



21st Century Science in the Light of the Ancient Wisdom

a Theosophical view

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image: Earth's Aurora, an interaction of the plasma in its magnetosphere with the solar wind

The Perennial Wisdom & Science

The Ancient Theo-Sophia is not in conflict with modern science where its conclusions are based on correct facts.

But when science oversteps the limits of observed phenomena “in order to penetrate into the arcana of Being” and attempts to attribute the formation of Kosmos to blind matter and divorce the *living* intelligent Forces in Nature from Spirit then

“...the Occultists claim the right to dispute and call in question their theories.” (from [The Secret Doctrine](#) 1:477)

Old Perspectives on Modern Problems

In 20th century science delivered great benefits, such as reducing

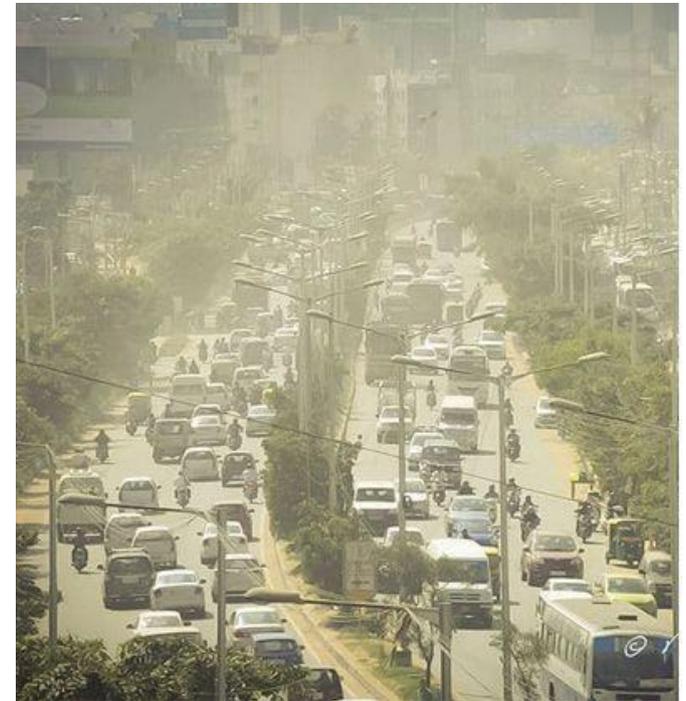
- Material poverty,
 - Physical sickness,
 - Illiteracy etc.
- } and their compound effects.

Today however we need to look beyond these material benefits and examine why our science-based society is having negative consequences on our mental and spiritual well-being, as well as its terrible if unintended impacts on all the other kingdoms of nature.

So let us examine the role that science should play in providing a reliable route map for humanity's future.

The Wisdom Tradition

To start, examine the guiding forces behind our science because the same technology can be used to produce utopian cities or nightmarish & polluted ones. To choose the first, it is necessary that science is *guided* by wisdom.



THE SECRET DOCTRINE :

THE SYNTHESIS
OF
SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND PHILOSOPHY.

BY
H. P. BLAVATSKY,
AUTHOR OF "ISIS UNVEILED."

सत्यात् नास्ति परो धर्मः ।

"There is no Religion higher than Truth."

The Wisdom Tradition

The sub-title of *The Secret Doctrine* gives the three main factors which form our beliefs and outlook:

- **Science,**
- **Religion,**
- **Philosophy**

The ideas we hold in regard to these and the depth of our understanding of them form our world view and largely determine the quality of our actions.

We need to work out the right relationship between them; the Esoteric Philosophy teaches that any trinity will have a correspondence to the three *states of consciousness*.

The Wisdom Tradition

Studying Theosophy we find the following correlations:

Philosophy...	Spiritual	Sat
Religion...	Psychic	Rajas
Science...	Waking	Tamas

Science corresponds to waking consciousness, since it largely studies the objective workings of Nature.

Religion originates through personal experiences in psychology* and works on the psycho-emotional and devotional planes of consciousness, the higher psychic.

True **Philosophy** is the love of Wisdom; as Robert Crosbie said, it is the spiritual *Wisdom of Platonic love* or charity.

* [“Is Theosophy a Religion?”](#) article by H. P. Blavatsky, 3 Vols, 1:56.

