



Spiritual Odyssey: Reinterpreting Einstein's Equation as a Spiritual Mantra

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ABSTRACT: Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* is a bold interdisciplinary work that re-imagines Albert Einstein's equation $E = mc^2$ not simply as a foundation of modern physics but as a spiritual conceit for mortal actuality. The book's islands of wisdom, gospel, and literature propose that energy, mass, and light emblemize spirit, body, and knowledge. This composition critically examines Sarkar's frame, situating it within relative discourses with Einstein, Carl Jung, Sri Aurobindo, Fritjof Capra, Rabindranath Tagore and relation to the French philosophy. It explores how *Spiritual Odyssey* contributes to debates on the elaboration of knowledge, the dialogue between wisdom and church, and the moral challenges of technological progress. The composition argues that Sarkar's originality lies in transubstantiating a scientific formula into a structural conceit for being, offering a new paradigm for global intellectual converse.

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INTRODUCTION

Theory is when you know everything but nothing works. Practice is when everything works but no one knows why. - Albert Einstein
The 21st century is marked by rapid-fire technological advancement alongside moral and empirical advances. In this environment, Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* emerges as an erudite philosophical intervention that challenges correctional boundaries. By reinterpreting Einstein's $E = mc^2$ as a spiritual formula, Sarkar situates his work within a lineage of minstrel-proponents similar as Coleridge, Tagore, and Sri Aurobindo. His book isn't a scientific composition nor a religious Book. It is a reflective inquiry into literary perspectives. This book welcomes readers to perceive unity where modernity frequently emphasises division.

Philosophical Framework: $E = mc^2$ as Spiritual Metaphor

Einstein's equation, traditionally understood as expressing the equivalence of mass and energy, becomes in Sarkar's vision a triadic metaphor:

- E (Energy) → Spirit / Atma Shakti
- m (Mass) → Body / Earthly existence
- c^2 (Light) → Consciousness / Speed of realization

This reinterpretation transforms physics into philosophy, suggesting that human beings are "moving equations" fragile yet infinite, broken yet luminous. Sarkar's originality lies in extending the scientific formula into a spiritual sutra, emphasizing transformation through love, compassion, and meditation.

Objective

This study aims to offer an interdisciplinary reinterpretation of Albert Einstein's iconic equation, $E=mc^2$, by transposing it from the strictly scientific domain to a spiritual interpretation. It seeks to explore how a fundamental physical formula can be understood as a "spiritual mantra", that is, a tool for inner transformation.

The main objective is to highlight the possible connections between the scientific concepts of energy, matter, and transformation, and spiritual notions such as consciousness, the unity of the universe, and inner awakening. Using a comparative approach between modern physics and philosophical and spiritual traditions, this research aims to:

- i. Reconcile science and spirituality by revealing their points of convergence;
- ii. Apropos a new symbolic framework for interpreting Einstein's equation;
- iii. Analyse the potential of this equation as a support for meditative reflection;
- iv. Open a dialogue between scientific rationality and inner experience.

Thus, this study is part of an approach that transcends disciplinary boundaries, aiming to enrich both the scientific understanding and the spiritual quest of humankind.

Research problems

The equation $E=mc^2$, formulated by Albert Einstein within the framework of the Special Theory of Relativity, constitutes one of the foundations of modern physics by establishing the equivalence between matter and energy. However, beyond its scientific scope, can this equation be viewed as a universal metaphor reflecting spiritual principles such as Spirit/Atma Shakti, Body/Consciousness/Speed of realization, and the interconnectedness of reality?

In a context where science and spirituality are often perceived as opposing domains, the following question arises: To what extent can a scientific formula be reinterpreted as an aid for spirituality without sacrificing its conceptual rigor or falling into oversimplification?

Thus, the central problem addressed by this research is:

How can a symbolic reinterpretation of the equation $E=mc^2$ serve to build an epistemological bridge between science and spirituality, while preserving the validity and integrity of both fields?

Hypotheses

The equation $E = mc^2$ may be reinterpreted as a universal symbol of transformation and unity, allowing it to be understood as a spiritual "mantra" without diminishing its scientific integrity, one that evokes inner transformation through love, compassion, and meditation.

Scientific ideas of energy and matter have meaningful parallels in spiritual traditions, making a symbolic interpretation possible. Repeating and reflecting on the equation can aid concentration and meditation, similar to mantra practices.

Science and spirituality are not opposed; they can complement each other by offering different but compatible ways of understanding reality.

Finally, moving from mathematical to symbolic language allows for a more intuitive and experiential understanding of scientific concepts.

METHODOLOGY

This research adopts a qualitative, interdisciplinary, and hermeneutic approach, aiming to analyse the equation $E=mc^2$, formulated by Albert Einstein within the framework of the theory of special relativity, not only as a scientific statement but also as a symbolic object open to spiritual interpretation. The approach is based on a rigorous conceptual analysis of the notions of energy, mass, and transformation, followed by a hermeneutic interpretation that identifies their resonances in different philosophical and spiritual traditions. The study also is grounded in a literature review and theoretical analysis that integrates scientific, philosophical, and spiritual texts. Furthermore, a comparative analysis is implemented to establish structured correspondences between scientific concepts and their spiritual equivalents, while ensuring a clear distinction between analogy and identity.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Einstein famously remarked, "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind." Sarkar extends this dialogue by embedding Einstein's insight into a literary structure, turning scientific clues into existential grammar.

Comparative Analysis: Einstein and Sankar Sarkar

Albert Einstein's famous quote "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind" gives a unique perspective on the relationship between science and religion/spirituality. Einstein here saw science as the language of logic and proof, and religion as the source of morality and spirituality. According to him, they are incomplete without each other.

Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* speaks of a new level and dimension. He saw Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ not only as a scientific equation, but it does not only confine to science. Sarkar visualizes that this equation can unveil the mystery of conscience of humankind. Besides, he transformed it into a symbolic grammar of human existence. Sarkar wrote:

"Energy is the soul, mass is the body, light is consciousness. Together they form the triad of life."

Here, he explains Shakti (i.e. power) as symbolising the soul, mass as the body and light as consciousness. In contrast, Einstein explained the interconversion of matter and energy as a scientific fact. Sarkar symbolised the trinity of human life, body, soul, and consciousness. According to him, human beings are not just flesh and blood. Human beings are "*moving equations*" where infinite energies are born from finite bodies. He wrote:

"Humans are moving equations. We are fragile, yet infinite. We are broken, yet luminous."

This interpretation extends Einstein's thought into literary and spiritual frameworks. Einstein's outlook grasped the scientific and religious interdependence. He never thought of turning scientific formulas into spiritual mantras. The government has crossed that line. He transforms the formula into a poetic interpretation of human existence, which teaches the reader to think we are not just bodies, we are motion equations.

Therefore, a comparative analysis show:

- Einstein presented the formula as a scientific fact.
- Sarkar transformed that formula into a spiritual and literary symbol.
- Einstein spoke of the interdependence of science and religion.
- Sarkar has shaped that dependence into the grammar of human existence.

Thus, *Spiritual Odyssey* takes Einstein's formula to new horizons. It is not just a dialogue between science and spirituality, but a literary metaphor that teaches the reader to think; we are limited but possess infinite power.

Sankar Sarkar's originality lies in the fact that he not only explained Einstein's formula, but placed it at the centre of the spiritual journey of human life. According to him, when the movement of consciousness is increased through love, compassion, meditation or knowledge, infinite energy is born from the finite body. This explanation links science to spirituality, and uses literature as the language of that bridge. Einstein limited science to the language of logic and proof. Sarkar translated that formula into the language of human experience. His outlook says, $E = mc^2$ is not just an equation of physics. This equation is in conformity with symbolic grammar of human existence. This interpretation teaches the reader to think of and ponder over the infinite power in tiny particles. In this wider sense, every tiny human heart is imbued with infinite compassion. Sarkar thus transforms Einstein's formula into a spiritual mantra, which teaches the reader to think a new; we are not just bodies, we are equations in motion, where infinite energy is born from finite bodies.

Comparative Analysis: Carl Jung and Sankar Sarkar

Jung's concept of psychic energy parallels Sarkar's notion of consciousness as dynamic force. However, while Jung limited energy to the psyche, Sarkar expands it to the cosmic level, situating individual transformation within universal unity.

A central concept in Carl Jung's cosmology is Psychic Energy. Jung believed that the human mental world is an energy system in which thoughts, feelings and imagination are constantly transformed. According to him, this power belongs to the individual that is, the mental world is limited to personal experience and the subconscious mind.

Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* expands this concept to new horizons.

He wrote: "Energy is the soul, mass is the body, light is consciousness. Together they form the triad of life."

Here, Sarkar has not confined power to the mental realm, but has extended it to the cosmic level. According to him, consciousness is not merely a personal experience, but a dynamic force connected with the universe.

Jung's limitation versus expansion of Sarkar

In Jung's view, mental energy belongs to the individual. He analysed the subconscious mind, where archetypes or primitive symbols govern human mental energy. But Sarkar believes that this power is not only personal, but universal. According to him, man is not limited to his own mental world, but is united with the universe. Sarkar wrote:

"Humans are moving equations. We are fragile, yet infinite. We are broken, yet luminous."

This quote makes it clear that he sees human existence as part of the cosmic equation. Whereas Jung interpreted psychic energy as a means of personal transformation, Sarkar presented it as a symbol of cosmic unity.

Dynamics of Consciousness

According to Jung, psychic energy is transformed as repressed feelings manifest in dreams, or subconscious symbols take shape in art. Sarkar further expanded this concept. According to him, the speed of consciousness increases through love, compassion, meditation and knowledge. Then infinite energy is born from finite body. This interpretation elevates Jung's personal transformation to cosmic transformation.

Personal versus Cosmic Unity

Personal emotional strength is important in Jung's theory. He speaks of the Collective Unconscious, where the common symbols and experiences of mankind are stored. Sarkar has taken this idea a step further. According to him, human consciousness is not only

the Collective Unconscious, but also connected with cosmic forces. That is, personal transformation ultimately leads to cosmic unity.

Literary and spiritual transformation

Jung explained the expression of psychic energy through art and symbols. Sarkar extended that symbolism to literary and spiritual forms. According to him, $E = mc^2$ is not just a scientific formula, but a spiritual grammar of human existence. This sutra teaches man—as there is infinite power in tiny particles, so there is infinite compassion in the tiny human heart.

A comparative analysis show:

- Jung limited psychic energy to personal experience and the subconscious mind.
- Sarkar has extended that power to a cosmic level.
- Jung spoke of personal transformation.
- Sarkar spoke of universal unity.

Therefore, Shankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* transcends Jung's ideas. He presented the power of consciousness as a symbol of cosmic unity. His explanation teaches the reader—we are not simply carriers of mental energy, but part of the cosmic equation.

Comparative Analysis Sri Aurobindo and Sankara Sarkar

Sri Aurobindo's *The Life Divine* views consciousness as evolutionary. Sarkar aligns with this but innovates by expressing consciousness in formulaic terms: Self-energy = body \times speed of consciousness². This structural symbolism distinguishes his approach.

Sri Aurobindo, in his grand work *The Life Divine*, explains the elaboration of knowledge as the main driving force of mortal actuality. According to him, knowledge is a thrusting force, which proceeds from matter to life, from life to mind, and from mind to preternatural knowledge. This nonstop elaboration takes humanity to an advanced position, where the soul and cosmic forces meet. Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* finds deep parallels with this concept. But his originality was that he did not limit consciousness to mere philosophical explanation, but transformed it into a formula.

