

The Spiritual Scientist

The finest spiritual scientist is a grand manifestation of the perfect blend of spirituality and science, who can solve the mysteries of the Universe that God owns. Men were born to suffer and die. From a gross point of view, this is what mankind's journey is about. However, this is only part of human history. The other part and more importantly, is a man's unabated search for knowledge, happiness, and immortality. This primordial and pertinacious search is a characteristic that the space-age man shares with the stone-age man. Strangely enough, both groups adopted the same self-defeating means and measures to accomplish their desired goals. The search for perennial happiness, light, and life in physical and intellectual planes has always ended with a heart-rending fiasco. Dismayed at such stunning failures made mankind ponder what the right means could be. This marks the beginning of a man's inner awakening. A man can be viewed as a purely physical being. He will then live like beasts and animals and share their fate. He can be viewed as a psychophysical being. In such a case, he will be a rational ape, inventing suicidal engines of destruction, and possessing the privilege not shared by the apes of going insane. Again, a man may be viewed as a spirit who inhabits a psychophysical abode. We can then account for his restless and ancient quest for happiness, knowledge, and deathlessness. Eternal existence, awareness, and bliss are the very nature and texture of the spirit. Hankering for the Eternal is a spiritual hankering that can be satisfied in a spiritual way only. The subatomic and antimatter world of the physicist, the galactic and extragalactic immensities of the cosmologist, the molecular and cytological vistas of the biologist, and the psychologist's fathomless psyche have made man gaze and gasp in awe of the mystery that defies all attempts at disrobing. Despite all the claims of so-called scientific conquests, man is reduced to the naive state of tot picking tiny, colored pebbles on the shores of that infinite mystery. The microcosmic and macrocosmic worlds have completely engulfed the midget and human mind. Speaking about this mystery and the origin of true religious consciousness, the famous scientist Albert Einstein says, 'The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. This is the source of all true art and science. To whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead, with his eyes closed. This insight into the mystery of life coupled with fear has given rise to religion. To know that what is impenetrable to us exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty which our dull faculties can

comprehend only in their most primitive forms— this knowledge, this feeling, is at the center of true religiousness.' These words could very well come from a man of true religion and save clauses about fear. It is perhaps the Semitic background of Albert Einstein that makes him tag the fear clause to this very wise statement. Fear is not always coupled with religious insight but with love and wonder. That Mystery, which we can safely designate as Truth or God, exists, manifests itself as the highest wisdom, and is radiantly beautiful and blissful. 'Man stands between two infinities,' remarked another Nobel laureate Bertrand Russell, 'the infinitely small and the infinitely big.' He forgot to add that the man in the middle was himself (also an infinity), looking into the two others in all the wonders that he encompassed. Because man is himself a part and parcel of that stupendous mystery, and seeks to rejoin it. The little, limited personality must expand until it is coextensive with that which is omnipresent. In his ignorance, man forgot his organic relations with God. In spiritual isolation, he is like a bubble of air caught under a mass of water and strives to rejoin the vast atmosphere above. He is like a drop of water separated from the ocean and its home and struggling to run down to it. He is like a spark from a raging fire, separated, and almost bereft of heat and glow, wanting to fall back into a blaze. All human endeavors and adventures one can think of are only various expressions of the soul's strivings to return to its eternal home, namely God. The only problem is that man being caught and trapped inside the labyrinth of infinite philosophical paths and spiritual tracks often fails to recognize his easiest and shortest way to his original home. He then needed a genuine master. It is difficult to find a spiritual master, let alone one of the highest spiritual orders. Once we can realize the enormous significance of a true master, it is only then that we outline in search of one and find one if the search is true.