

Chapter 5

Science, Spiritualism, and Language: A Bond of Inseparableness With Life

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ABSTRACT

Since the time of human civilization, the punitive investigations in the three determinant demeanors, which impinge from Plato to Tagore and from Newton to Einstein are language, science, and spiritualism. The ultimate nobility of the three is to discover the nature of reality. Reality is much more profound; but is scarcely comprehended by the ailing minds of modern men. Science and spirituality help in analyzing the matter of reality deeply and unveil the wide spectrum of topics from consciousness to cosmology and from scientific mystery to mathematical derivations and language helps its transformation and transition from generation to generation. The three aspects solemnly commit disciplining individuals to get eternal bliss, accomplishing the concepts of realism and idealism.

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INTRODUCTION

The most commemorated passage of Albert Einstein ‘The best thing one can experience is the mysterious. It is the basic emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science...the mystery of the eternity of life, and the inkling of the marvelous structure of reality, together with the single-hearted endeavour to comprehend a portion, even so tiny, of the reason that manifests itself in nature’ (Einstein, 1949). Dionysius the Areopagite, a highly influential mystic of the early sixth century, writes: “At the end of all our knowing we shall know God as the unknown”; and Saint John of Damascus, in the early eighth century declares: “God is above all knowing and above all essence” (Capra & Steindl-Rast, 1991).

The rampant atrocity of material possession which plagues our life, in the verge of being stuck down is stabilized by the supreme spiritual abstractions in course of time. Many scientists and spiritualists contribute their pioneering effort to interface between the two ultimate sources of knowledge ‘science’ and ‘spiritualism’ for a deeper realization of the life and the universe. In the consciousness centred paradigm of spiritualism, resolves the body-mind problem, abstractions of evolution and origin of life along with some philosophical and ethical concerns promoting a better and harmonious understanding among all. Imbalance between the two, flings persons into unrealistic goals. Science with its tremendous creativity manufactures alcohol and other psychiatric drugs, say for example, and due to the lack of proper spiritual inputs, people refuse to succumb to these frustrated inculcations which results bottomless hurt making a merry mess of lineage and inheritance, wrecking the social order. Most appropriately Nikola Tesla contemplates, “the day science begins to study non-physical phenomena, and it will make more progress in one decade than in all the previous centuries of its existence.” Both the science and spiritualism have the same function of leading the world from falsehood to truth, from ignorance to light knowledge, from death to immortality coaxing peace everywhere in heaven, sky, earth, water, plants, animals etc. From another point of view such as environmentalism and energy conservation from ancient age, Veda declares the sparingly use of anything in this god’s universe. Everything returns to nature as it is natural. Furthermore, science rejuvenates the same thing through the laws of conservation and ecological balance. Veda as studied is the repository of all general and scientific knowledge. The spirits are indwelled in all living beings making them stand separately from the lifeless non-living things.

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