He wrote:

“Self-energy (E) = body (m) \times speed of consciousness (c²).”

This formula transforms human existence into a structured symbol. Whereas Sri Aurobindo explained the evolution of consciousness as a continuous process, Sarkar expresses it in an equation. In this equation, body is mass, consciousness is the speed of light, and soul is energy.

Sri Aurobindo's view

Sri Aurobindo opines that consciousness cannot be static. He writes in *The Life Divine* consciousness begins in matter and progresses gradually to life, then to mind, and finally to superhuman consciousness. This process guides the spiritual progress of man. In Sri Aurobindo's philosophy consciousness is a force, which takes mankind to a higher level. He believed that human existence is not only biological but also spiritual. This spiritual force leads man towards cosmic unity.

Sankar Sarkar's view

Sarkar adopted Sri Aurobindo's idea, but reinterpreted it. According to him, consciousness is not merely an evolutionary force, but a structural symbol. He transformed Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ into spiritual grammar. According to his explanation:

- E (Energy) = self-efficacy
- m (Mass) = body
- c² (Light/Speed) = speed of consciousness

According to this sutra, when the movement of consciousness is increased through love, compassion, meditation or knowledge, infinite energy is born from the finite body. That is, the evolution of consciousness can be explained not only philosophically, but also structurally.

Similarities:

- Both saw consciousness as an evolutionary force.
- According to both, human existence is not only biological but also spiritual.
- Both believe, consciousness leads man to cosmic unity.

Mismatch:

- Sri Aurobindo explained the evolution of consciousness as a continuous process.
- Sarkar converted it into a formula.
- Sri Aurobindo explained the development of consciousness through philosophy and yoga.
- Sarkar explained the power of consciousness through literary and scientific symbols.

Literary and Spiritual Transformation

Sri Aurobindo's philosophy is primarily associated with yoga and spiritual pursuits. He believed that through meditation and yoga man could reach higher levels of consciousness. Sarkar transformed that idea into a literary framework. According to him, $E = mc^2$ is not just a scientific formula, but a spiritual grammar of human existence. This explanation teaches the reader—infinite power lies in tiny bodies. As the speed of consciousness increases, man moves towards cosmic unity.

A comparative analysis shows that both Sri Aurobindo and Shankar Sarkar saw the evolution of consciousness as the main driving force of human existence. But Sri Aurobindo explained it as a continuous process, and Sarkar transformed it into a formula. This formula transforms human existence into structural symbols, which teach the reader to think anew. Therefore, Shankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* finds deep similarities with Aurobindo's philosophy, but his originality is the transformation of the power of consciousness into a structured symbol. This explanation p.

Comparative Analysis: Fritz Capra and Sankar Sarkar

Capra's *The Tao of Physics* highlights parallels between quantum physics and Eastern mysticism. Sarkar moves beyond analysis to construct a metaphorical system, positioning himself as a "philosophical builder."

Fritz Capra, in his famous book *The Tao of Physics*, drew a close parallel between modern quantum physics and Eastern mysticism. According to him, the basic concepts of Buddhist, Taoist and Hindu philosophies are surprisingly compatible with the strange world of modern physics. Capra takes an analytical approach to show that science and spirituality are not actually in conflict, but rather complementary. Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* is similar to this discussion but his originality is that he has not only analysed but constructed a new metaphorical framework. He established himself as a "philosophical builder".

According to him, Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ is not only a scientific fact, but also a spiritual grammar of human existence. He wrote:

"Energy is the soul, mass is the body, light is consciousness. Together they form the triad of life."

Capra's view

Capra compared the complex generalities of modern drugs amount trap, the query principle, the metamorphosis of energy and matter to Eastern gospel. According to him, just as the Buddhist gospel says that everything is connected, the amount of drugs shows that patches are deeply connected. Capra's analysis is essentially comparative. In different languages Spirituality and science coexist in the same line of the truth. Having avoided the conflict, he highlights the possible unity in his original work.

Sarkar's view

Sarkar Capra took this idea of unity a step further. He not only showed the similarities between science and spirituality, but also constructed a new metaphorical framework. According to him, $E = mc^2$ is not just a law of physics, but a symbolic grammar of human existence.

He explains the formula thus:

- E (Energy) = self-efficacy
- m (Mass) = body
- c^2 (Light/Speed) = speed of consciousness

In this framework, when the movement of consciousness is increased through love, compassion, meditation or knowledge, infinite energy is born from the finite body. That is, science and spirituality are not only similar, but structural symbols of human existence.

Similarities:

- Both highlighted the unity of science and spirituality.
- According to both, truth is same but its language is different.
- Both believe that science and spirituality are not in conflict, but in dialogue.

Mismatch:

- Capra did comparative analysis.
- The government has built new metaphorical structures.
- Capra showed similarities between science and philosophy.
- Sarkar transformed sutras into spiritual mantras.

Literary and Spiritual Transformation

Capra's work is essentially analytical. He showed the similarities between science and philosophy. Sarkar transformed that similarity into a literary and spiritual framework. According to him, man is not just a body, but a moving equation.

He wrote:

"Humans are moving equations. We are fragile, yet infinite. We are broken, yet luminous."

This explanation teaches the reader infinite power lies in tiny bodies. As the speed of consciousness increases, man moves towards cosmic unity.

A comparative analysis shows that both Fritz Capra and Shankar Sarkar have highlighted the unity of science and spirituality. But Capra essentially analysed, while Sarker constructed new metaphorical structures. His originality was to transform Einstein's formulas into spiritual mantras. This explanation teaches the reader; we are not just bodies, we are moving equations, where infinite energies are born from finite bodies.

