

## Editorial

A question has arisen whether we want Mind or Machine or Mind and Machine. The question of mind brings the man in the forefront. Man consists not only of a body and brain, but of equally tangible things like feelings, fears, hopes etc as the man is a "whole being". Body and mind are not separate entities and human knowledge, however varied it may be, cannot be completely divorced from one another. Scientific and metaphysical conceptions, however, are yet distinct though at the summit there is no distinction. A scientist proves the existence of Creator by analysing the creations. A metaphysicist proves the existence of Creator by meditating over the creations. Engineers occupy a position intermediate between that of pure science and that of religion and art. The complexity or simplicity of position depends on the means of studying. Man, of all animals possesses the most elaborate brain. The mind guides the brain according to :

आत्मानं रथिनं विद्धि शरीरं रथमेव तु ।  
बुद्धिन्तु सारथिं विद्धि मन प्रग्रहमेव च ॥

—कठोपनिषत्

Body is the chariot, soul the charioteer, senses are the horses, mind the bridle.

The body and the mind constitute the most intriguing mechanisms which are far in advance of the engineering researches. It is possible to match the mathematical ability of a man by a machine comprising of electronics however voluminous and costly it might be, The main factor which distinguishes the brain from digital computer is its unpredictability.

Human beings are rational so long they suppress the latent animality in them. Herr. Hitler in his book 'Mein Kampf' writes "Humanity grows great in eternal strife; in eternal peace it perishes". Such postulation only rouses

animality in men by spreading of violence and strife and destruction of peace, culture, harmony. The mind becomes subversive to ill thinking and the mind drives the machine towards evils. While no amount of achievement in other spheres can contribute to property and security without engineering progress, Engineering by itself provides; no security for individual, social and economical ills. Engineering can perfect the machine but not the mind. A single installed horsepower is equivalent to about ten man-hours. Engineering can harness material resources and transform into mechanical energy to save human labour and time, so that more leisure is available to workers for recreation of mind. But how the mind recreates? Is it by seeing televisions or raising the vision to a higher plane to see the Source of all energy?

Whether it is Mind over Machine depends on your mind.

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The machine as an object of adoration is the modern form of Satan and its worship is the modern diabolism.....whatever else may be mechanical, values are not, and this is something which no political philosopher must forget"

— Bertrand Russell in the impact of science on society

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