

CREATING CAPABILITIES AND VALUES IN THE KNOWLEDGE AGE – ROLE OF SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY

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Abstract

Science is the discovery of the truth. Such a discovery is led by a scientific quest starting with a hypothesis, pursued with logic and modeled with scientific tools of analysis, verified and validated by experimentation. Physical verification forms a sound basis of the scientific inquiry. In spirituality, on the other hand, one relies on his power of mind, power of intuitive and imaginative faculty, and achieves realization via revelations. Here again, the power of mind and the power of intuitive and imaginative faculty is synonymous to an inquiry led by mind waves, driven by curiosity and probed by a careful examination of what could be acceptable to the Self, the Eternal, Pure and Unperturbed being that powers mind, body and consciousness.

Self-realization, i.e., “*atmasat*” is face to face encounter with the reality, the truth, often stated as the ultimate truth in spiritual pursuits. Spirituality is thus, not just a mind game but the use of mind consciousness to witness and visualize, face to face, the ultimate reality - the Truth of the Being. Now that the God Particle has been discovered, it would be possible for us to comprehend more profoundly the meaning of this Vedic Proclamation of Purna, as now we should be able to better understand energy, waves and rays.

The value and worth of the synergy between science and spirituality lies in creating capabilities and values together. Capabilities alone are not the sufficient conditions to create a society tuned to the higher objectives of existence, i.e., to serve this beautiful creation with humility and truthfulness.

This paper delves upon India’s profound wisdom as contained in the Vedic literature and discovers its relevance in the knowledge age, now that the power of mind and the power of knowledge has been recognized as far superior to anything else, and the role of the ethics and professional morality is being increasingly becoming important to create a fair and just human society.