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Theosophia and science bring about the ultimate science. The discovery of truth in science and the realization of the divine wisdom called theosophia are inseparable. The truths of theosophia will eventually find its verification through scientific investigations and discoveries.

The one source and integration of science, religion, philosophy and art is also called theosophia. For at its highest level, these four fields of human endeavor are an indivisible unity.

Science is the search for truth. Religion, the search for God or Goodness. Philosophy, the search for wisdom. And art, the search for beauty. These goals as truth, God or Goodness, wisdom and beauty, are but expressions of our search for that one reality of the universe and of our own being.

There is a very special contribution that science brings. It strives for an openness and honesty, incorporated in its scientific rigor and discipline for discovery and verification. Our religious institutions must soon catch up in this direction. By then, the physicalistic paradigms of science will break open into the higher non-physical realms, onto the spiritual and divine realities.

Religion brings forth that ethical and spiritual dimension. At its deeper level, it upholds the virtues and ideals that constitute the underlying essence of every faith. Its validity is both mystical and inwardly experiential. Understanding our outward observations is dependent on the mastery of our inner perceptions.

Philosophy is more than the love of wisdom. It is very much also the wisdom of love. For wisdom without love cannot be considered wise. Thus, love without wisdom becomes destructive rather than creative.

The search for wisdom is true philosophy. We seek those answers to the myriad of questions as to the origin, the nature and

the destiny of our universe and of our humanity. Evidence is not enough. In philosophy, we look for meaning, significance, purpose and other transcendental themes.

Art is our search for beauty. where there is beauty, there is order. And where there is order, there is intelligence. The most beautiful is of the highest intelligence. The realization of beauty is the awakening of intelligence. Beautiful forms are but the expression of intelligent activity. The beauty of the universe is in the great order that sustains it. And that greatest order is made possible by an awesome intelligence.

The science of the future is in the development of our human sensory instruments of observation. The scientists of the future will use clairvoyance and clairaudience, telepathy and teleportation, and other much greater spiritual powers. They will not study some other person who is clairvoyant. With their own clairvoyance, they will restructure our current understanding of the whole of nature.

There is an ethical and spiritual climate that must precede these futuristic extensions of human perception. And theosophia provides the breakthrough. Until this climate is an inner reality, humanity is protected by the intellectual skepticism of the prevailing majority.

The secret of human consciousness may, perhaps, need to remain not unveiled until our capacity for peace is for real. The first thing we did when we discovered the secret of the atom was to make a bomb. The secrets of nature are surely not meant to fuel the monopolistic and voracious propensities of human commerce and industry.

When the first economic law of supply and demand shall have been transformed into the law of compassionate commerce managed by an ethically sensitive industry, the science of the future shall be an event horizon safely within our reach. ~ Δ ~

What is Science?

Science is simply a method of investigation. This method has four steps. Here they are.

First, the appreciation of a problem for investigation. This must be clearly stated within a reasonable framework that can be accomplished within a given period of time.

Second, the development of a hypothesis that might solve the problem. The word *hypothesis*, of course, sounds like a big word. Take comfort, it is just another high-sounding term for a *guess* which is very understandable. If you were a scientist looking for funding, no one will come to your aid if the money you are asking is to fund some guesswork. But call it a hypothesis, you are in luck, also because you sound knowledgeable.

Third, experimentation and verification. A solution or several solutions are tried out under laboratory conditions until a discovery is made. And then verified repeatedly for assurance that the solution works or solves the problem.

Fourth, a law or principle of nature is formulated expressing the discovery, for example, $E = mc^2$.

When these four steps are rigorously fulfilled, the process and its resulting outcome can now be called scientific. This explains why many statements that are mystical or philosophical are not regarded as strictly scientific. The reason for this can be found especially in the Third step which involves instrumentation and observation.

No one has ever been able to put consciousness in a test tube or observable container to find out how consciousness works. Neither can consciousness be measured directly. We only know its effects at the physical level. Thus, psychology became accepted as a science of behavior rather than that of consciousness. There are, of course, other schools of thought in psychology with their respective claims.

What we need to think about is that our knowledge of the universe, or of ourselves, cannot go beyond the understanding of our own consciousness. Thus consciousness is the ultimate frontier. In this field, the unknowing and the unknown, or the knower and the known become the cutting edge of discovery, individual consciousness merging into universal consciousness.