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Conventional approaches in science de-emphasize those aspec of the natural world which might be relevant to religion. The time is ripe for changes in focus and point of view. This may come about through a scientific re-examination of Eastern philosophies.

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Changed concepts of brain and consciousness bring a new outlook in which mind supersedes and controls matter, and the natural world and human psyche no longer reduce to quantum mechanics. Science—its scope, limitations, world picture and the image and role of science as an intellectual and cultural force—is fundamentally reformed, as is the position of science in respect to human values and moral judgement. Exploring far-reaching consequences, we must now reverse traditional teachings that science and value questions belong in separate realms and that one must not be applied to the other. Merging the two is not only feasible but urgently needed. On such new terms a fusion of ethics, religion and science offers the prime hope for tomorrow's world, providing a humane reversal of the vicious spirals of worsening world conditions.

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