

Review of: "Does Philosophy Matter? The Urgent Need for a Philosophical Revolution"

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Nicholas Maxwell's text *Does Philosophy Matter? The Urgent Need for a Philosophical Revolution* reminded me, in the contingent unfulfilled need for a new metaphysical framework evoked by the revolution of the mathematical sciences and the physical world, the permanent validity of J. Maritain's thought expressed in *Science and Wisdom*.

We now have a very high number of researchers, an enormous mass of funding and the processing power of forms of A.I. invested in every area of knowledge: consequently it had been almost a century since there had been no truly cardinal developments in the basic sciences, both those of the spirit and those of the physical world, comparable to those of other seasons of history, last the first thirty years of the century last. Preserved within the prestigious enclosures of disciplines restricted in area and plastered in form, ignoring the Whole, the foundational sciences were inhibited in their most authentically innovative developments and philosophies intimidated by scientism did not facilitate the release of their potential for discovery. Aristotle teaches that science can proceed only side by side with philosophy.

There are many political, economic, linguistic, academic and institutional causes for the inhibition of authentically innovative developments. Maxwell - the bearer of a beautiful name in nineteenth-century physics - believed in the conviction - strengthened by the formidable accumulation of high-potential pre-theoretical clusters in the era - of soon seeing the emergence of a truly new paradigm of knowledge. Paradigm that philosophy will have to welcome and develop. However, progress towards the thing itself appears, in historical times, sure.

J. Maritain's prophecy finds further confirmation in Maxwell's article. We will go forward, if the war does not erase the world and with it we, the builders of the doctrine of science.