

Psychological Analysis of Scientific temper

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In the present materialistic and scientific scenario of the world, It is observed that science has advanced tremendously in all the walks of life but, at the same time, It is also found to be suffering from moral and identity crisis. In this atomic age, in the form of groupism, almost each and every country is also threatening to annihilate one another without any delay. What are the psychological factors of it? Why the modern, intellectual, logical and scientific minds of today have almost remained primitive in understanding of itself? How science can turn into perfect joy or bliss (param-ananda) which has been the ultimate aim of each and every living religion of the world? How permanent peace and serenity of mind can be achieved?

It appears clearly that the above discussed issues which we are facing today can be traced to a lop-sided development of human mind. In fact, presently, there has been an explosion of scientific knowledge but, we find little growth in self-knowledge. We can only know the inner essence and beauty of self by removing its impurities like anger, greed, ego, jealousy, hatred, dominance, violence, selfishness, etc. In this way, we

can produce a mind which should be both scientific and full of wisdom. Here, it is appropriate to quote a remark:

"Weapons are the tools of fear; a decent man will avoid them except in the direst necessity and, if compelled, will use them only with the utmost restraint. Peace is his highest value. If the peace has been shattered, how can he be content? His enemies are not demons, but human beings like himself. He doesn't wish them personal harm. Nor does he rejoice in victory. How could he rejoice in victory and delight in the slaughter of men ? He enters a battle gravely, with sorrow and with great compassion, as if he were attending a funeral."

(Quoted in the Bhagavad Gita, trans. by Stephen Mitchell, P.207)