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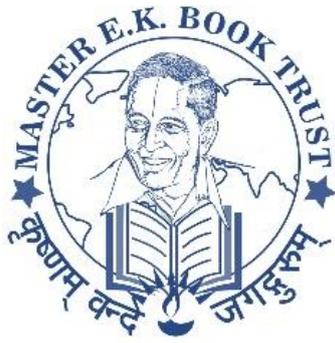
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THANK you all for your happy presence. Today we will discuss something about research in science and research in spiritualism and the paradox between the two. Research in science is true in the modern age and research in spiritualism is also true in the modern age; what is not true is the paradox between the two.

There is supposed to be a paradox between the two fields: science and spiritualism. This supposition of a paradox is based upon the idea that there is antagonism between science and spiritualism. There is also a supposition that science is materialistic and spiritualism is non-materialistic. The term materialistic is itself a bit baseless because matter on this earth is not altogether divided and separated from the other planes of existence. Of course, there was a time in the 19th century when the scientist believed himself materialistic because he was ready to believe only what was manifest through matter. But the dimensions of science have developed and changed far and wide. In the 19th century the scientist was a slave of matter. Now

we find that the scientist is a master of space. It is really a great progress, to go from the state of slavery to matter to mastery over space. With this rate of progress, we can have a rough idea of the future scientist and his progress. And it is unscientific to visualize progress in one dimension. Some people may believe that progress is linear, but people who know the nature of progress through centuries understand that progress is not linear, but that it is cyclic and multidimensional; otherwise we cannot call it progress. If there is a big swelling of one leg due to some disease, can we call it strength? Can we call it the accumulation of strength in that portion of the body? If there is a healthy development, there will be a harmonious development of the whole constitution. Similarly, the development in the modern science also will have its own harmonious development.

Already more than 20 years ago, science found its own limitations very uncomfortable. Had science believed in materialism it would have stagnated where it was 20 years ago. There was a time when the scientist believed in the perfect vacuum in space. Now, gradually, the scientist is entering into the contents of space and perfectly ignoring the idea of vacuum. If any professor in physics, or nuclear physics, teaches

nowadays that there is an ideal vacuum in space, then we should understand that he is having a perfect vacuum in his mind about his concept of space. Of course, space is more impregnable than any other state of matter, and it takes a longer time for the mind to penetrate space than it took to penetrate the states of matter.

The scientist is coming nearer and nearer to the real mysteries of space. Just he is feeling the murmurs of consciousness in space. He is just noticing that space is a personality, a living entity like ourselves, in which the folds of matter will unfold gradually. The succession of this unfolding is understood as time only by the human mind. In fact, there does not exist anything like time, except the reaction of the mind of the observer towards these successions. So man is now standing amidst the coils of a wonderful serpent which is gradually making loose its own coils and unwinding the spirals of its own existence; each coil making a state of matter, and the inner, tender coils making a state of force and coils of various manifestations of force, the tender most coils making the layers of mind, and the still tenderer coils making the intelligence manifest from within itself. At the centre of himself, He is standing as eternity, who was there before its birth, who is there

during its birth, who will be there after the disappearance of the coils. The whole thing was, depicted thousands of years ago, in the form of the God of Eternity sleeping within the coils of a serpent. This is the concept which the learned human being had about the wisdom around man with its eternally unwinding coils.

This wisdom contains what we call science and what we call spiritualism and by all the nations who have a standing through thousands of years, the coiled serpent is considered to be a symbol of wisdom, leaving its layers of skin periodically, which symbolize the matter on this earth, and creeping forward from the layers left out in the form of the movement of consciousness.

