

Among other reasoning techniques, the so-called scientific method has gained a big popularity. Science is fundamentally based on observations and uses the reasoning technique conclusions are always liable to be falsified and it is taken as the strategy for invention of new theories in science. Sine, science is popular many people try to show that their own disciplines are also science.

In this vin, some conventional Buddhists tend to describe that Buddhism is scientific. Unfortunately, they have forgotten the essential characteristics of science. We are confident that no Buddhists want to say that Buddhism is incomplete and liable to be falsified. Those Buddhists put forward this argument yet because some inventions in modern science coincide with what the Buddha had said. That is a misunderstanding of what the scientific method is. Just because two disciplines talk of the same theme in the same manner, it does not imply that two disciplines are the same.

So, such attempts to interpret Buddhism as a science really destroy the core of Buddhism. Of course, reasoning techniques used in Buddhism are much broader than those used in science. In fact, the reasoning techniques used in Buddhism even go beyond the twofold deductive reasoning in mathematics, which is truth preserving, and postulates the idea of multi-valued logic as well. Buddhism should be considered as a discipline, which uses different reasoning techniques as appropriate rather than as a science. So comparison between science and Buddhism is misleading.