Comparative Analysis: Rabindranath Tagore and Sankar Sarkar

Tagore's poetry often equates light with liberation. Sarkar echoes this but translates poetic unity into philosophical sutras, bridging literary aesthetics with metaphysical inquiry.

Rabindranath Tagore's poetry is imbued with the central theme of light. For him, light means liberation, the unfolding of consciousness and human unity. He has used light as a symbol of liberation in his other works from Gitanjali to Sonar Tari, or as a world poet. Light to him is not only an element of nature, but the path to liberation of the human soul. Sankar Sarkar's Spiritual Odyssey finds deep parallels with this discussion. But his originality is that he saw light not only as a symbol of poetry, but transformed it into a philosophical formula. He transformed Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ into spiritual grammar. According to him-

- E (Energy) = self-efficacy
- m (Mass) = body
- c^2 (Light/Speed) = speed of consciousness

Here light is not only a symbol of liberation, but also the movement of consciousness and the power of transformation.

Rabindranath's view

Light means liberation in Rabindranath's poem. He wrote "Light is my light; the world is full of light."

This light is a symbol of human unity. For him, light means freedom from darkness, journey from ignorance to knowledge. Also is the revelation of human consciousness in his poetry. In Rabindranath's view, light is a symbol of human unity. In his poetry, light means the liberation of humanity, where people move from darkness to light.

Dialogue Between Science and Spirituality

Spiritual Odyssey rejects the binary opposition between science and spirituality. Instead, it posits them as complementary languages of truth; science through formula, spirituality through metaphor. Sarkar argues that both are necessary for human progress: science illuminates the external world, spirituality kindles the inner world. This dialogue is crucial in the postmodern age, where technological acceleration often outpaces moral development.

Dialogue between Science and Spirituality: A Spiritual Odyssey

Sankar Sarkar's book Spiritual Odyssey reveals a fundamental view; science and spirituality are not opposites, but different languages of the same truth. This dialogue is especially relevant in the modern age where technology is moving faster than morality.

Dialogue, not conflict

Conventionally, science is seen as the language of reason, evidence and experiment, and spirituality as the language of faith, experience and intuition. Sometimes they are in conflict; science rejects religion, religion ignores science. But the government rejected the contention. According to him, science and spirituality express the same truth in different languages. He wrote: "Science is the language of truth, philosophy is the language of meaning, literature is the language of feeling." These three languages together explain human existence.

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Sankar Sarkar's dialogue with T.S. Eliot: Modernist Crisis and Postmodern Hope

Sankar Sarkar's Spiritual Odyssey is reminiscent of the modernist crisis imagery of T. S. Eliot's The Waste Land. The author himself asserted:

"It is a journey across the Waste Land that T. S. Eliot once painted..." (p.13).

Eliot's poem offers symbolic depictions of brokenness, emptiness, and meaninglessness the collapse of a civilization with no clear prospect of regeneration. But Sankar Sarkar's view is different. He finds the seed of possibility in the brokenness. His declaration:

"Even in shadows, light waits." (p.13).

This quote symbolizes postmodern hope as opposed to modernist despair.

Eliot's Waste Land is basically a reflection of a broken civilization "broken images, sterile thunder, and hollow men." There is no solution to the crisis, only echoes of emptiness. But Spiritual Odyssey finds the possibility of hope and revival in the same brokenness. The author says:

"Hope is the only flame. It resists the wind of despair. Hope whispers. Even it tells us in ruins, seeds remain." (p.13).

This approach does not deny the crisis of modernism, but opens up new possibilities within it.

As a result, the work of Sarkar can be called a post-modern revision. He does not deny the crisis, but finds the light of possibility within the crisis. Where modernism accepts rupture as the ultimate truth, Spiritual Odyssey shows the possibility of rebirth within rupture. This perspective is important in contemporary literature and philosophy, as it calls the reader to a path of inquiry and hope rather than despair.

Final comments:

T. S. While Eliot's Waste Land symbolizes the modernist crisis, Sankar Sarkar's Spiritual Odyssey finds light of hope within that crisis. His quote "Humans are moving equations. We are fragile, yet infinite. We are broken, yet luminous." (p.14) proves that rupture is not the end, but the beginning of new possibilities. The book thus stands as a postmodern corrective to modernist pessimism reestablishing possibility while retaining crisis. It is a valuable contribution to contemporary literary practice, where within rupture lies the possibility of renaissance.

Dialogue, not conflict

Conventionally, understanding is seen as the language of reason, substantiation and trial, and the church as the language of faith, experience and suspicion. Occasionally, they're in conflict knowledge rejects religion, religion ignores wisdom. But Sarkar rejected the contention. According to him, science and spirituality express the same reality in different languages.

He wrote, "Science is the language of truth, philosophy is the language of meaning, literature is the language of feeling." These three languages together explain mortal actuality.

Explanation of the formula

Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ has been reinterpreted by Sarkar. According to him-

- E (Energy) = self-efficacy
- m (Mass) = body
- c^2 (Light/Speed) = speed of consciousness

This interpretation links science with spirituality. The formula is not just physics, but the symbolic grammar of human existence.

External and internal world

According to Sarkar, both spirituality and knowledge have two distinct aspects where the spirituality is aligned with the inner world of the soul, and knowledge with the external world. Science imparts us technology through unveiling the mystery of nature. Spirituality gives us moral direction and teaches compassion. Mortal civilisation survives in the union of these two.

Applicability in the post-modern period

In the modern age, technology is moving presto artificial intelligence, inheritable engineering, space disquisition. But morality is lagging. This conflict threatens human civilization. Sarkar has shown that a dialogue between science and spirituality can provide a solution to this crisis.

He wrote: "Life is an equation, spirit is its power, love is its light." This explanation teaches the reader that technology is not just about power, but when combined with morality, it will determine the future of humanity.