So, there was no paradox between science and spiritualism through thousands and thousands of years. Unfortunately, there was a gap of unscientific centuries before we lived, but there is again a new awakening of scientific consciousness within recent centuries. So, still there are some unscientific thoughts lingering in the mind of the so-called scientists and the so-called spiritualists. Therefore, a gap is created between the two and the scientist is called a materialist by a non-

spiritual religious man and the man of religion is called a dreamer by the so-called unscientific scientist. Before that, they could understand that there is a scientific religion and a religious science which meet each other in the gap which is man-made, the meeting place being the real spiritualism. If the scientist thinks that science is materialistic, he cannot be a scientist because science is not matter but a systematization of the law of matter and law of force. Law is not materialistic but it is something which is understood. It belongs to the mental and to the intellectual planes. Science belongs to the laws of matter and force, science does not belong to the material pieces around us. Therefore science is essentially mental and intellectual. Spiritualism is essentially intellectual and something more.

The discovery of new truths is understood as disproving the older truths by some people, but the truth is that the discovery of new truths throws more light on the older truths and gives us the capacity to understand the older truths more correctly and re-arrange the old truths in a better way. The concept of old and new exists only in the limitation of the human mind and does not exist with anything at all outside. If we say, “this is an old truth”, that means it was known before us. If we say, “this is a new truth”, this means that it is known during

our time. That occurs in us when we take ourselves as the standard of time, which is too much for the human intelligence to assume. It is really an insult to human intelligence to take himself as a standard of time and his own century as a big unit of time. There is no greater insult than this. So, the truths are old and new only relative to the understanding of our limited mind, whereas truth exists eternally, whether we discover them or not. Sugar is sweet whenever man discovered it, but only to the human mind. But the truth that sugar is sweet exists always although it only becomes true to the human being when he discovers it. Therefore, the materialistic nature of science is not at all true and the latest explorations of science show us that the scientist is getting himself prepared to make a penetration into the new dimensions of science.

There was a strange conversation in India with one of my friends. He suddenly came to me, smiled and said: “You know that man reached the moon? Man walked on the moon, and you religious people say that the moon is a planetary force and the planet influences the earth; what do you say to this?” That was his childish question, because it showed an undeveloped mind. Then I told him: “Two ants are making a wonderful conversation. One ant is crawling on your coat and

another ant is crawling on your hand. One ant said, 'there is a man standing there opposite us', and the other ant said, 'no, no, it is something like the surface upon which we are walking'. And when the two friends shook hands, one ant walked onto the body of the other person and returned back safely when once again the two friends shook hands, and then said to the other ant, 'I went there and walked up and down. You said there was a man there, what do you say now? I disproved that there is a man there because I walked on the surface'. But this poor fellow ant walked on the surface of the coat of a man which it does not know. That is the reply I gave to him but of course he was not ready to receive it because it takes some time for him to receive.

If we are seeing a drama or a dance program or a music program in India – if there is an ant crawling upon the person who is enacting the drama, the drama does not exist to the ant, only its own traffic exists to it. The musician does not exist, the music does not exist, because the comprehension is only the comprehension of an ant. That is the difference between the human comprehension and the comprehension of an ant.

The existence of a planetary consciousness in the moon has nothing to do with a man reaching the moon.

Another thing is, the principle of moon has nothing to do with the satellite moon. In each of us we are having all the principles of all the planets working, whereas the planetary bodies are different from the planetary principles just as India is different from Indians. An Indian can come and stay for some time in Geneva yet he is an Indian, he represents Indian principles. Similarly, on every planet there are living beings who contain the living principles of all the other planets of the solar system. So the scientific nature of a subject exists only in concept and not in matter, and science can never be materialistic if it is real science. Science is only a systematization of knowledge in a proper way and it is the proper grouping and arrangement of the laws of nature and not at all the arrangement of matter.

If we try to just peep into the immediate future, man, the master of space in the present day, will progress in the right direction after some time, will rectify himself from an ideal of conquering nature and evolve into the stage of unfolding into nature and tune in with nature.

