

# Review of: "Okolo on the Question of African Philosophy and its Periodization"

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This was an interesting review of African philosophy. The thoughts, feelings and values of people emerged from their particular environments at very similar times in world history.

European, Western philosophy is thus not the only reference for the development of philosophy, nor an exclusive model of universal thinking. All world cultures or civilisations have developed thinking from their own historical context, but have followed the same laws of human thought development. Thus, the difference between the Western and non-Western is of form rather than substance. There are differences arising from specific and very different circumstances between them, but the logic and ideas are similar.

Thus, it is right to observe and question Okolo's position and show that philosophy existed before contact with the Western world and that is not properly recognised by academics.

As Lévi Strauss said, philosophy among the non-Western nations is woven from threads of myth, magic and science. The pre-scientific logic that comes from knowledge of the environment, demonstrates that it is impossible for it not to exist. The issue is not the period of philosophy but the concepts produced.

The article makes for reflective reading but if structured in a top-down way with more personal illustrations would appeal to a wider audience range,