The path to unity

The dialogue between science and spirituality leads human civilization to the path of unity. Division creates conflict, unity brings peace. Sarkar has shown.

Evolution of Human Consciousness

Sarkar emphasizes that $E = mc^2$ reveals infinite energy within the smallest particle, paralleling infinite compassion within the human heart. This realization accelerates consciousness, transforming knowledge into spiritual experience. Drawing on Upanishadic wisdom ("Tat tvamasi"), Sarkar situates human beings as carriers of universal energy, thereby redefining existence as both scientific and spiritual.

The Evolution of Human Consciousness: A Spiritual Odyssey

Sankar Sarkar's book *Spiritual Odyssey* explains the evolution of human consciousness from a new perspective. He saw Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ not just as an equation of physics, but transformed it into a spiritual grammar of human existence. According to him, just as infinite power lies in the smallest particle, so also infinite compassion lies in the smallest human heart. This realization quickens human consciousness, transforming knowledge into spiritual experience.

Evolution of Human Consciousness

Sarkar emphasises that $E = mc^2$ reveals horizonless energy within the lowest flyspeck, corresponding horizonless compassion within the mortal heart. This consummation accelerates knowledge, transubstantiating knowledge into spiritual experience. Drawing on Upanishadic knowledge ("Tattvamasi"), Sarkar situates mortal beings as carriers of universal energy, thereby reconsidering actuality as both scientific and spiritual.

The Evolution of Human Consciousness: A Spiritual Odyssey

Sankar Sarkar's book *Spiritual Odyssey* explains the elaboration of mortal knowledge from a new perspective. He saw Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ not just as an equation of physics, but converted it into a spiritual alphabet of mortal actuality. According to him, just as horizonless power lies in the lowest flyspeck, so also horizonless compassion lies in the lowest mortal heart. This realisation quickens mortal knowledge, transubstantiating knowledge into spiritual experience.

Infinite energy in tiny particles

Einstein's law teaches us infinite energy lies in the smallest particle. This energy has advanced human civilization in everything from power generation, medicine, to space exploration. Sarkar transformed this scientific fact into a spiritual symbol. According to him, infinite compassion also lies in the small human heart. This realization teaches people to think in a new way; we are limited but possess infinite power.

The power of mercy

Sarkar has shown that just as there is infinite power in tiny particles, there is also infinite compassion in the tiny human heart. This grace quickens the human consciousness. When man accelerates consciousness through love, compassion, meditation and knowledge, infinite energy is born from finite bodies. This explanation teaches the reader; human consciousness is not just knowledge, but spiritual experience.

Knowledge of the Upanishads

Sarkar incorporates the knowledge of the Upanishads into his discussion. He wrote: “*Tat tvamasi* Thou art the Eternal Truth.” This quote teaches man; human existence is not just a body, but a part of cosmic energy. Sarkar attributed this wisdom to Einstein’s law. According to him, man is the carrier of cosmic energy.

From knowledge to spiritual experience

As can be seen in the history of human civilization first man observed nature, and then interpreted it, and finally from that interpretation came to a new understanding of his own existence. This continuity is the evolution of human consciousness. As Sarkar has shown, Einstein’s formula reinterprets this continuum. Infinite power lies in tiny particles this realization teaches man; infinite compassion also lies in the tiny human heart. This realization transforms knowledge into spiritual experience.

Cosmic unity

Sarkar has shown that man is not just an individual existence, but part of a cosmic force. According to him, the evolution of human consciousness leads man towards cosmic unity. When man realizes that infinite power lies in his tiny body, he realizes that his existence is part of the cosmic power. This realization teaches people to think anew; we are not just bodies, but moving equations.

Literary metaphor

Sarkar transformed the Sutra into a literary form. He wrote:

“Humans are moving equations. We are fragile, yet infinite. We are broken, yet luminous.”

This explanation teaches the reader; we are limited but possess infinite power. The evolution of human consciousness is accelerated by this realization.

Contemporary relevance

In today’s age, technology is moving fast, but morality is lagging behind. This conflict threatens human civilization. Sarkar has exhibited that the evolution of human consciousness can solve this crisis. When man realizes that infinite power lies in his tiny body, he realizes that his existence is part of the cosmic power. This realization leads people to the path of unity, compassion and human welfare.

The evolution of human consciousness is central to the main discussion of *Spiritual Odyssey*. Sarkar has shown that Einstein’s formula is not just physics, but the spiritual grammar of human existence. Infinite power lies in tiny particles—this realization teaches man; infinite compassion also lies in the tiny human heart. This realization quickens human consciousness, transforming knowledge into spiritual experience.

Therefore, Sankar Sarkar’s *Spiritual Odyssey* teaches the reader; we are not just bodies, we are moving equations. From finite body is born infinite energy. This understanding is the evolution of human consciousness

Literary and Philosophical implicit

The book functions contemporaneously as literature, philosophy, and spiritual converse. By equating energy- matter metamorphosis with mortal gestures of joy and anguish, creation and destruction, Sarkar creates a tropical system that resonates across disciplines. His jotting transforms equations into passions, making abstract wisdom accessible through lyrical language.

Literary and Philosophical Prospects: *Spiritual Odyssey*

Sankar Sarkar’s *Spiritual Odyssey* is a discourse between literature, philosophy and spirituality. He saw Einstein’s formula $E = mc^2$ not just as a scientific equation, but as an emblematic alphabet of mortal experience. In his jottings, the metamorphosis of energy and matter is compared to the joy and pain, creation and destruction of mortal life. This tropical structure teaches the anthology to think in new ways and makes wisdom easy to understand in the language of poetry

Literary possibilities

Literature puts human experience into language. Sarkar transformed the Sutra into a literary form. He wrote:

“Humans are moving equations. We are fragile, yet infinite. We are broken, yet luminous.”