Now, some science professors say that the scientist has conquered nature, for example, by discovering and exploring electricity, but if we properly understand, has he conquered electricity? The manifestation of

electricity is possible only when we make a proper application of the generator and a proper arrangement and proper connections of electricity. If we violate the rules of connections, there may be either the disconnection of electricity or an explosion of electricity. So man is honouring the rules of electricity to get electricity. He cannot bluff that he has conquered electricity when we have to honour Nature to get something from Nature, when there is no other way at all except to honour the law of Nature. It is too much and too primitive to think that we have conquered Nature. Gradually, the scientist will come to a stage of right understanding and the concept of conquest of Nature will be eliminated from his mind and be replaced by the concept of expanding the individual consciousness into the universal consciousness; until then, the better secrets of electricity will be locked in Nature and man has to wait, using electricity only for a few external purposes. The more he has a proper understanding of electricity, the more electricity reveals itself to him, just as the atom reveals itself to him. There comes a time when man realizes that life is not different from electricity and even space, which appears as nothing to the naked eye. The veil of ignorance will be removed from the eye of the human being and its innermost secrets will be displayed to the human being,

according to the fitness of his approach to space. Space will be understood as a reservoir of electricity and the drawing of electricity from the reservoir will be properly understood as the secret of what we call the temple. When you see the generator of electricity, the mechanism is nothing but what we call the arrangement of the temple. There is nothing there like electricity before the generator produces electricity. There is no electricity at all in any part of the generator before it is produced. When the generator is assembled also, there is no electricity at all produced, but when once the spark is given, when once a beginning is made, there is the manifestation of electricity. Can any professor tell us from which part of the generator the electricity has made its appearance? The truth is that space is the reservoir of what we call electricity. Just now the scientist is discovering the electromagnetic fields in space, the same space which he called a vacuum yesterday and the same space which the atheist called "no God" yesterday.

So, space is "seemingly nothing" and creation is "apparently something". From the stage of "seemingly nothing" to a stage of "apparently something", there is a continuity which we call the current of electricity or the manifestation of consciousness, or what the learned

people call the manifestation of God. So, the real concept of temple will be understood by the scientific religious person and the real reservoir of electricity will be understood by the spiritual scientist, tomorrow, in the near future, and that it is a presence which is different from existence. Existence is to the created entities, whereas presence is irrespective of the "created" or "non-created". So from the stage of the values of existence to the stage of the values of the presence, man is making his forward steps. Now the average human being understands only the physical presence by the word "presence". Sometimes he understands the mental presence also and sometimes he can understand the astral presence also, but there will be a "Buddhic" presence also, and there will be a right understanding of impersonal presence, to which we are blind today, and which we call only electricity. This is one of the dimensions which is going to unfold in the near future. So there is no space at all for the notion of a paradox.

Another dimension is going to be open between the two different temples, the temple of science and the temple of religion. The temple of science has its own generator of electricity and all the devas of the electromagnetic phenomena. Another temple of

science is the atom. A third and complex temple of science is the biological cell. These are the various temples of the scientific mind, around which he is making the revolutions of his own understanding. The temple of the person of religion is the church, the temple, the mosque and all such things. But they have the same single principle applied in different dimensions. In each of these different temples of the two categories, there is only one opening into the sanctum sanctorum. When you go around, you have to return only to the same gate. There are no two gates in the essential part of the temple, be it the scientific temple or the religious temple.

Of course, there are also minor temples, like the temple of commerce and the temple of economics, which are of lesser importance than these two temples because they will be open or closed in the vacations according to temporary necessities. We are concerned with the two eternal temples that always exist: one is the temple of science and the other the temple of religion, and there is a big wall between the two temples. The wall is a partition made by human ignorance and limitation. In the future, they are going to break the wall and make a beautiful gateway. Then we will find that the exploration of space will be more of a

different nature and the scientist will be forced to accept space consciousness and space mind; until then he is stuck up in space and cannot proceed. He will also discover that space pulsates and everything that makes its appearance in space pulsates. The same pulsation is being carried out in the stage of our individual existence; that is what we call the heart pulsation and the respiration of the lungs. Every cell in our body is pulsating, every atom of any range of substance is pulsating, and our space globe in the millions of the galaxies is pulsating. (... gap in the recording...) While they are expanding, space is becoming thinner and thinner until it differentiates its own fibres, which we call the states of matter. For this reason, Madam Blavatsky has hinted in the Secret Doctrine that space has slips here and there and these slips are the states of matter. It is for the future scientist to fill up the gulf between religion and the existing state of science. Then he will once again discover the pulsation of space. Then he will go further and discover that there is what he calls life in himself, which he calls the vital force and vital body in himself, and what the scientist calls electricity outside, and there is a point when these two different understandings meet. Life is understood as the natural manifestation of electricity and electricity is understood as a man-created source of life. A different rate of

