

1. Daaji, you use the word ‘spirituality’. For the sake of clarity, could you tell us what spirituality is and isn’t in your worldview?

Spirituality is the unveiling of Reality. It is an experiential journey leading to higher levels of consciousness. It unlocks new knowledge and understanding, and eventually takes us to our highest potential as human beings and beyond, into realms where we connect with the universal nature of existence.

Spirituality is neither mediumship nor creating miracles nor activating the kundalini and other powers in the human system. Those capacities may develop at points along the spiritual journey, but we ignore them because they are distractions from the real thing and can lead us away from spirituality. When a spiritual person needs to perform miracles or use special powers to help others, they are always hidden and never done for personal gain or showmanship.

2. Daaji, you mentioned that purity enhances awareness, thus revealing Reality.

Yes. The birth of both science and spirituality is from this womb of awareness. When we direct our attention to any topic, our awareness goes there. The purity of a spiritual seeker and the unbiased, non-judgemental approach of a scientist are similar—they both arise from a still mind, capable of focus and balance. The exploration of any type of knowledge, whether it is about space and gravity, atoms, viruses and bacteria, the arts, architecture, music or Reality, has its own beauty and always begins with an inner question and some level of wonder.

3. Daaji, do you think we will come to see that science and religion complement each other or will it remain dualistic?

It is the vision of my master, Babuji, and all who wish to see humanity move towards a glorious future to see them as complementary. Science is great, but it cannot take us into the mysteries of the great unknown. It deals with a thin film of

our overall spectrum of consciousness. In fact, knowledge can become an obstacle to truth. 'I know' is one of the most egotistical statements we can make.

Also, quantum physics has demonstrated that science is subjective. Observation depends on the senses, and inference depends on the mind. In most people, observation and inference are hampered because the mind is not a clear instrument of perception. Those who have mastered the senses and the mind, who perceive the world through the medium of pure consciousness, are the true scientists.

Over the years, I have learned to let spirituality and science remain in their own dimensions. The beauty happens when both are unimposing and complementary. And when we embrace both, the universal principles of spirituality influence our worldly life. Our soul provides the life force for our creativity, whether it is in music, romance, business, relationships or scientific discovery. It weaves the unity.

The world of matter is a visible affair, whereas spirituality is invisible, about non-being. Even when we feel various spiritual states, how can we describe what is happening at the deepest levels of our consciousness? We are in the realm of God, the realm of true potential.