PREFACE

The comparative study of science and philosophy has been something I was interested in ever since my undergraduate days and my reading in popular science has boosted this interest further. I too, like many who focus on this subject, hold some reservations regarding the belief that western science and Indian spirituality speak of the same truth. True, there are opinions that the modern science and Indian lore propose the same methods of analysis and that they speak about the same ultimate truth. It is even argued that Indian philosophy offers a more intelligible way than the western physics in understanding the realities. But these never proved the reasons for the present study, nor do I subscribe to any of the said views. After all, that one system is better and that all other systems should subscribe or succumb to it is more foolish than all dogmatic arguments. What is needed is a coincidence; give and take is the order of progress. Spirituality can sublimate science and the latter can impart an air of scientific authenticity to the former. Hence the desirability of bringing science and spirituality together.

Besides, as I always deemed right, it is necessary to bring science to the realm of philosophy, both being kith and kin. Philosophical thinking was at the root of all scientific teachings and theories. Philosophy is more related to rational thinking and logical argument. Only what differentiates it from science is that its application is limited to the plane of psyche and soul. But it is this psychic plane that first works as the laboratory of thoughts that later flowered into many discoveries and inventions. Mind is the root and science its fruit. Philosophy could thus be rightly deemed the maternal bosom that caressed all scientific thinking. In fact the only desirable conclusion the students of science and philosophy can ever arrive at is philosophy is science and science is philosophy. Knowing this unity between them, these subjects can help human civilization
progress unprecedentedly, conveying to humanity the message of universal oneness as the aim of all human endeavours.

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