

SCIENCE AND SPIRIT

Lost within the faulty reasoning of blinded human pride
Are the mystic “God and spirit” pseudo-science has denied.
Science, far from such denial, stands to argue from its rule
That the ones who scoff at “spirit” are the drop-outs from its school.

Science watches the behavior of the world in which we dwell
Finding laws that order nature, and articulates them well.
But each law that we discover is not really seen or met.
We record a law’s effects, but cannot isolate one yet.

Mathematics, pure and simple, and geometry, are real
Only in their definitions, not in anything we feel,
Not within the world we measure, point or number, plane or line:
Math exists alone as concept, but it works like God divine.

Living bodies each are numbers in a chromosomal stair,
Not the molecules that dance about exchanging places there.
If we’re not our body’s matter, are we formulas in math?
Or does science push our self-discovery down another path?

Science does a holy work of clearly marking off the space
Separating earthly matter from what makes the human race.
Virtue, love, and noble duty, crime and justice, joy and shame
Face the graduates of science and demand a different name.

— *David L. Hatton, 9/29/1994*