drink and buy, that tomorrow we will die. This is the basal Philosophy of everybody, which is seen from the outside as apathy.
- The incertitude of our world would cause many young people

to express themselves like this: The global instability drives me into depression. That is why I ask myself: What is the purpose of my life, and of life in general? More to the point, What is our destiny? Who or what defines it?

- Male hormones inspire, especially at the onset of puberty, a great power and a thirst for glory. In consequence, some young men would think: Who are you all that always yell at me and interfere with my right to be happy? And, you, dear God, you created me without my consent so, I owe nothing to you. Therefore, I determine what is good and what is evil. Good is what fills me with passion and evil is everything that depresses me.
- Some persons, women in greater proportion, feel an immense love towards the universe as a whole. For some of them, the universe is love and this is their Philosophy of life. This is indeed a religion because its followers usually have some omen to ask for a blessing while they thank the Universe, the stars, or the planets.
- This wonderful world inspires me a lot, How did it come into being? Is it eternal, without beginning and without end? If it was created, by Whom?
- The complexity and perfection of living beings awake so much wonder in me that I consider that Evolution, its creator, deserves to be admired if not worshiped. (Compare Spector [5] 2015)

At present time and apart from apathy, there are two main streams of thought to answer these questions: Science and disfigured Religion.

Science says that we are here as a byproduct of a very long evolutionary history of ordinary matter that in recent times includes Biological Evolution. The Nobel Prize laureate Richard Feynman concisely

describes our existence from a stand that transparently reflects Science (Mehra [1] 1994) and that in my words reads: we are like leaves that fortuitously fall from a tree, deliciously fly during an instant, and then come down into degradation, oblivion, and not-being. He had in perspective his personal existence, but his view can be extended to cover the scientific vision of the existence of life, planet Earth, the solar system, our galaxy and cluster, and the whole Universe. One must change the scale of time and the subsequent mechanisms, some of which are under discussion. So, we have no destiny, but we are the prey of a deep desire for survival because of the Evolution that created us. That desire includes our egoism that so fiercely battles for the propagation of our own genes.

Man is considered by Science to be just a machine. This is its glory and its misery. This claim deserves an example:

We have the possibility to feel joy. According to Science, that state is achieved when some neurotransmitters, such as dopamine, reach specific receptors in specific zones of the neocortex that are called reward centers. To go from depression into happiness, raise the levels of dopamine. This task is efficiently executed by alcohol and by many molecules, compounds, and cocktails which are commercialized at large scale. Now, I know firsthand cases of drunkards and drug addicts that are very happy but cause their families to suffer a nightmare. Science proposes therapies that somehow help.

The eschatological negativism of Science plus the idea that we are machines form an idea that attracts some few persons only. The majority of us need hope and blessing as a constitutive part of our relationships. So, we resort to omens or to distorted religion. Even scientists desire good luck for their friends and family. Scientifically, this is a loss of time and energy, this is an omen.

3.1 Disfigured Christianity

Christianity argues that an answer to a philosophical question to be right must resist the filter of the Bible and give peace to the soul, joy to the heart, and fruits of wisdom from above, together with righteousness, and justice. The authority of the Bible results from a fierce concourse among many writers for gaining the respect of scholars for many generations. So, we have in God our origin, sense of life, and destiny. The balance of Bible vs. feelings is increasingly moving to more feelings because many believers assume without questioning that nice sensations are a gift of the Holy Spirit. This is not necessarily true as every disorder has been reported, including massive suicides. Thus, care must be exercised (Rodríguez [2] 2019).

The Christian religion is disfigured everywhere and every now: If the need arises of killing your own son, just do it. Everyone does it. If you feel remorse, take it easy, read the Bible, and keep in mind that God is forgiveness. Another simple and common disfiguration is caused by people that worship the dead which may be represented by a photograph of the grandmother, or idols of plaster, wood, bone, silver, or gold. They rationalize this by saying that these dead are intercessors before God. They do this in spite of the fact that the Bible clearly says: do not invoke the dead. More astonishing is the fact that in many Christian countries, some days or even a whole week are reserved for the Carnival in the honor of gods that did not make the Earth nor Heaven, i.e., of demons. For instance, in Rio de Janeiro and in Barranquilla, the carnival is dedicated to the god Momo, an ancient Greek religious inheritance. By the same token, in the whole world, 31 October is consecrated to celebrate the witches, who are servants of Satan.

Christianity is also disfigured by very devoted persons that be-

come false prophets. They receive prophecies that are in their great majority either tautologies (tomorrow somebody will weep) or else untestable assertions (after Jesus was raised from death, he spoke with the spirit of Judas). On the other hand, some incredibly improbable prophecies become true (the prophet saw in a dream a woman walking and the details of her brand new clothes were clearly seen. The dream gloriously came true in its totality after two months). Other prophecies are clear enough to be testable but are not fulfilled (tomorrow your boyfriend will visit you: false). False prophets do their best to justify false prophecies (the boyfriend came after three days, so the prophet interprets the prophecy a posteriori and in a rigged way, which re-reads as follows: your boyfriend will visit you in one of these days). False prophets love fame, money, and sometimes sex and may suffer from hysteria, intercalating moments of great joy with others of deep anxiety, and depression. They also may change some parts of the Bible to redefine what is good and what is bad. Thus, reports exist about Christian youngsters, my brothers, that killed lay people because of a lack of interest in their evangelizing message. All of them lack the courage to recognize that they follow demons that ride on their concupiscence.