vibration of electricity will be understood as mind and the different mathematical indices in that vibration will be understood as the different moods of the mind. An illumination of electricity in its natural state of phenomenon will be understood as what we call intelligence and a higher rate of illumination of the same electricity will be understood as the many thousands of fine layers, the total of which we call the Buddhic plane. And finally, the God of the scientist and the God of the religious man will be discovered on the pinnacle of all these values; that is, the seeker himself purified, the person who is seeking for truth will be understood by himself as the truth and the highest illumination of electricity as himself, or God. When understood through the layers of limitation, he will call it himself, soul, personality, individuality, mind, entity, or anything he calls it. But the purest of what is in himself will be found as the purest of the existence in everything, the highest possible conceivable illumination, which the real spiritualists called again and again by the name God.

So this is what is going to happen once again since it happened many times on the surface of this earth. In that state, you can understand the proper utilization of electricity. Electricity is then understood on its lower plane as power, on a bit higher plane as energy, on a

bit higher plane as mind, on a bit higher plane as intelligence with all its fine layers, on a bit higher plane as the Buddhist plane with all its thousands of finer layers, and above it as the seeker himself who was seeking. The evidence of such a realization in the past exists in every Scripture. For example, one Scripture of the ancient Indian nation gives us a mystery in the form of a story. The story runs like this:

Once there were two brothers who were great giants of the human race. They made a conquest of many places around themselves and proved themselves dangerous for many people in the society. One of them was killed by God. Nobody knew how he was killed; his body was floating in water. The other brother started to search for God to kill him. He took all the weapons with him and made a thorough search of all the earth everywhere. Then he said: “I couldn't find Him”. Then the devas came to him and explained that there are seven planes of existence above. Then he made a thorough search of all the seven planes above. He found the planes were empty and there was no God. Again the devas informed him that there are 7 planes below, that is below the state of matter. So he made a thorough search of all the seven planes below and could not find God. He returned to the earth, which is in

the middle of all these planes, and said with great fight that there is nothing like God. Narada came to him and said: “You fool, you started with the assumption that God killed your brother. That means you accepted the existence of God. The very fact that you accepted that God killed your brother proves that you accepted the existence of God. Now you say there is no God! What is the wonder of your logic!” Then the giant said: “If there is God, how is it that He is not visible in anyone of these planes at all?” Then Narada said: “God is a great rogue. He is a wonderful deceit and a cheat. He hides somewhere which you cannot discover because He is really afraid of you. I will help you in searching for Him and killing Him. You search in your own house”. Then the giant said: “Don’t make a fool of me, how can I expect my enemy hiding in my own house?” Then Narada said: “It is the deception of God. Search in your own house!” Then he searched in his own house but did not find. Then Narada said: “Search in your own personal room”. He searched but did not find. Narada said: “Search in your own pockets”. He searched and there was no God. Narada said: “Search in the inner pocket, that is, the heart”. “How can I search my heart? Am I to pierce my heart? Open and pierce my heart? If I cut my throat and pierce my heart, I cannot replace the real God with the substituted word”. Then Narada gave

him the power to look into his own heart. He looked into his own heart and Narada asked: “Did you find God?” – “No, no, I found my photograph there!” Then Narada said: “That is God’s trick! God hid himself in your heart in the shape of your own face! Now you kill Him.” Then the giant stabbed the centre and he had his end and God began to exist in him.