This quote teaches the reader human life is not just a body, but a moving equation. Pleasure and pain, creation and destruction; all symbolize the transformation of energy and matter.

Science has been transformed into the language of poetry in Sarkar’s writings. He transformed equations into feelings. As a result, the reader can understand science in a new way.

Philosophical possibilities

Philosophy seeks the meaning of human existence. Sarkar transformed the Sutra into a philosophical interpretation. According to him:

- E (Energy) = self-efficacy
- m (Mass) = body
- c^2 (Light/Speed) = speed of consciousness

This explanation teaches the reader that human existence is not just a body, but a combination of spirit and consciousness. Pleasure and pain, creation and destruction; all are part of the evolution of human consciousness. Sarkar’s philosophical interpretation teaches the reader to think afresh. He showed that infinite power lies in tiny bodies. This realization leads man to the path of cosmic unity.

Spiritual potential

Spirituality illuminates the inner world of man. Sarkar transformed the Sutra into a spiritual interpretation. According to him, just as infinite power lies in tiny particles, infinite compassion also lies in tiny human hearts. This realization teaches people to think in a new way; we are limited but possess infinite power.

He wrote: "Life is an equation, spirit is its power, love is its light." This explanation teaches the reader; human life is not just a body, but a combination of spirit and love.

Transformation of pleasure and pain

Sarkar compares the transformation of energy and matter to the joys and pains of human life. As energy transforms into matter, pleasure transforms into pain, creation transforms into destruction. This explanation teaches the reader; human life is not merely an external experience, but a manifestation of a deeper force.

The duality of creation and destruction

Sarkar has shown that power can create as well as destroy. In human life, pleasure and pain, creation and destruction; all symbolize the transformation of energy. This interpretation teaches the reader; human life is not only happiness, but a combination of dualities.

Contemporary relevance

In today's age, technology is moving fast, but morality is lagging behind. Sarkar has shown that a dialogue between science and spirituality can provide a solution to this crisis. His writing teaches the reader that technology is not just about power, but when combined with morality, it will determine the future of humanity.

Literary and philosophical possibilities are seen in:

- Sarkar transformed the Sutras into literary form.
- He transformed the Sutras into philosophical explanations.
- He transformed the Sutras into spiritual interpretations.
- He brought science, philosophy and literature together.

Therefore, Sankar Sarkar's Spiritual Odyssey teaches the reader; we are not just bodies, we are moving equations. From finite body is born infinite energy. This understanding reinterprets human life literary, philosophical and spiritual.

Contemporary Relevance

$E = mc^2$ represents both creation and destruction in the context of a nuclear age.

Without ethical and moral consciousness, no technological development can reach the higher magnificence. The void of moral uplifting, technology causes calamity and disaster. Hiroshima and Nagasaki are the burning examples. Based on empathy and harmony, energy emerges as a force for the philanthropy of mankind. Thus, Sarkar's Spiritual Odyssey is profoundly germane to contemporary debates based on ethics, technology, and sustainability.

Contemporary Relevance: Spiritual Odyssey

Sankar Sarkar's book Spiritual Odyssey is of particular significance in the contemporary era. Because it is written around a formula $E = mc^2$ that is the foundation of modern science and technology, while also symbolizing the moral crisis of human civilization. This formula carries the power of creation as well as the potential of destruction. Hence the contemporary relevance emerges very deeply in the discussion of the book.

Duality of Sutras in the Atomic Age

Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ shows us that the smallest particles contain infinite energy. This energy has advanced human civilisation in everything from power generation to space exploration. But the same source also destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Sankar Sarkar highlighted this duality. Sarkar opines that humans will fall in danger if technology is detached from morality.

He wrote: "The same power can enlighten humanity, and in an instant destroy it." This duality is especially relevant in today's age.

The relationship between technology and ethics

Technology is moving presto in the moment. Artificial intelligence, inheritable engineering, space disquisition; we are seeing unknown advances in all fields. But if this progress is disassociated from morality, it's dangerous. Sarkar has stressed this extremity. According to him, the right use of technology will determine the future of humanity. He showed that if power is used for consumerism, it will lead to destruction. But if used for unity, compassion and mortal weal, it'll take civilisation to new heights.

Sustainability and Sustainable Development

Sustainability is a big question in the current world. Climate change, environmental destruction, and over-consumerism all hang mortal civilisation. Sarkar included this extremity in his discussion. According to him, the formula $E = mc^2$ teaches us that horizonless energy falsehoods in bitsy particles. However, mortal civilisation will be saved if this energy can be exercised towards sustainable development. He showed that sustainable development is possible if science and spirituality work together. Science gives us strength; spirituality gives us moral direction. Mortal civilisation will survive in the union of these two.

Examples of moral dilemmas

Hiroshima and Nagasaki are exemplifications of the topmost moral extremity in mortal history. The same formula that has been a blessing in power generation has become a curse in the battleground. Sarkar has shown by this illustration that if technology is separated from morality, it's dangerous for humanity.

Artificial intelligence, inheritable engineering, and space disquisition all face the same extremity today. However, it's a boon if technology is used for mortal weal. But if used for power and consumerism, it's a curse.

The role of spirituality

Sarkar has shown that the church can give moral direction to technology. According to him, wisdom is the language of verity, gospel is the language of meaning, and literature is the language of feeling. Mortal civilisation will survive if these three languages work together.

He wrote, "Life is an equation, soul is its strength, love is its light." This explanation teaches the anthology that technology isn't just about power, but when combined with morality, it'll determine the future of humanity.

Contemporary relevance is seen in:

- The formula $E = mc^2$ carries the energy of creation and the potential for destruction.
- If technology is divorced from ethics, it is dangerous.
- Civilization will survive if power is used for unity, compassion and human welfare.
- Sustainable development is possible only through the union of science and spirituality.