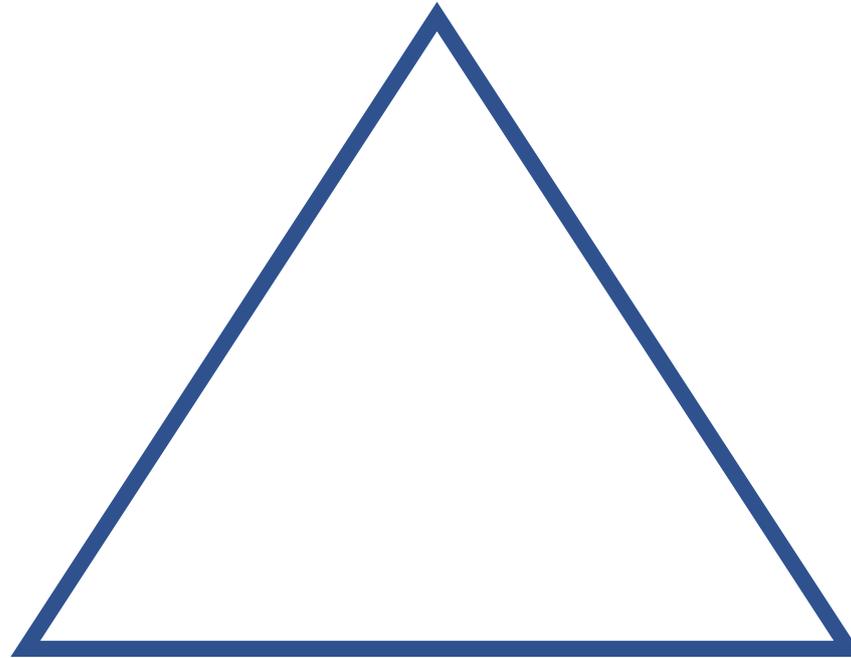
Esoteric

Theosophia

is the synthesis of the trinity,
corresponding to the 4th state, Turiya

Exoteric

Philosophy



Religion

Science

Summing up

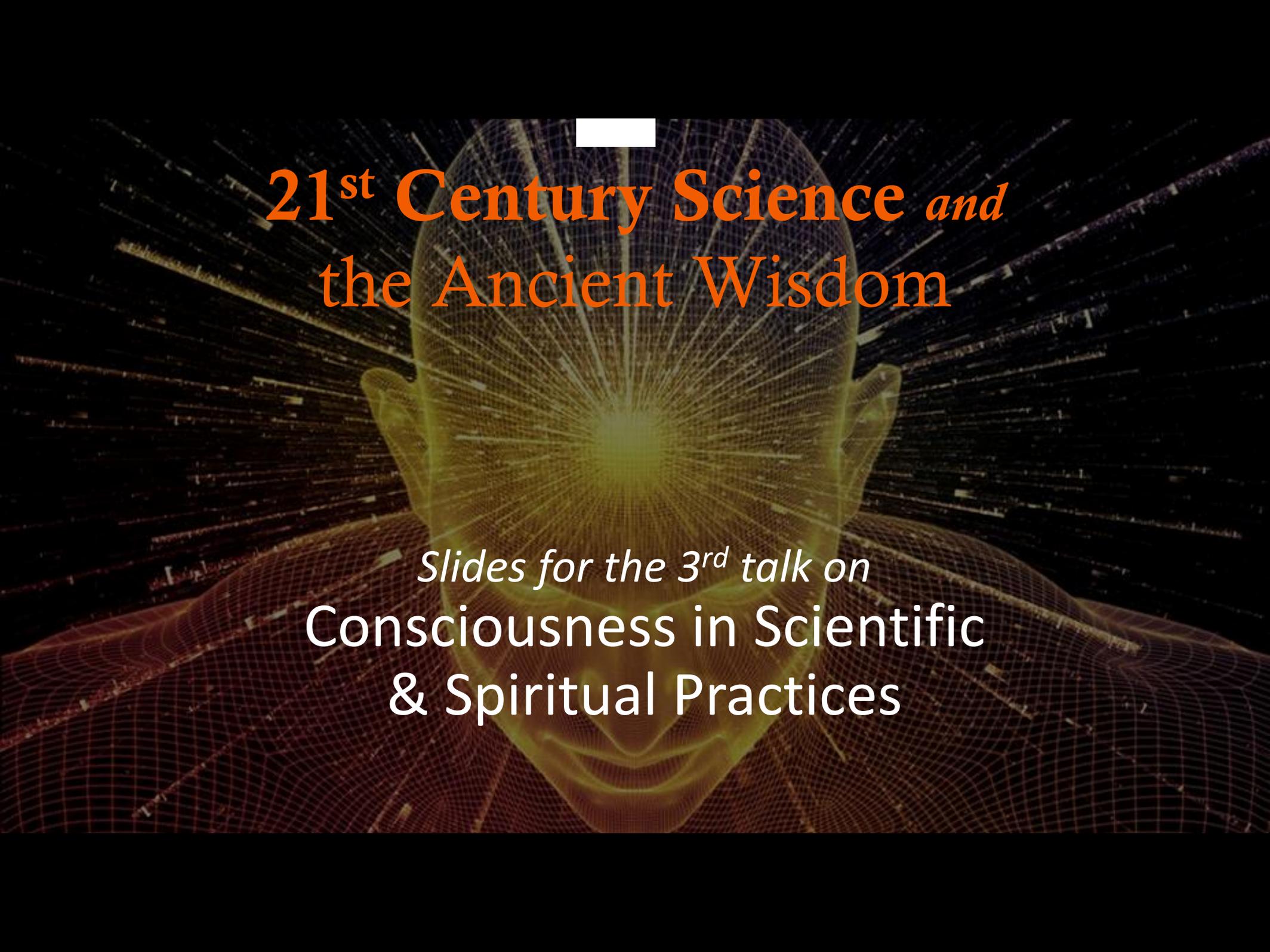
So we can conclude with the following propositions

- Physical science, not being able to study the hidden forces of Nature, is prone to errors of judgement;
- While it has faults due to a lack of occult knowledge yet it is unjust to charge scientists with malice;
- **Science** must therefore be informed by true ideas on **Religion** for the psychic well-being of man, and by **Philosophy**, to *intelligently* guide man's and also the earth's evolution without damaging it, as we see now.
- As the purpose of evolution is to raise everything up to higher states of development & consciousness, to achieve this we need an ethical & well-guided science.

