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What does the speed of light have to do with the Koran, St. John and Aldous Huxley? Where does quantum physics meet the psychology of meditation? And if “I think, therefore I am,” why can’t physics, chemistry or biology explain where human thought comes from?

From quarks to quasars, Western science has achieved remarkable success in explaining the world around us. But when it comes to our inner world, science falls curiously silent. Physicist, psychologist, and philosopher, Peter Russell offers one of the most lucid accounts of why the great spiritual teachings might have science by the tail when it comes to consciousness—and why collective wisdom is so valuable during these troubled times.

His latest release, From Science to God, is as much a personal story of an open-minded skeptic as it is a tour de force of scientific and religious paradigm shifts. Russell takes us from Galileo’s den to the lecture halls of Cambridge University where he studied with Stephen Hawking. “If you had asked me then if there was a God,” says the best-selling author of his scientific beginnings, “I would have pointed to mathematics.” But no matter what empirical truths science offered Russell, one thorny question remained: How can something as immaterial as consciousness, ever arise from something as unconscious as matter?

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