

Comprehension 47: GB CCE 2011

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Some protagonists of science claim that science alone can introduce man to the secrets of this universe and life. And conclude that only that which is upheld by science is true; the rest is all trash. But while making such a statement they overlook the fact that science with all its brilliant and impressive record is still in its infancy and ever hesitant to commit itself as regards the veracity or otherwise of many things, for the simple reason that it cannot penetrate deep into the heart of reality beyond attempting a mere superfluous survey of it. Yet its votaries assert in the authoritative way that there is no such thing as human soul. They deny that man, confined as he is within the limitations of his sensory organs, can ever have any contact with the Unknown – not even a glimpse of it through telepathy or dreams. They repudiate all these not because they have proved them to be mere illusions but simply because the experimental science with its inadequate instruments has not yet been able to fathom their mystery. That they belong to a higher order of things not subject to man's observation was however sufficient to make these gentlemen turn their backs on them and pronounce their non-existence. Non-existence is one thing, non-susceptible to one instrument of investigation a very different matter. But they fail to see the difference between the two.

Questions:

1. Why is science reluctant or unable to answer many important questions?
2. What is meant by "contact with the Unknown"?
3. Which two things are mutually confused by those that don't believe in the existence of the soul?
4. In what sense is Man's understanding essentially limited?

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Q1 Why is Science reluctant or unable to answer many important questions?

Science, despite its brilliant records is reluctant or unable to answer many important questions because science is still very immature and has not reached to the level to find the secrets of universe and life. Science itself is hesitant to claim that it has got reach to the truth.

Q2 What is meant by contact with the unknown?

'Contact with the unknown' refers to the secrets and truths about universe and life that have not been accessed by the man yet due to the limitations of its capacities.

Q3 Which two things are mutually confused by those that don't believe in the existence of the soul?

Those that do not believe in the existence of soul, are struggling to differentiate between two things. One is non-existence of something, and the other is not being able to feel the existence of something. Therefore, they deny the existence of soul.

④ In what sense the Man's understanding is essentially limited?

Man's understanding is very limited about the secrets of universe and life as he is bound by the limitations of his sensory organs which prevent him to confirm the existence of something.