

“14. Does some knowledge belong only to particular communities of knowers?”

One of the many meaning of knowledge is ‘awareness’ however knowing it all in this world is very difficult.

Object 1: *Pule Donkey Cheese or Magareći Sir*
Sir by Zasavica Nature Reserve

Pule Donkey Cheese or Magareći Sir is the most expensive cheese in the world. Only one farm produces it in the world which is known as the ‘*Zasavica Special Nature Reserve*’. The farm was started in the year



Object 1- Pule Donkey Cheese

1997 by *Slobodan Simić* and the fundamental idea behind building this farm was to protect the special endangered breed of Balkan Donkey who population was less than 1000 during that time.

Each cheese gets its unique taste by its maker. Making cheese is kind of an Art as the cheesemaker needs to be doing his work patiently and perfectly because of which the cheese gets its unique taste.

Pule can be made from any type of donkey milk, but then no one can make it in the entire world. The donkey milk contains less fat than the milk of other animals, which means it holds less of the protein casein that allows much other cheese to coagulate on their own. The recipe for making this cheese is only known to Mr Slobodan Simić and one other person in the entire world. To prove this argument Mr Slobodan in his interview with the team of Business Insider said that "Well-known milk experts from many countries have tried to make it and they have failed." (Varricchio and Morgan) The reason behind their failure was the additional bacteria and substance invented by the farm's experts that coagulated the milk, which is known to have little casein for coagulation. This shows that there are some knowledge only kept with a particular community which is for the betterment of that community.

In the wake of watching the video, I was delighted that there is such a cheese, which I won't ever find out about. This featured my obliviousness but I wanted to spread the knowledge I had to others so that they are aware about what things are happening around them.

Object 2: Aranmula Kannadi or Aranmula Mirror by Families in Aranmula



Object 2 - Aranmula Kannadi

Aranmula¹ Kannadi is a rare mirror carved out and an alloy of tin and copper, and only a few families know the making of this mirror.

The art of making this mirror is very unique. The Aranmula Kannadi is made by polishing the front side of the mirror. When I first hear this, it felt like a normal thing but the front polishing of the mirror but the mirror is said to show the true image because it is devoid of the deflection or deviation.

Aranmula Kannadi is made using moulds made of clay. While heating the wax melts to act as a mouth that aids the flow of metal. It

takes approximately six hours to cool. When it is cooled, they break it. The polish on the sheet of Aranmula Kannadi and design it.

Mr Haridas in his interview with Great Big Story said that "He learned the secret of the Aranmula mirror from his father and in the future, this will move forward through his son." (Great Big Story) This makes them feel even more oblivious by as said early it connects me to the Aranmula communities who make the mirror. This shows how knowledge is passed from one generation of the family to the next but it's not give out to everyone which helps the community preserve it's years old knowledge.

The Aranmula Kannadi portrays the rich culture and belief for the people residing in the Aranmula town it also speaks out the history of the place and depict the creativity of the community.

¹ Town situated in Kerala which is a state of India.

Object 3: Sentinelese Tribe

The Sentinelese are an indigenous group of people who inhabit the North Sentinel Island in the Bay of Bengal. They are the most isolated tribe in the world and are believed to be the direct descendants of Africans who migrated to the island about 50000 years ago. Genome studies have proved their presence, which says that they branched off at least 30000 years ago.



Object 3 - Sentinelese Tribe

The evidence shows that these tribes survive on the small forested island by hunting, fishing and gathering. They also know to make bows and arrows. When anthropologist Triloknath Pandit² visited them in the year 1967 which was the only documented look, his team found 18 slanted-roof huts, all facing each other, and small fires outside each hut. The fire was protected by a ring of twigs around it. Bows and arrows and spears lay about.

The tribe has great intelligence in their community this was proved twice once when Royal navy officer Maurice Vidal in 1880 landed on the North Sentinel Island. His team found only hastily abandoned villages. The tribe believed them as intruders and they fled to hiding places further inland. The second time was when Mr Pandit visited them he said, "The Sentinelese hid in the forest. I believe they are aware of the power of a firearm and did not want a confrontation. We had not gone intending to occupy; only studying." (Mallica Joshi)

This all incident shows that the tribe has particular knowledge that they want to protect from the outer world as they think the people from the outer world could cause damage to it. This knowledge can be about their community, some precious item, or it can even be about the island.

² Trilokanth Pandit was the first professional anthropologist to land on the North Sentinel Island in 1967. He led the team that established the first friendly contact with the Sentinelese people on 4 January 1991.

Conclusion

While concluding I would like to note a point that complete awareness about the world is not possible but there is a very high possibility to gain knowledge everywhere & some knowledge is as constricted to a community of knowers and with the ticking of time we would all be able to know it.

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