

[H.P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. I, orig. 1888 ed., pp. 611-612]

The exact extent, depth, breadth, and length of the mysteries of Nature are to be found only in Eastern esoteric sciences. So vast and so profound are these that hardly a few, a very few of the highest Initiates — those *whose very existence is known but to a small number of Adepts* — are capable of assimilating the knowledge. Yet it is all there, and one by one facts and processes in Nature's workshops are permitted to find their way into the exact Sciences, while mysterious help is given to rare individuals in unravelling its arcana. It is at the close of great Cycles, in connection with racial development, that such events generally take place. We are at the very close of the cycle of 5,000 years of the present Aryan Kaliyuga; and between this time and 1897 there will be a large rent made in the Veil of Nature, and materialistic science will receive a death-blow.

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[First Letter of Mahatma K.H. to A.O. Hume, *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*, Nov. 1, 1880, p. 497 (second and revised edition, Theosophical University Press, 2021), pp. 470-471 (in chronological sequence, Theosophical Publishing House, 1993)]

In conformity with exact modern Science you would define but one cosmic [energy](#), and see no difference between the energy expended by the traveller who pushes aside the bush that obstructs his path, and the scientific experimenter who expends an equal amount of energy in setting a pendulum in motion! We do. For we know there is a world of difference between the two. The one uselessly dissipates or scatters force, the other concentrates and stores it. And here please understand that I do not refer to the relative utility of the two as one might imagine; but only to the fact, that in the one case, there is but brute force flung out without any transmutation of that brute energy into the higher potential form of spiritual dynamics, and, in the other there is just that. Please do not consider me vaguely metaphysical. The idea I wish to convey is, that the result of the highest intellection in the scientifically occupied brain is the evolution of a sublimated form of spiritual energy, which, in the cosmic action, is productive of illimitable results, while the automatically acting brain holds or stores up in itself only a certain quantum of brute force that is unfruitful of benefit for the individual or humanity. The human brain is an exhaustless generator of the most refined quality of cosmic force, out of the low, brute energy of nature; and the complete adept has made himself a centre from which irradiate potentialities that beget correlations upon correlations through Æons to come. This is the key to the mystery of his being able to project into and materialise in the visible world the forms that his imagination has constructed out of inert cosmic matter in the invisible world. The adept does not create anything new, but only utilises and manipulates materials which nature has in store around him; a material which throughout eternities has passed through all the forms; he has but to choose the one he wants and recall it into objective existence. Would not this sound to one of your "learned" biologists like a madman's dream?

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[H.P. Blavatsky, *Isis Unveiled* Vol. II, orig. 1877 ed., p.639]

“Modern science, powerless to satisfy the aspirations of the race, makes the future a void, and bereaves man of hope.”

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[W.Q. Judge, 'The Adepts and Modern Science', *The Path*, Vol. VIII, August, 1893, p. 135]

"Their attitude [of the Adepts; HB] to modern science is that they accept the facts of science wherever they prove the truths of Occultism, but they consider modern science to be materialistic and also devoid of philanthropy. This we must admit to be the case, and as the student who has had experience in these matters knows for himself that the Adepts have the truth and possess a knowledge of nature's laws, he approves of their refusing to come down to science and of their demand that science must rise to them. He also knows that in the course of the cycles the mass of men will have been educated and developed to such a position that a new school, at once religious and scientific, will have possession of the earth and rule among all men who possess civilization."

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G. de Purucker, *Fundamentals of the Esoteric Philosophy*, 1947 (second printing of orig. 1932 ed.), pp. 150-151]

Science is changing its viewpoints in many directions, it is quite true, but yet some materialistic ideas still remain. Now, in our time, everything is supposed to be fundamentally force; matter itself is supposed to be force. The ideas, as you readily see, still are the same; the words alone are changing. It is, however, a step ahead, but we should not let ourselves be carried away by mere words, providing the thought behind the words is the same and as fully materialistic as ever.

But there are signs that other changes also are rapidly taking place in scientific realms. Within three weeks, the present speaker read the report of an address by an eminent English physicist, an honor and credit to his country, intuitional in some ways, who tells us what the latest discoveries are demonstrating to the scientists of the time. What is this new light? Just what we pointed out some months ago as a fundamental teaching of the ancient Occultism, that *Force* is simply *Matter in an ethereal state*; or, to put it in another and a truer way, *Matter* is simply *crystallized Force*, so to say, Force and Matter being in essence one.

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[*The Observer*, Interview with Max Planck, 25 January 1931]

Max Planck, when asked "Do you think that consciousness can be explained in terms of matter?" replied: "No, I regard consciousness as fundamental. I regard matter as derivative from consciousness. We cannot get behind consciousness. Everything that we talk about, everything that we regard as existing, postulates consciousness."

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[G. de Purucker, *Fundamentals of the Esoteric Philosophy*, 1947 (second printing of orig. 1932 ed.), pp. 88-89]

It is perfectly true that no "new" force can be "created", and it is likewise perfectly true that no energy or force can ever be utterly lost. *Forces are not converted or transformed*, as the (...)

doctrine of science has it; it is possible, however, for a force to pass from one plane of being into another — to come into one plane from a higher, or, indeed, from a lower. In other words, it is possible for a force- or energy-element outside of some plane to enter into being and manifestation upon it. Hence, the materialistic doctrine of a universe of dead, lifeless, non-vital matter — nothing above it or beyond it or below it or through it — cannot be accepted by the students of the Esoteric Philosophy.

As regards the correlation or Convertibility of Energy. It is true, in one sense, that all the forces in the universe are correlated. It is a fundamental axiom of Theosophy that the Universe, our Universe, any Universe, is a *living organism*, and hence that its energies or forces, and all of them, are correlated; but this does *not* mean that one force can *become another*. The idea offends the very essence, the very foundation of the Esoteric teaching with regard to manifestation, its Hierarchies, and individual lives — all offspring of the ONE LIFE. What happens is rather this: That one force is not *turned into* or *converted into* another, but evokes or calls forth or arouses into active life or manifestation a "*force*" which was not "*latent*" — a curious contradiction of sense — but *which was in equilibrium*.

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#### Quote used in the lecture

[Leen Gorissen, ‘Het meeste leven op aarde verbetert de planeet ... nu wij nog.’ (‘Most life on earth improves the planet ... now we too.’) *NRC* (Dutch Newspaper), 17 and 18 May, 2025, section ‘Opinion & Debate’, pp. 4-5]

*The species that endure longest on this planet are not the strongest or the smartest, but those who contribute to the big whole. ...Those who leave this planet better than they found it.*

Translated by speaker from Dutch: “De soorten die het langst standhouden op deze planeet zijn niet de sterksten of de slimsten, maar zij die bijdragen aan het grote geheel. ... zij die die planeet beter achterlaten dan dat ze haar aantreffen.”