

# Jain Metaphysics and Science: A Comparison

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## **Preface**

...There are two methods of enquiry; the spiritual and the scientific. The spiritual methods entail identification of the inner self, while the scientific methods study the world theoretically and experimentally. The spiritual enquiry is largely conceptual and qualitative, whereas the scientific enquiry is experimental, quantitative, and application oriented. The spiritual enquiry offers direct absolute knowledge, and the scientific approach provides relative knowledge that may change on further investigations. Both methods of enquiry have their merits and demerits, and one cannot replace the other. It would be wise to synthesize the two streams of thought, and explore the nature to the best of our ability and understanding. ...

Narayan Lal Kachhara

## **Foreword**

...“The purpose of this book is to explore this relationship between the concepts of modern physics and the basic ideas in the philosophical and religious traditions of the Far East. .... Dr. N.L. Kachhara has written this book, in which he has elaborately explained the fundamental principles of Jain Metaphysics and some of the relevant concepts of modern science. This is the need of the hour. It will immensely benefit the students and the scholars of Jainism to understand it in the context of modern science....

*Muni Mahendra Kumar*

*Jain Vishva Bharati, Ladnun*

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## **About the book**

...Dr.Kachhara has made a scholarly and commendable effort in bringing both Jain thought and scientific view on the same pedestal, although there is scope for putting more rigors in these discussions. He neither uses the obscure language of scriptures nor the technical jargon of science but all subjects are discussed in a lucid and easily readable and understandable way. To make a meaningful comparison, the author has deviated from an orthodox view and has introduced some new concepts, which can be a matter of further investigation.

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Dr.N.L.Kachhara, an eminent scientist and engineer of repute, has done a yee-man service to Jainism and students of Jain scriptures, by bringing out, in his lucid and attractive style, a very comprehensive, meticulous, scientific English version of description of six realities viz., *Dharma, Adharma, Akasa, Kala, Jiva and Pudgala*. ...

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This is most up to date work done in this field covering latest scientific developments in almost all areas. One of the most serious and comprehensive attempt made in the recent years.

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