

Science & Religion



...are not at war, believes K G Suresh, journalist, political commentator & activist

With professional experience of more than two decades behind him, **K G Suresh**, Director and Chief Editor, Global Foundation for Civilizational Harmony (India) and recipient of the prestigious Prem Bhatia Fellowship for Research in Media and Action Aid International's Media For Change Fellowship, in a candid talk with **Labani Biswas, Amity Instt of Biotechnology**, unravels the mysteries of science, religion and more...

Can Religion and Science ever see face to face?

I believe Science and Religion are not at war with each other, it's just that religion is a set of rules science is too young to understand. The sole aim of a religion is to inculcate in its followers the best way in which one might lead their lives and science is to make our lives comfortable. If we really hit the basics, we can see both intermingling quite well.

Albert Einstein once said, "The more you believe in Science, the more you believe in a higher power." What's your take?

That's the ultimate truth. The deeper you go, you will realise that one conclusion leads to another. After a point, there is a dead end and questions remain unanswered. This confirms our belief in a higher power.

Men have done several atrocities in the name of religion. What do you think about that?

There are always two sides to a coin. Not only religion; even science has been used by many to fulfil mere selfish interests. The darker side is always there. What we need to look at is the brighter side.

How does one explain atheism in a land rife with religious beliefs?

Atheism is a set of beliefs, and in this country which thrives in secularity, there are people who believe in different religions, different cults and atheism is one such system in existence since time immemorial. We accept it, we look at it as nothing but difference of opinion. Ultimately one must realize, Faith is a gift and not everyone is gifted with it yet.

What is your message for the youth who seem to be disconnected from religion and faith?

Religion is not a bondage but a way of life which enables an individual to live in harmony with himself, fellow human beings, nature and ultimately, the higher power. Don't confuse religion either with rituals or superstitions. If science is for material benefit, religion humanises you. There has never been any kind of conflict between the two.



Labani Biswas with K G Suresh

We believe in the Power of Youth
We believe in the Power of Us
This is my

PASSPORT

to



YOUTH POWER 2012-13

Brought to you by

THE GLOBAL TIMES

An opportunity to ...

Be the Change. Bring Change

Make a positive difference to the society

Develop creative ethical leadership qualities

1

We Engage

We strongly believe in the Cause of

Because

Choose a Cause

3

We are Youth Power

Youth Power to us means

.....

A platform for Change

5

We are the change

These are the five ways we propose to rally around the cause

.....

Create awareness on the Cause

7

I fund

I donate a sum of Rs 1 Lakh to be spent for the cause in the following way

.....

Learn to spend wisely

9

Attested

This is to certify that the team is

.....

Teacher

.....

Parents

.....

Friend

They are testimony to my belief

11