Therefore, Shankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* is particularly relevant in today's era. It teaches the reader; we are not just bodies; we are moving equations. From finite body is born infinite energy. If this power can be harnessed in ways of unity and compassion, human civilization will survive.

Critical evaluation

- Originality: Transforming a scientific formula into a spiritual metaphor.
- Interdisciplinarity: Bridging science, philosophy, and literature.
- Contemporary relevance: Addressing moral crises in the age of technology.

Limitations

- Metaphorical abstraction: Risk of being dismissed by strict scientists as speculative.
- Accessibility: Philosophical density may challenge general readers.

Nonetheless, these limitations underscore the book's intellectual ambition.

Critical Assessment: Spiritual Odyssey

Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* is a unique book, where Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$ is transformed into a spiritual mantra. In the previous discussion we have analysed the strengths and limitations of the book. Let us now elaborate on some other aspects, so that the intellectual ambition and contemporary significance of the book become clearer.

i. Originality

The originality of government is not limited to the transformation of formulas into spiritual symbols. He transformed the Sutras into a grammar of human existence. According to him, man is not just a body, but a moving equation. This interpretation teaches the reader to think in a new way infinite power lies in tiny bodies. This originality distinguished him from other thinkers.

ii. Interdisciplinarity

Another great strength of the book is its interdisciplinarity. Sarkar brought science, philosophy and literature together. According to Sarkar, it showed the language of truth, philosophy is the language of meaning, literature is the language of feeling. He combined these three languages in one formula. As a result, the book is not just literature, but a multidimensional dialogue.

iii. Contemporary Relevance

In today's age, technology is moving fast, but morality is lagging behind. As nuclear power is a blessing in power generation, it is a curse in the battlefield. Sarkar highlighted this conflict. He showed that if technology is separated from morality, mankind will be in danger. His analysis teaches the reader that the right use of power will determine the future of humanity.

Limitations

i. Metaphorical Abstraction

A limitation of the book is its metaphorical abstraction. Hard scientists might dismiss this as fantasy. Because transforming Einstein's formulas into spiritual mantras are not scientifically provable. But this limitation highlights the originality of the book.

ii. Accessibility

Another limitation of the book is its philosophical density. This may be difficult for the general reader. Deep philosophy and symbolic interpretation can sometimes confuse the reader. As a result, the book is mainly useful for researchers, literary and philosophical readers.

Significance of Constraints

But these limitations reveal the book's intellectual ambitions. Sarkar did not give simple answers, but raised questions. He wants to teach the reader to think. His purpose is not to impart information, but to open the way to thought.

Extended analysis

i. Spiritual transformation of scientific formulas

The greatest contribution of the government is to transform the scientific formula into spiritual form. $E = mc^2$, he showed, is not just a law of physics, but a symbolic grammar of human existence. This explanation teaches the reader infinite power lies in tiny bodies.

ii. Literary metaphor

Sarkar transformed the Sutra into a literary form. He wrote:

“Humans are moving equations. We are fragile, yet infinite. We are broken, yet luminous.”

This explanation teaches the reader to think anew; we are not just bodies, but moving equations.

iii. Solving moral dilemmas

In today's age, technology is moving fast, but morality is lagging behind. Sarkar highlighted this conflict. He showed that if technology is separated from morality, mankind will be in danger. His analysis teaches the reader that the right use of power will determine the future of humanity.

A critical appraisal shows:

- The strength of the book is its originality, interdisciplinarity and contemporary relevance.
- Limitations are symbolic abstraction and complexity of readability.

But these limitations reveal the book's intellectual ambitions. *Spiritual Odyssey* teaches the reader; we are not just bodies; we are moving equations. From finite body is born infinite energy. Therefore, this book of Sankar Sarkar is only S.

Final comments

Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* is not just a work of literature, but the beginning of a new interdisciplinary discussion. Here metaphor is used as a bridge between different fields of knowledge. At the heart of the book is Einstein's famous formula $E = mc^2$, which the author interprets not just as a scientific equation, but as a spiritual symbol of human existence. He wrote:

“Energy is the soul, mass is the body, light is consciousness. Together they form the triad of life.” (*Spiritual Odyssey*, p.13). This interpretation extended the formula from science to philosophy and literature.

The book's originality lies in raising questions, not providing answers. The author repeatedly emphasizes that human life is a moving equation:

“Humans are moving equations. We are fragile, yet infinite. We are broken, yet luminous.” (p.14).

This perspective calls the reader on a path of thought, where doubt, inquiry and introspection are key elements of the spiritual journey. So, it is not a religious dogma. This study calls for free thought. In an interdisciplinary context, the book creates a discourse between literature, philosophy and science.

As the author says:

“Science is the language of truth, Philosophy is the language of meaning, Literature is the language of feeling.”(p.17).

This trilingual combination is the specialty of the book. He transformed Einstein's formula into the symbolic structure of human life; body (m), consciousness (c), self-energy (E).

Through this, he shows that science and spirituality aren't rivals, but different languages of the same verity. The applicability of this book is veritably important in contemporary intellectual and erudite conversations. It forces the anthology to suppose anew in the environment of moral degeneration in the age of technological advancement. The book doesn't offer results, but rather raises questions, which makes it alive and necessary.

Therefore, *Spiritual Odyssey* should be read not only as literature, but as a new intellectual movement. It prompts exploration, not completion; And for that reason, it is a valuable contribution to contemporary literature and thought.

Intersections of French Philosophy and Sarkar's Spiritual Thought

Science, spirituality, and philosophy seem very different at first glance. And yet, they all ask the same question: What is reality, and what place does the human being occupy within it? An equation seeks laws. A mantra seeks inner peace. A philosophical treatise seeks truth through reason. There are three different paths, but a single destination. These are three human ways of looking at the world and making sense of it.

