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What a wonderful work!

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Our work, what is it? That's not 'our' work. We have to be an instrument, so little it could be, in the Divine hands to come back to the Truth stated in the Veda : “ *Vasudhaiva kutumbakam* ” (“the whole world is one family”), to the understanding that "all is One".

The world, Western as well as Eastern, has an awkward tendency to think that the present scientific attainments were for the first time discovered in the World History, and this by West. However there is nothing like this. Present science is just rediscovering the scientific knowledge that is expounded in the Vedas and other Indian scriptures since long. Simply, due to his fall, it has become impossible for man to understand these Scriptures, including from this scientific point of view.

Truly, the world is at a turning point of its history. Until then, it has been divided in two parts: on one side the East, seen by the Westerner as a land where man was dreaming, where he has stayed a bit primitive, superstitious, ignorant and blind, and where he had written some quite weird treatises; and on the other side the West, which was able to give it all the answers on all subjects. Now, we are reaching that spot where the meeting of these both is inevitable. From a first point of view, it is inevitable on the economic side and regarding human relations, the world having become so small with the modern means of transport and communication possibilities. The Divine law, *Sanatana Dharma*, continues and is inevitably pushing to this encounter that is part of this law. Economically, western nations have reached a dead end and are obliged to turn themselves towards outside if they want to go on with their logic of progression. It is what is happening, particularly with relocations, etc... We are fully in the encounter of civilisations and the 'under-developed' eastern countries, because of these encounters, are now progressing fast materially. But this is true too on the human side, the inside. There also, the western way of progression for external riches at any price, for carrying out material desires, has led to a dead end and to the misfortune of many. Western man is more and more becoming aware that, actually, happiness does not lie in the possession of external things and he turns, more and more, toward eastern philosophy. As a matter of fact, there are two kinds of reaction according to the level of each one: on one hand it is possible to observe a blossoming of sects¹

¹ *One of the most important being not a sect, but what is called a*

and, on the other hand, there is really a higher level of inner search. More and more westerners turn toward Hinduism or Buddhism, etc. Why westerners are not satisfied with Catholic or Protestant or Orthodox religions, these so-called Christian religions? Simply because the dogmas that these Churches have established have been proved false by science, and that it is not possible to have faith in someone who was wrong so often.

It was in the Divine plan, the appearance of Sri Ramakrishna for a return to integral Hinduism, and of Swami Vivekananda who came up to American and Europe to spread this knowledge and to show that everything was there.

But the two worlds will meet at the level of learning. The encounter of the two worlds will be complete. The western scientific research had and has something good, which is to sweep out dogmas, blind beliefs and superstitions. It is good in that, that it pushes towards and gives an 'objective' knowledge of things and environment, an objective knowledge of the world, at least for what concerns its physical part. It is also good because it sweep out dogmas and superstitions that have appeared in East, the objective truth being the same for all.

But what western science did not expect is that, while sweeping superstitions out, it was on the way to join with the truths that Vedic *rishis* had stated since times

'movement', the 'New Age movement', which is like a sect, with its dogmas, tenets and blind beliefs.

immemorial and which, however, it called before 'blind beliefs and superstitions'. Science has come to show that matter was a relative notion only, that, actually, this matter did not exist but that everything was only waves that could also be analysed as particles. First it comes to the atom, then to subatomic particles and it is obliged to revise entirely its view of the world. It has been led to the fact that everything was nothing but illusion, appearance, and that everything was one. This materialist science is obliged to admit that matter is nothing but an illusion!!! It has been led to the notion of big-bang and, after, to the notion of big crunch, which were expounded in Indian scriptures since times immemorial (we even think that it has found these notions there!). Science is just rediscovering the truths expounded since ages. It is why more and more scientists are interested in sacred Scriptures nowadays!

The notion man has of the infinite or of eternity is a slave of time. For him, the infinite is in space and eternity in time! He sees eternity in the past or in the future. He writes ' $-\infty$ ' and ' $+\infty$ '. But the infinite and eternity are not there. It is in the present. For instance it is between 1 and 2, or between 4 and 5, whatever you want: divide this space or that time by two, etc... it will be always possible for you to divide. The infinite is there, but it is elsewhere also, everywhere and in all...

Time has come for this encounter where, at least, it becomes possible to expound, once more, sanatana dharma in a logical and scientific way, to destroy all superstitions, western as well as eastern and born because

of the *tamasic shakti* (force of inertia) that has covered everything with illusion and ignorance. Time has come, as announced by Sri Ramakrishna, when all these religions, which are nothing but clothes, have to fall so that Truth, Sanatana Dharma, only remains. Possibly, some well cut clothes of Sanatana Dharma will stay, to which it will be possible, this time, do give the name of Religion: what links man to his own Being, as (true) Hinduism, Buddhism and (true) Christianity are, for instance.

