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PROCESS AND REALITY

An Essay on Cosmology

Alfred North Whitehead (1929)

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PROGRAMME

Whitehead's process philosophy presents a dynamic ontology in which reality is understood as a network of unfolding events rather than static substances. This view aligns with complexity theory, which studies emergent, nonlinear and adaptive systems. Both approaches emphasise relationality, processuality and becoming over being. Rather than appearing as a closed whole, reality is seen as an ongoing, creative process characterised by interactions. Complexity theory provides an epistemological framework through which Whitehead's metaphysical concepts can be interpreted in a systemic and interdisciplinary manner. This connection enables a deeper understanding of living systems, social dynamics and ecological processes, promoting holistic perspectives on reality and knowledge. This creates a philosophical-scientific dialogue that bridges the gap between metaphysical speculation and empirical modelling.

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