Study of handout pages 2 & 3

followed by Q&A on 1st and 2nd talks & studies

(there were no slides for 2nd talk)



**21st Century Science *and*
the Ancient Wisdom**

Slides for the 3rd talk on
**Consciousness in Scientific
& Spiritual Practices**

Amore and Psyche

A Greek myth
representing the
aspiration of Psyche for
her higher but
unattainable love in the
form of the divine winged
Eros.



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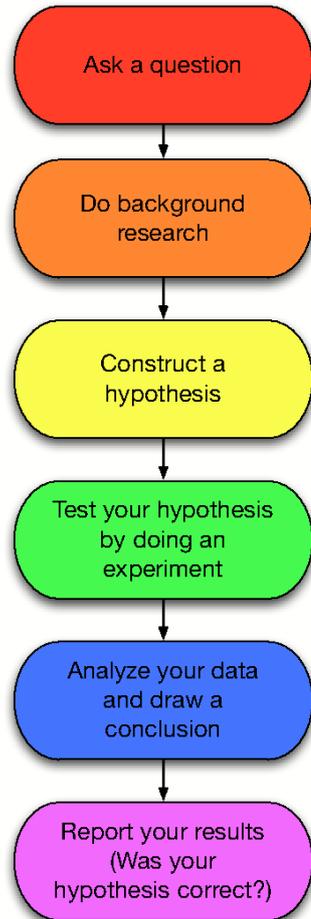


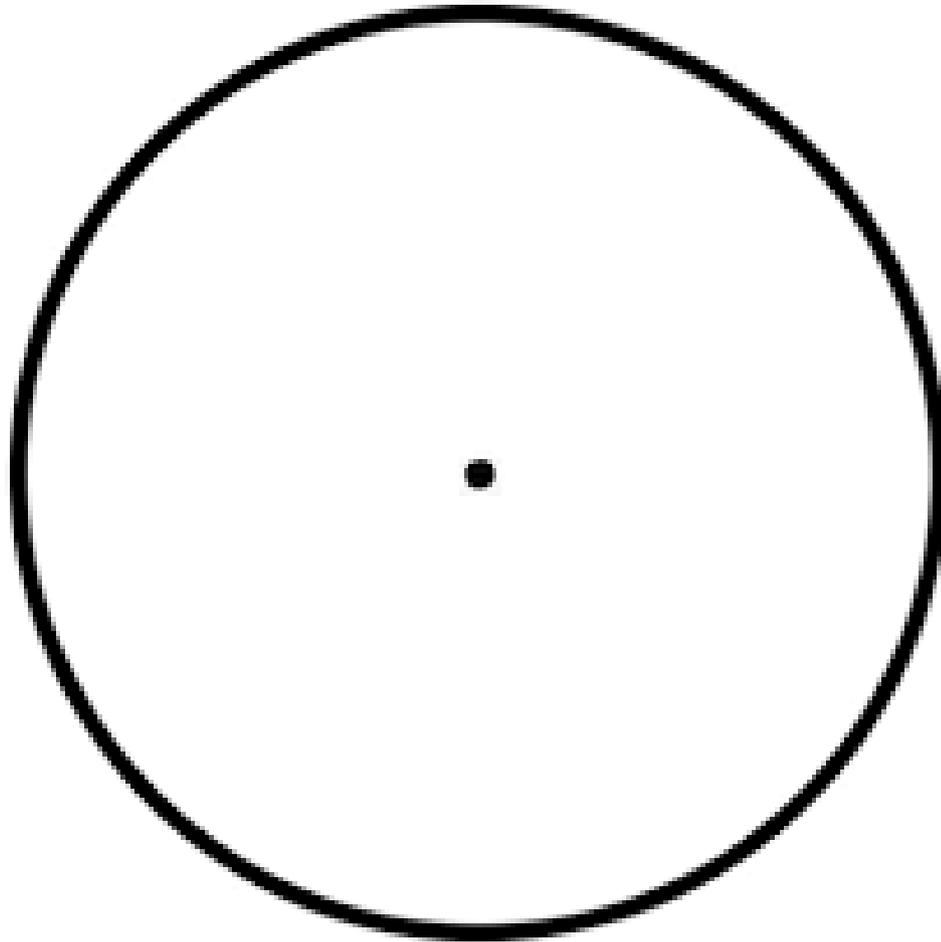
Raymond Moody

Dr. Raymond Moody on science & philosophy www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmJthSaL7-0

Play from 23:04 "People want to hear the word 'scientific'..." up to 24:06 "...empirical test."

The Scientific Method





Concentration exercise. Hold your attention on the dot in the middle of the circle.

Study of handout pages 4 & 5

followed by Q&A on 3rd talk & study