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CHAPTER 8 : ASSIGNMENT

PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND APPLIED SCIENCE

During the Eighteenth and Nineteenth century the success recorded in natural science was huge on the social and intellectual life the people of Europe that they started trusting the words of scientist and even sought their opinion on matters unrelated to science such as law and forensic evidence. The socio-cultural milieu in which positivism grew is called the renaissance and the enlightenment period. It is called a renaissance period because it marked a period when people started a revolution of return to their Greek heritage of using reason in matters of public concern and not the dictate of religion as it was in the age prior to this time,

The effect of that maneuvering was overwhelming scientific approach to things grew out of philosophical approach to issues, but science was restricted to study of natural phenomena because it was only the material that was believed to behave in a regular and predictable way. Positivism rejects theoretical speculations that are not based on facts of experience as a means of obtaining knowledge. There are a lot of problems with this conception of ideal knowledge seeking enterprise, First of these problems is observation upon which the basic justification of positivism came is laden with error. These include the facts that: observation are concept-laden, observations are hypothesis-laden, observations are theory-laden, observations are value-laden, observations are interest-laden,

Social science is said to be an area of study dedicated to the explanation of human behavior, interaction and manifestations, either as an individual in a society or collectively as a including the institutions norms and mores such interaction created. Social science seeks to employ the method of science in the investigation of social phenomena taking the human person as object of study, The objectives of such endeavor include: 1) understanding humans in both historical and cultural development context and factors responsible for such development or change. 2) discovering and manipulating if possible, the laws governing most of human behavior. 3) advancing beyond armchair philosophy, the knowledge about the characteristics temperament and associated behavior of a person or group or the exhibited by those engaged in an activity,

There are many problems of reasons and causes to understand this problems with social science better, we need to understand that one of the essential features of science. According to this account, for anything to be cause of another, the causes and effect must have an invariable or constant relation in the sense that whenever the alleged cause occurs the effect must also occur be spatially contiguous, that is the two events must occur in approximately the same location or at least be related by a chain of events that are spatially linked The problem of human person as object of study in social science, Another problems with the project of social science is that, according to max weber, methodology of science becomes inapplicable due to the fact that the object of study in social science is man a rational being with freewill, desires, emotions and others sentient features that come into play in his action or reaction,

Take for instance the law of demand and supply in economics which predicts that humans as a rational being will buy less when the price is high and buy more when the price is low. It is on this basic assumption of rational behavior that the law of demand and supply was formulated. The higher the demand, higher the price, but the supply the lower the price. This also referred to as market force. However, it has been observed even by economist themselves that this laws do not hold all the time since man does not behave rationally all the time. In facts, in recent years capitalist have been to manipulate consumers behavior to the point it is doubtful if these laws hold any longer. For example, some android phones and iPhone applications are of necessity to buy if you want to use the phone some applications will even force the user to update it, causing the user to spend data on the update as data is the currency of the internet of nowadays. In conclusion insight of this philosophy is an everyday something and man cannot do without it.