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Short Thought Piece:

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I propose the following. The job of a philosopher, a scientist, and a explorer of life is to consider all options collectively. We use deductive logic to put together the path of knowledge to be able to draw conclusions. Pattern recognition is both a natural gift and a potentially developed skill. If we use both deductive logic and pattern recognition to put the sources listed below, our development of insight is greater. This provides a proposed “skeleton” to “flesh out” further theories.

SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE

- **Learned:** knowledge gained from books, lectures or other sources of historical material,
- **Observed:** knowledge gained through observing the world around us,
- **Experienced:** knowledge gained through the personal experiences of living,
- **Ethereal:** knowledge which seems to be present from an unmeasurable source (collective consciousness, intuition, divine inspiration, Akashic records, other),
- **Genetic:** knowledge that seem to be passed down through, most likely, genetic sources which existed in individual’s genetic line.

Over the years, I have heard the phrase, “the ghost in the machine.” I have also heard that, “the whole is more than the sum of its parts.” Both of these phrases reflect the elements noted above. The American psychologist William James encouraged the exploration of the ethereal realm as part of psychological practice, but those who were attempting to justify psychology as a science were unwilling to take a chance of drawing any criticism by including anything that could not be measured. This mirrored the times of René Descartes when there was a division of science from religion because of political reasons. The age of fear of reticule needs to end so the age of enlightened exploration can exist. It is the extension of this exploration which has been done in secret by governments for centuries. It is time for it to come into the light. This is one reason I enjoy Rupert Sheldrake and other explorers of knowledge.

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