Of course this is a great, profound story, which should be properly understood through initiation because it is one of the mystery plays of the Ancients. Even today we find traces of this mystery in the many so-called ritualistic orders of the world, conventionally and mechanically carried on without knowing the significance. Then there was the discovery that the seeker himself was God and the death of the seeker is the birth of God. That is, the death of God consciousness is the birth of individual consciousness and the death of individual consciousness is the birth of God consciousness once again. The first is called the great sacrifice of the Lord, as a result of which we are born of His flesh and blood. The second is called the lesser sacrifice of the individual. God makes His great sacrifice of His own existence as God consciousness, and there is the birth of the individual worlds in Him. This is what the Indian Scriptures describe, saying that

God went into sleep on the coiled serpent and the worlds made their manifestations on His body. These mystery plays will be discovered in space. There will be a restoration of these mysteries, once again, and the re-opening of the real Temple will be made in due and ancient fashion. That is exactly what is predicted by Master Djwhal Khul in his books through Alice Bailey. It is clearly predicted that the opening of the Temple will be really made by the ritualists, who are not at all the present pseudo-ritualists of many secret orders, who do not know the real significance of the rituals that they perform. But the true ritualists will be the scientific ritualists of the future who realize scientific religion and religious science as one unit, which is the ancient wisdom which was realized many times by humanity in the ancient days, which will be once again realized and which will be realized periodically again and again. Once again it will be forgotten by another group of humanity. Whenever there is a new recruitment from the animal kingdom to the human kingdom, by virtue of evolution, the new group of human beings has to grow in the dark towards this wisdom for some time. For some centuries they have to fight with souls for this kingdom and then for some centuries they have to fight with civilization. Again and again for some centuries they have to fight with electricity and the atom, until

finally there is the great destruction at the last step of entering the Temple, which is called the killing of the beast or the Passover, which means killing of the beastly nature in the human kingdom. The promised land will be acquired by the new group of mankind as it was acquired by the older groups of humanity. Therefore, God was called in the Old Testament the God of the forefathers. It is the kingdom of the forefathers which we are going to approach once again. This is called the Grand Plan which is framed into a great drama by all the nations of the Ancients, and which was called the first mystery of the greater mysteries. There was a group of dramas like this called the greater mysteries. There was another group of dramas called the lesser mysteries. The lesser mysteries belong to the intellectual development of mankind, the conquest over the emotional beastly nature. The higher mysteries belong to the grand revelations of man to himself.

So that is the Temple into which the future generations are going to enter. That is the meaning of what Lord Buddha said, that space is the great Temple, because from space the seeker comes. From space the field in which he seeks comes; and the presence of the Lord is there in the seeker as well as the object of his

seeking. One seeks objectively, then he is called a scientist. Another seeks subjectively, then he is called a spiritualist. Both of them meet somewhere in the new world or America, since the earth is round.

So there is no paradox at all. Let us wait for that auspicious day. In the meanwhile, let us try to make the right approach, as far as our comprehension permits us, and let us not allow our emotions or intellect to make its own independent approach, create problems and get ourselves involved in them, and live a longer time in the slavery of necessity. Let us make ourselves free from involvements. So, there is no paradox at all. Let us read the lines of the wise masters who have hinted at these things in their works, for example, the works of Madam Blavatsky and Alice Bailey, and the works of many people who depended upon these two writings in many branches.

Once again, thank you all for the sweet presence you have given and we can have a free talk if you feel you have any question.

Question: (cannot be heard in the recording) Are there examples of these spiritual scientists?

Answer: There are already some examples. Albert Einstein, when we study his personal incidents, is a beautiful and an ideal example. He visualized the religious science and the scientific religion in his life itself and he found the possibility of the future merging of God science and the material science. We find it directly in many places where he has talked of these things. Many others might have had the same idea. Arnold Toynbee has given many examples of such belief. About the remaining foremost scientists also, if we just care to go through the pages of their personal diaries or life, we can get the same material. Even the ancient scientists of the Middle Ages were clear-cut in their understanding of God and the finer forces. Therefore we do not have only a prediction, we can rely upon these scientists who lived on earth and proved their faith upon such ideas.