From Arrogant Extension to Respectful Solidarity

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University inside walls

- Modern system of publication
- Classrooms for teaching
- Certification for teaching & research
- Accreditations for granting certificates

Peer Review

The process by which scholars assess the quality and accuracy of one another's research papers.
Growth of Modern Science

• Laboratories in Europe & North
• Slave trade & samples in Global South
• Chemistry & physics in world war I & II
• Colonial control over resources
Rise of Extra-Mural Studies

• Outside the walls....field

• Medicine, agriculture, veterinary students

• Extension services....outside the wall

• Clinical & field trials....outside the walls
Epistemological Movements

• Subaltern studies....from below

• Bhakti movement scholars....Ramanujam, Rumi, Nanak, Kabir...

• Indigenous scholars....ecological worldviews...

• Experiential knowers....herbal medicines, water diviners, spiritual healers
Epistemic Justice

• Whose knowledge counts?

• Universal expertise, contextual place-based

• Language & culture provide concepts & theories

• Dominant ideas of our times are ideas of dominant classes
Post-pandemic Blues

- Holistic health....yoga, meditation & nutrition

- Food security...organic, without chemicals, local, seasonal

- Climate disasters....triggered by knowledge economy and neo-liberalism

- Knowledge democracy....bridging knowledges
Respectful Solidarity

- Valuing community knowledge
- Mutual learning....service together
- Dialogue across knowledges
- Actions for ecological justice & social inclusion
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