

Understanding Fritjof Capra's Thought in "Great Thinkers" Seminar

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Old adage states that every one hundred years, a turning point in civilization will occur. The problem is whether the turning point will lead to goodness, or to suffering (evil). "This still needs to be debated as much permissiveness in life has made believers and adherents of humanism afraid. Cultural permissiveness common in the last five years has led to many changes in man's life," Prof. Dr. Abdul Munir Mulkan, SU, said at the 5th floor Seminar Room of UGM Graduate School on Thursday (22/7) explaining the thoughts of Fritjof Capra in the seminar *Great Thinkers*.

Abdul Munir said that valuable lessons from Fritjof Capra's thesis are the relationship of science and the parallel development of behavioral and socio-cultural system. Cartesian and Newtonian sciences that are mechanistic in extreme Materialism and Rationalism produced various crises in the hedonistic, narcissistic socio-cultural system, when social life is defined as the number of individual traits.

Now, the emergence of a holistic-spiritual vision of science in the socio-cultural systems that are looking for shape might be labeled Neo-communalism. Meanwhile, universities seem at loss of direction and purpose for universal humanity. "Julien Benda portrayed being tempted by power as betrayal," the lecturer of Yogyakarta Islamic State University said.

He said that in order to understand what is happening in the country according to Capra's perspective, it is important to see the social-cultural dynamics of this country during approximately the past fifty years. It needs to review the assumption that men are basically good except the system and education that make them bad.

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