The case of false prophecy that hurts me the most is that of Islam (Rodríguez [3] 2019B). It was founded by a very devoted Christian believer, Muhammad. He received revelations from a spirit that identified himself as Angel Gabriel. The core of his message is very simple, clear, and consistent: *God is not holy, instead, He is merciful and tolerates sin because He easily forgives every transgression*. He changed many texts of the Bible to make it compatible with this tenet. As a consequence, he was compelled to change the history of Jesus Christ, who is the holiness of God. Around one billion people follow today his teaching, and some of them kill my Christian brothers, sometimes because of our own culpability and others in total innocence. This case hurts me because I got acquainted with some Muslims and I

appreciate them very much. Now, the Bible commands to test every spirit. So, How can one put the Islam to test? Let me invite everyone to look around us and to decide:

- The Islam predicts that the World is a paradise where we all live like brothers because our iniquity is forgiven and does not bear its fruit of generalized violence and injustice.
- The Bible predicts that the wrath of God covers the Earth because of our so many transgressions, in particular, because of our boundless love to kill innocent and defenseless people through abortion. That wrath is visualized as generalized violence and injustice.

False prophecies always lead to false Bibles and interpretations, which are infinite in number.

Given the so many versions of the Bible and of its interpretations, two very cumbersome questions arise: Which is the message of the Word of God? And, Who is my brother or sister? Personally, I opt for simple answers. In the first place, there is a backbone in the Bible that consists of a few ideas that are repeated and reinforced over and over. The two most important tenets are that God is holy, that He does not tolerate sin, and that the only valid sacrifice for sin is the death of Jesus the Son of God. In second place and as a consequence, everyone that calls the name of the Lord Jesus for the salvation of the wrath of God is my brother and sister. I chose this option and followed it after the following encounter:

I met a priest of a Christian Church that was not mine and from which some differences divide us. He was recovering from an accident in which he lost her two legs. According to his consciousness, that was a chastising of the Lord Jesus because he went to a witch to ask for revenge against a foe. She led him to her cinema machinery, a

shallow vessel with some water, and showed him a 3D image of his foe. She gave him a knife and commanded: *Do whatever you want*. He wanted just as little as possible and cut him an ear. After 15 days, the foe fell in an accident with a semi-destroyed aluminum vessel and lost an ear. After two months, the priest himself fell in a car accident and lost his two legs. Nothing was special in this accident given that he was drunk and accompanied by various girls. Nevertheless, I have decided to accept his witness as the fulfillment of a promise of the Bible: *God chastises those that he loves*. I learned in that way that the person and name of Jesus are more important than what we think or not about him. Nevertheless, I recall to all my brethren that without sanctity, nobody will see the Lord.

Let us now discuss the scientific explanation of our origins.

3.2 Evolution and Christianity

Science and Christianity explain our existence in quite different modes. Science brings forth Evolution, but the Bible says that God created us directly from the dust of the Earth. The two explanations are incompatible because Evolution is the mechanism that Science uses to explain our existence without the concourse of a Creator. Thus, God becomes an obsolete redundancy. On the other hand, Christianity claims that God has the right to judge us because He made us. So, the two explanations belong to two extremely different philosophical worlds. Moreover, from the very fact that the Evolutionary Theory is the official truth of modernity, it ensues that God can be accused of being dormant because it is written: *Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.* So, it is mandatory to review the Evolutionary Theory. Our proposal is to analyze it with the Scientific Method.

Evolution is the concatenation of changes in DNA texts that

causes variability in the ability to survive and reproduce. The Evolutionary Theory claims that in Evolution, some exponents gain more offspring than the rest because there is something more functional in their genes. New mutations create more variability and the cycle is repeated. Perfection is reached through generations. This theory is beloved by almost everyone because it is backed by too much evidence. In fact, the Evolution of viruses threatens all of us. Besides, the simulations of Evolution, known as Genetic Algorithms, clearly show that Evolution creates functionality and perfection.

Scientists accuse Christian believers of irrationality because we reject the Evolutionary Theory in spite of the evidence. And we accuse them of immorality because they teach lies. Our reason is that in the light of the Scientific Method, the Evolutionary Theory is obviously false. Why?

