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[Understanding and Overcoming the Meta-Crisis][📖]

The current meta-crisis is a crisis of *Western rationality*. We are currently failing paradoxically by excess of what allowed us to succeed: techno-scientific functionalism coupled with “observerless” science. 1/ (@bonnitaroy)



The representation and the methods that result from it now permeate the entire economic and political-social functioning of our societies. However, this collective representation no longer conforms to reality, not because it is false, obviously, 2/

but rather because it is incomplete and hegemonic and it distances us more and more from the very roots of the creation of sense*. 3/

It operates through a mechanistic conception of reality coupled with “disruptive” technological shifts, disseminating literally “nonsense” in a normalizing manner in society. However, the origin of the creation of meaning rests on two complementary pillars: 4/

our subjective *incarnation* on the one hand, as the presence within us of nature, but also on the vital link that we maintain to *history* and to what we can only understand as the enactment of a collective rationality (cf. Hegel). 5/

Yet there exists at the very heart of techno-sciences, the sciences and technologies of cognition, a paradigm precisely emphasizing these two vital dimensions: the *enactive paradigm* (Varela & al.). 6/

We therefore have an urgent need not only to better understand this conception which for me is the necessary and vital condition for the emergence of a new, more comprehensive rationality ^{7/}

(enaction does not deny the classical conception but encompasses it in a broader framework) but also non-iconoclastic and preserving the precious historical heritage: a second-order rationality ("second-order referring here to the second cybernetics), ^{8/}

which it is up to us all to bring out both at the personal level, opening up to a new aesthetical relation with reality, and collective, one does not go without the other.

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