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The story I'm telling in this book is how these two positions—relativism and absolutism—are mirror images of a similar stance in the world. If all truths are relative, then my truth (or my tribe's truth) is what's most important. Also, when we take the relativist stance—its clear-eyed vision—we may take pride in being savvy and bold—not to be duped by anyone.

The main feature of this stance is a denial of multidimensional realities when they're not intelligible to our current way of seeing things. This stance gets in our way of working through difficult challenges that we're facing today.

TODAY'S CHALLENGES

Reading the news headlines, we're confronted by a daily barrage of images and stories on the dynamic and unstable impact of globalization.