

## **Amritam Gamaya**

### ***Lead us to Immortality (Part 1)***

#### *Chapter 85: Science and Spirituality*

Children, both science and spirituality are striving to discover the truth behind the universe – science, through external enquiry, and spirituality, through an inner search. Science sees the object of investigation as separate from the investigator. We perceive this world through the sense organs, mind and intellect. We can never gain knowledge of any object without recourse to the sense organs, mind and intellect.

An ant does not see an elephant in the same way as a human being does. Its eyesight is different from ours, and therefore, it can never see the real shape of an elephant. Similarly, a cockroach will see an elephant in yet another way. From this, we can see that our impression of the universe is dependent on our limited sense organs, mind and intellect. It is not an accurate picture.

The universe around us is in a constant state of flux. A seed that is planted in the soil grows into a tree. Eventually, that tree also dies. A pot is made of clay. When the pot is destroyed, it is reduced to clay again. In truth, nothing is destroyed, only the attributes keep changing. Amidst all this change, there is something that remains unchanged – the substratum of pure consciousness, which is devoid of attributes.

The discoveries and theories of science are predicated on the limited knowledge of the times. Therefore, the postulates of today might be proven wrong tomorrow. Today, we might discover a new drug. After some time, we might find out about its adverse side effects. By the time it is recalled from stores, quite a few people might have almost died as a result of taking that medicine.

In this sense, the history of science is a continuing saga of trial, error and new discoveries. No matter how many discoveries science makes, there will always remain much more to be discovered. It is like two lawyers arguing in the absence of a judge; their argument will never end. In the quest to discover the truth of the universe, spirituality plays the role of judge. In spirituality, there is a successful ending. The substratum of the universe is consciousness, and one is nothing but that. When one realizes that the universe is a manifestation of that consciousness, the search for Truth comes to an end.

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