

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

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"I have been working in the area of philosophy and logic for some 15 years, most recently as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal *Philosophies*. Since I am working on my own, outside academia, I have completely missed references to Nicholas Maxwell's work, but then he has missed references to mine! As a first result of this initiative by *Qeios* I would hope and look forward to a message directly from Professor Maxwell that I could answer directly, outlining in more detail than I can here why my Philosophy in Reality (cf. my book with A. Igamberdiev with that title, Springer, Cham (Switzerland), 2020).

In any case, I am totally in agreement with Maxwell's thesis on the need to move to an objective for philosophy of wisdom rather than knowledge alone. In the field of the Philosophy of Information in which I have been most active, I have pleaded and am pleading for rethinking of the "Philosophy" part of the title, and Maxwell's book is extremely *a propos*. The same should be true of other philosophers.

The bibliography that Maxwell has provided speaks for itself: anyone who does integrate a part at least of Maxwell's perspective is not doing his job. Maxwell is correct in saying that his approach is revolutionary. It is in the same spirit as my 2017 article, "Philosophy of Information; Revolution in Philosophy", *Philosophies* 2017, 2, 22, where I discussed the implications of applying the non-propositional logic I have proposed to both philosophy and science. Maxwell's paper is about change, above all in one's own presuppositions and attitude to one's work. Most of the previous reviews of Maxwell I have seen are worthless from this standpoint.

If there is one criticism that could be made about the article it is that it is too parochial in the sense of focus only on Western philosophy. This does not exclude - since I have not yet been able to scratch the surface of Maxwell's *oeuvre* - that he does not apply elsewhere insights from Eastern logic and philosophy which have been broader in their treatment of negation since the time of the Buddha (cf. the Tetralemma of Nagarjuna, brought up to date by the late Japanese philosopher Yamauchi Tokuryu in his major work now accessible in French, *Logos et Lemme*, in the masterful translation and with the essential commentary by Augustin Berque.)

My review is thus a mini-manifesto, but it is written in the spirit of what I hope is the open scope of *Qeios*. I would also welcome direct messages from people with interest in the fields I have touched on (joe.brenner@bluewin.ch)."

