

BOOK NOTES

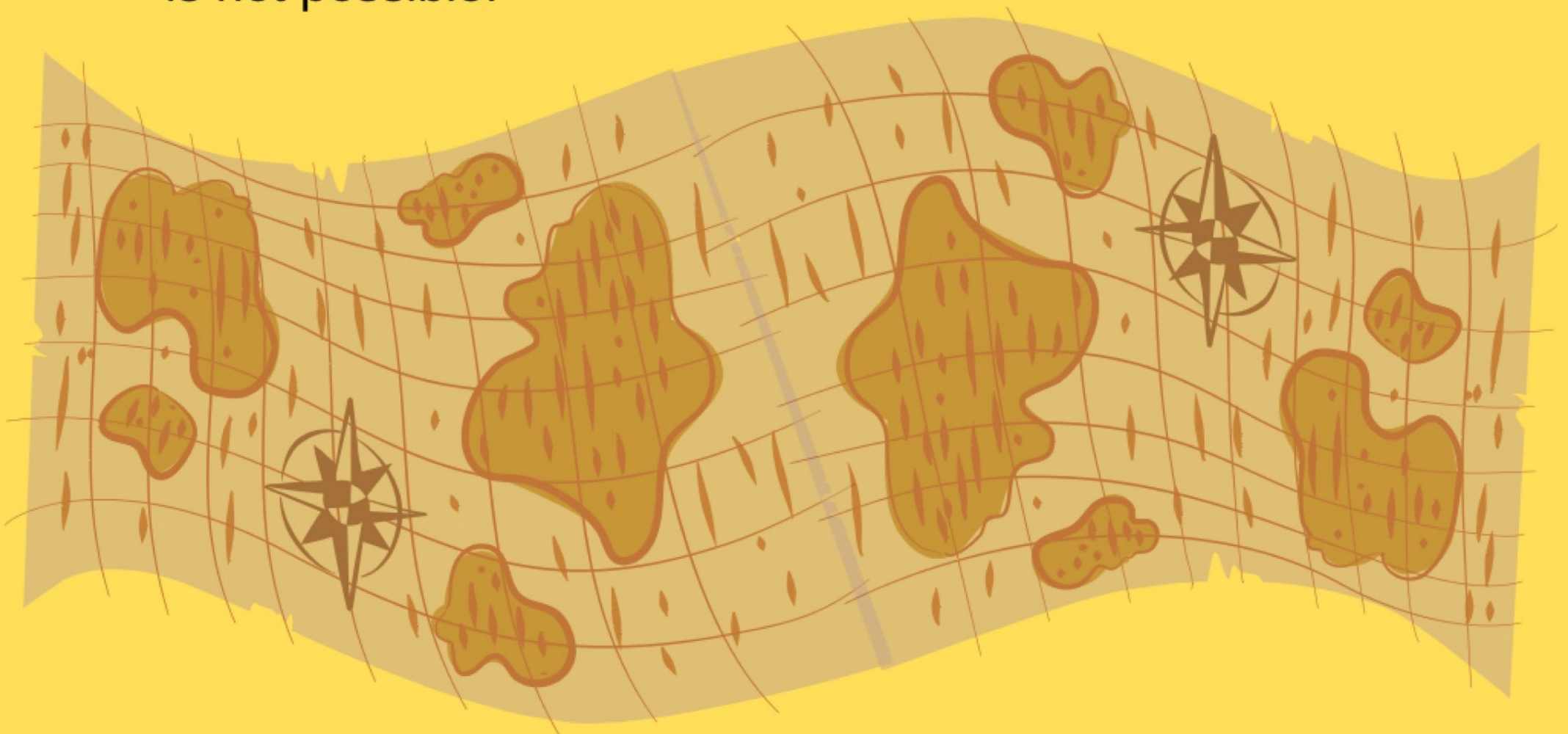
INTERPRETATION OF HUMAN HISTORY

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WHY “INTERPRETATION” OF HUMAN HISTORY ?

Dr Alexis Carrel has rightly stated in his book, “Man the Unknown”, that the subject of the **interpretation of history is directly related to man’s freedom**. Since man is not predictable, any comprehensive explanation of his actions is not possible.



EXISTING THEORIES ON HISTORY



HISTORICAL MATERIALISM



NATION THEORY



EVOLUTIONARY THEORY

WHIG INTERPRETATION



BERNARD SHAW THEORY



RELIGIOUS THEORY



Historians in general look at history in terms of the whole of humanity (collectively) to determine its beauty or ugliness.

HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION WITH A CREATOR IN MIND



When your Lord said to the angels, 'I am putting a successor on earth,' they said, 'Will You place someone there who will cause corruption on it and shed blood, while we glorify You with Your praise and exalt Your holiness?' [God] answered, 'Surely, I know that which you do not know.' He taught Adam all the names, then He set them before the angels and said, 'Tell Me the names of these, if what you say be true.' They said, 'Glory be to You; we have no knowledge except whatever You have taught us. You are the All Knowing, the All Wise.' Quran (2:30-32)

The divine principle about human history can be summed up as **'managing history while maintaining human freedom'**.

TIMELINE OF HISTORY WITH CREATOR IN MIND

The First Man

God sent Adam and Eve who settled in Mesopotamia (Iraq). The descendants of Adam and Eve adhered to the religion of Adam for many generations. Gradually corruption prevailed, and almost all his descendants became involved in polytheism.

The Role of Noah

God then sent Noah as a Prophet to revive monotheism. But polytheism was so much rooted in the society and Noah was eventually commanded to build an Ark to save his people.

The Ishmaelite Era

Similarly, Prophet Abraham bought his wife, Hajar and son, Ishmael to Makkah's deserts. Their descendents produced Children of Ishmael over 25,000 from which several heros were produced.

The Birth of Seal of All Prophets

TIMELINE OF HISTORY WITH CREATOR IN MIND

The Prophethood of Muhammed

God sent the final Prophet Muhammed ibn Abdulla from Children of Ishmael who revolutionised monotheism to create a collective nation. This nation gave rise to powerful leaders like Abu Bakr and Umar bin Al Khattab.

The Golden Age of Islam

Islam allowed study of nature unlike viewing them as divine deities. The work of research and investigation began among the Muslims, especially during the Abbasid period.

The Rise of Western Civilisation

However, The energy of Muslims was gradually mostly devoted to political activities as time passed. The European Christian nations began their works of scientific research after the Crusades. Western civilization played a supportive role in this historical process.

The Modern Era of Global Communication

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