The problem is the Logic of Science: if somebody is accused of washing money and defends himself by showing the great incomes of those enterprises that have today everything in order, he is not yet declared innocent. Instead, he must show that everything, absolutely everything in his deals is in order, especially in the distant past. By the same token, Evolution has many correct predictions, but not all. For instance, apart from Genetic Algorithms, it is right that species that are similar in anatomy have similar DNA texts and biochemical paths. This proposition originates a family of predictions with billions of favorable cases that explain why everybody believes that theory.

Now, What about wrong predictions of the Evolutionary Theory? Do they exist? Are they important? Mandatory? Clearcut? Understandable? Obvious? Resist rigorous examination?

Let us make a point of the contagious joy of life that every baby of every species irradiates. This is possible only when babies are enabled with a fierce perfection of form and functionality. Let us repeat and emphasize that this is valid for every baby of every species. So, there is no trace of imperfection in extant species. And the same can be said about fossils, just look at a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Thus, to explain the perfection of babies of all species, past and present, Evolution must be endowed by the Evolutionary Theory with the capability to achieve perfection instantly (during such a short period of time that left fossils are too few and so, they do not appear in the fossil record). To know whether this prediction is fulfilled, let us ask an expert in Evolution. Where must we look for one?

It happens that you, dear Reader, are the only expert in Evolution that we can consult right now. The proof that you are an expert is as follows: We all achieve results by trying this and that, making changes, small on our own, and large if we do some research, and looking at what functions best. This is precisely Evolution. Our universal experience says that results are not attained at once but that hard work of tinkering and investigation must be done to improve quality and function. For instance, girls need some three years to learn how to talk, while boys might require from 4 to 40. Errors in the process of apprenticing are abundantly done and corrections come after your own assessment or thanks to the teaching of the mother and older sisters. Our moral is that *There is no Evolution without multitudes of errors that create imperfection and whose correction creates more errors*.

So, we all know by personal experience that Evolution functions but that it is far from being magical, which means that the path to perfection is plagued with every type of imperfection. Translating this to Biology, the Scientific Method predicts that every type of malformation and malfunction is expected everywhere in the fossil record and in extant species. To imagine malformations, think of the movement of a person whose vertebral

spin has one vertebra that is rotated a bit, or if one of its muscles is shifted off a few centimeters. And, malfunctions?

Imagine a patient that has one defective gene that would cause the very slow dissolution of blood clots, which are formed in every person at every time. Please, do not force me to imagine what could happen if besides he has another defective gene encoding for sugar metabolism. We see that genetic defects are tremendously important. But the universal experience demands not one or two faults but thousands and, what is worse, trying to correct one fault creates many more. Warning: we are not saying that Evolution has the intention of creating errors, we only say that changes that diminish the capability to survive and reproduce are called, a posteriori, errors.

In short, the universal experience agrees with Michael Jordan, who said: I've failed over and over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed. By contrast, International Science equates Evolution to magics that achieves miracles instantly without recurrent failure. This blatantly contradicts our universal experience in regard to our battle against complexity. And the number of contradictions counts in the order of millions and each one could be the most important, that is, lethal.

That is why we say that the Evolutionary Theory is obviously false. Since our claim classifies as totally subjective, objectivity has been pursued and results have been already published.

The magical Evolution that Science teaches indeed exists, but not in Biology. On the other hand, simulations of Natural Evolution directed to falsify the Evolutionary Theory have been abundantly studied and presented (Rodríguez [4] 2022). Those simulations can be downloaded, unzipped, and run over a cell phone, tablet, or PC. The Reader is challenged to do something better.

4 Conclusion

Philosophy studies the tension between consciousness, feelings, perception and reality. Materialism says that matter or physical world, composed of hydrogen and potassium, is the only thing that exists, while consciousness is a byproduct of the Evolution of matter. Materialism validates ideas by means of the Scientific Method and considers that Philosophy must be a simple extension of what is observed. We argue that this approach is perfect for robots but not for human beings: we have feelings, which define a fundamental part of our essence. Materialism explains feelings as neurological phenomena directed to ensure survival. For spiritualism, feelings are spiritual experiences, spirits are real, are the carriers of consciousness, and cannot be reduced to language usage or to the physical world.

Christianity consists of a group of people that made an alliance with God, the spirit that is holy and created the visible universe from the invisible one and that will judge us on the last day. The validation of philosophical ideas in Christianity decisively involves feelings: an idea to be right must resist the filter of the Bible and moreover give peace to the soul, joy to the heart, and fruits of wisdom from above, together with righteousness, and justice. Moreover, it argues that feelings and logic are entangled and, therefore, perception is distorted by our feelings and the secret purpose of our hearts. In particular, every Philosophy is a discursive unfolding of a preconception that can be logical or sentimental. To diminish the distortion of perception, Jesus challenges us with a promise: *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*.

This means that we are invited to reorient our feelings and plans to be a blessing of God for all persons even if they are bad. This is the purpose of our lives. But this is a mere theory. In practice, we are all sinners and blind guides. And because we love sin so much, the anger of God covers all the earth, the islands and the sea. If you happen to see that they are dyed in red, you have no reason to be surprised.

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