

Science as an Agent of Spiritual Power

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For exploring the nature of our world let us take a few leaps into space. Can we conceive of a limitless consciousness? We have a power of imagination, so let us start by imagining limitless consciousness. That consciousness, being limitless, will be aware of the thoughts of all the separated units of consciousness throughout the Universe. It will register and respond to everything that happens everywhere. It has to be huge and comprehensive, as large or even more extensive than the Universe itself.

Because we are conscious, we have the power of imagination. Because we can imagine we can also create. The limitless consciousness that we are thinking about is bound to have an unrestricted power to create. Because we can imagine things we tend to form aims for ourselves towards which we address our creativity. We work for particular results within the ambit of our particular circumstances. Similarly, but on a gigantic scale, our limitless consciousness is certain to have purposes towards which its boundless creativity will be directed. It will be constantly working to achieve those aims.

Like life itself, and everything else too, consciousness, in its basic elements, is all one. The limitless consciousness is constantly receiving feedback from all the individual units of consciousness everywhere and responds to them all the time, by thought, with suggestions as to how they can most usefully contribute to the plans of the limitless consciousness because that is the course that would most benefit the individual units and the whole. The limitless consciousness, working in this way, would be continuously sending out a strong pulse of goodwill to each of the innumerable separated recipients. That would help them to develop and grow in understanding and productive activity.

The plans of the creative limitless consciousness include those appropriate and possible for every one of the units of consciousness everywhere, however small. Among them there will be plans for one particular tiny item of life within the vast universal whole, the little planet Earth. Evolution is proceeding there as everywhere else, and there will be precise purposes towards which it is foreseen that that area of evolution can best advance. It seems that the tardiness of adequate responses from the individual units of consciousness within the Earth have resulted so far in the progress of that planet being behind schedule, and so measures have to be taken to encourage them to speed up. The plans of the limitless consciousness for the mineral planet Earth and all its inhabitants will be to bring to fruition there the blue gem that is required in that place to play its particular part fully as a small but important item of life in the Universe as a whole. As the planet is mainly mineral it will be necessary to develop within it, using all the units of consciousness that exist there, a knowledge in detail of how to steer its evolution in the direction that will most help the individual units to achieve their full potential as partners in the expanded and enlightened life of the Universe. That implies developing, within the space occupied by Earth, and through the instrumentality of the human and other units of consciousness, the knowledge and understanding that has just begun to emerge through all the different branches of science as we know them today. When that expansion of knowledge has progressed far enough for real improvements to be made in the shaping of the Earth's future development, it will be seen that deeper understanding of the nature and aims of the limitless consciousness will need to be added to the then current scientific ability to manipulate outward physical appearances.

It will be seen that only in that way can Earth's evolution be guided in the most constructive and necessary directions for itself and the solar system.

Looking at the future of the earth, and indeed of the Universe, as nearly as we can in the same way as the limitless creative consciousness does is what has been described as holding a spiritual world view, or spiritual view of life and the world. By now we can indeed regard it as appropriate to consider the limitless consciousness of our imagination as a live thinking Being that is real and does exist, incorporating all the creative qualities referred to here. Our ordinary human science, temporarily so confined to the physical and materialistic, should be seen, and should see itself as neither hostile to nor opposed by Spirit, but as one of the necessary agents of the Spiritual Being. It follows that scientists should see themselves in this new light as agents of the Spirit. In so far as our science of today rejects this view it will discover that it cannot stop the spiritual advance but can only delay it for a while, and such delays will automatically drag in their wake calamitous consequences, including geological disasters.

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