Taking part in this global rebirth, taking part in this return of Light, Knowledge, Sanatana Dharma, is it not sublime? Being an instrument for this, does it not make us joyful? All men, most of them without being aware of it, are tools of the Divine. All men and everything in Nature participate in this return. This is part of the Cosmic cycle. "The world is one family".

In Physics, the conception western man had about matter in times past is totally different presently. Actually, the Hindu concept of *Prakrti* or *Shakti* is on the verge to be approached, soon science will commune with it. We are going towards a union of modern 'western' Physics with the 'eastern' wisdom. As also foresaid by Swami Vivekananda, the West brings to the East its scientific knowledge, though it has yet to become a little bit more humble and to acknowledge that it is just 'rediscovering' them; and the East brings to the West its ancestral wisdom, and both are complementary and merge to form one only family, in which knowledge is more complete and where it can only contribute to the spiritual evolution

of the entire humanity. Yogi Ramsuratkumar's saying: "All of them will become Hindus and all of us will become Christians" could also be understood in this view.

Therefore the work, more specifically in the West, is to enlighten the scientific knowledge with wisdom, with spirituality, and, on the other side, more specifically in the East, in India, to enlighten the scriptures, the symbols, the legends, with the logical and scientific knowledge (and also to show that the sages of yore were also great scientists who knew atomic and other sciences) and, in this way, to come back to a new cycle, as it was ages ago. In the same way for instance, we have to sweep all the dogmas that the Church has set up, this to come back to the true Christianity taught by Jesus and which is nothing else but Vedanta.

Very few scientists acknowledge this yet, very simply because they don't know Indian scriptures. However, at the end, the theories of relativity and the quantum theory end in the Hindu vision of the universe. Einstein, with his relative view of things, was led to mysticism. Why not to also quote somebody like Oppenheimer, atomist scientist: "The general ideas about human understanding ... illustrated with the discoveries of atomic Physics ... even have an history in our own culture and, in Hindu and Buddhist thought, a central and much more considerable position. We have to find a demonstration ... and a refinement of ancient wisdom." (*Science and common understanding*). We must show that Scriptures have expounded these rediscoveries in times past, this to enlighten the world about the reality of things and of

these Scriptures; and, also, we must go in a sphere that is not reachable by science and that however is not unscientific, that is to say the spiritual science, expressed in these same Scriptures, which expound the complete knowledge and not only one of its sides, not only Matter, but Spirit also, and this having in view the Cosmic Wedding of Shiva and Parvati. The understanding of Shiva's Cosmic Dance. The encounter of Physics and Metaphysics, of science and conscience.

One very good attempt we know for such a connection has been written by the modern physicist Fritjof Capra in his book, "The Tao of Physics". While sages as Vivekananda or Swami Rama Tirtha never stopped to proclaim that truth, it is the first time that a western physicist states it. He is the author of another book, 'The turning point', which we did not read, but it is quite sure that this "turning point" is the same as what we are speaking of here.

What is the fall we are speaking of? "Don't eat the fruit that is in the middle of the garden. Don't eat the fruit of discursive knowledge; be not busy with your mind. (Don't 'mind'). But man did. He has used his mind so much! He has cut everything in slices. As we have expounded somewhere else, in times past 'knowledge' did form a single trunk where everything was linked, was living 'together'. Then man cut this living trunk in different branches, in different sciences. Here Physics, there Chemistry, there Medicine, etc... With time, he divides again these branches in other 'sub-branches': here general medicine, there Psychology, and again:

stomatology here, rheumatology there, this here, that there; so much so that, just to speak of the medical point of view only, we have 'specialists' who don't know any more what is a whole body and who, of course, totally ignore the however essential implications between mind and body! Just imagine somebody who never saw a sausage and to whom you give a slice. How could he know, from the slice, what is a sausage? It is also the well-known story of the child who is asked to draw a fish and who draws a rectangle, for the only fish he knows is the deep-frozen fish that is sold in pasteboard boxes in the supermarket. The western ego has swollen, swollen, and has swept everything, destroyed everything as it went by. It is the so many times symbolically narrated story! Nevertheless, this ego will be defeated soon, and obliged to acknowledge its pettiness and, as so often seen in the Scriptures, at the time of death, the *rakshas* is transformed into a luminous form.