Contemporary studies show that meditation on this mantra measurably alters the activity of prefrontal regions associated with compassion and emotional regulation (Davidson & Lutz, 2008). This bridge between an age-old practice and neuroscience illustrates how a spiritual path can address through radically different means the same questions regarding the nature of consciousness as does Science.

Descartes and Foundational Doubt

René Descartes inaugurates philosophical modernity by positing doubt as a method. His line *je pense, donc je suis* establishes consciousness as the sole certain point of support (Descartes, 1637/1824, p. 18). This gesture grounds Western rationalism: while Einstein measures the world, Descartes first verifies its very existence.

Sartre, Beauvoir, and Radical Freedom

For Jean-Paul Sartre, *l'existence précède l'essence* (Sartre, 1945, p. 26): the human being is nothing other than what he makes of himself. Simone de Beauvoir extends this insight by demonstrating that gender itself is a construction: *On ne naît pas femme, on le*

devient (Beauvoir, 1949, p. 13). Sartre-Beauvoirian freedom is vertiginous and shares this point with the Buddhist mantra: identity is not a given; it is a process.

Camus and the Absurd

Albert Camus posits that the world is fundamentally silent in the face of human questions this is the absurd. Yet, far from nihilism, he concludes: *Il faut imaginer Sisypheheureux* (Camus, 1942, p. 168). This imperative of joyful lucidity resonates with Buddhist compassion: in both instances, existence is worth living fully, with eyes wide open.

Voltaire and the Critique of the Enlightenment

Voltaire embodies the critical power of reason. His final injunction *Il faut cultiver notre jardin* (Voltaire, 1759/1994, p. 100) is less an admission of resignation than a pragmatic program: in the face of the world's absurdity, one must act locally, humbly, yet methodically. It is an ethic structurally akin to that of the Buddhist bodhisattva, who strives to alleviate concrete suffering.

The following table summarizes few dimensions of analysis along which the three paths distinguish themselves and, at times, converge.

Aspects	Einstein - Science	Spiritual Mantra	French Philosophers - Reason
Language	Mathematical: equations, symbols, measurements	Sonic and Vibrational: recited sacred syllables	Literary: concepts, arguments, dialectics
Method	Hypothesis- Experiment - Demonstration - Refutation	Recitation - Meditation - Inner Transformation	Doubt - Dialogue- Argumentation -Synthesis
Nature of Reality	Matter and Energy: A Single, Convertible Substance ($E = mc^2$)	Reality is Illusion (Maya); Consciousness is Primary	Reality is Constructed by Free and Conscious Existence
Ultimate Goal	To understand and predict the laws of nature	To attain universal compassion and enlightenment	To live freely, lucidly, and authentically
The Individual	An observer situated within a frame of reference; relative to their context.	An illusion to be dissolved; the self is empty of inherent nature.	Absolute and angst-inducing freedom; condemned to choose.
Suffering	A problem to be solved through knowledge and technique	The primary cause of existence to be accepted and transcended	The Absurd (Camus) to be confronted without self-deception.
Form	An equation of five symbols for an entire universe	Mantra of six syllables condensing total awakening.	Treatises, novels, essays, thought in perpetual motion.

The three approaches share a fundamental premise: the appearance of the world deceives us. Einstein demonstrates that what we perceive as solid mass is merely slowed-down energy. Buddhism asserts that the “self” we cherish is a construct devoid of inherent nature. Sartre maintains that identity is not a given, but rather something constructed act by act.

Their major point of divergence lies in their relationship to subjectivity. Einstein’s science seeks to transcend it entirely: a law that holds true for any observer, in any place, at any time. The mantra, conversely, begins from within a practice that is radically intimate, corporeal, and subjective. French philosophers strike a balance between the two extremes: Descartes anchors certainty within the thinking subject, yet Voltaire demands that reason be universally communicable.

What is striking is that all three lead to a form of freedom: the freedom of the engineer who masters the atom, the freedom of the meditator detached from desire, and the freedom of the philosopher who rejects dogma. Three disciplines of vision three ways of looking the world squarely in the face, without illusion and without fear.

Added to these three major traditions is a singular contemporary voice: that of Sankar Sarkar, an Indian author whose work *Spiritual Odyssey* (2026) effects precisely the synthesis that this essay seeks to map. In it, Sarkar reinterprets $E = mc^2$ not as a physical fact, but as a mantra, a sutra a symbol of existence itself (Sarkar, 2026, p. 13). His approach is situated at the intersection of our three axes: the rigor of science, the depth of the spiritual, and the critical exactingness of philosophy.

The Tripartite Model: Body, Consciousness, Soul Energy

At the heart of *Spiritual Odyssey* lies a symbolic reinterpretation of Einstein's equation. Sarkar proposes a philosophical reformulation in which E denotes soul energy (ātmaśakti), m represents the body as mortal mass, and c embodies emotion—or consciousness in motion. This reading Soul Energy = Body × (Speed of Consciousness) ² constitutes, in his view, not a religious dogma but a philosophical metaphor (Sarkar, 2026, p. 16). In doing so, he aligns himself with a lineage of thinkers from Coleridge to Tagore, from Sri Aurobindo to Fritjof Capra who have sought to reconcile scientific knowledge with spiritual intuition.

Science as a Gateway to the Sacred

Where Einstein stopped at scientific demonstration, Sarkar extends the gesture toward the language of existence. The author argues that science and spirituality are not in conflict, but rather in dialogue: $E = mc^2$ serves as a bridge where the two shores do not merely face one another, but reach out to join hands (Sarkar, 2026, p. 19). This stance echoes Voltaire and the Enlightenment: a refusal to wage war between reason and faith, conceiving of them instead as two distinct languages of the same truth. Sarkar articulates this harmony through the Upanishadic dictum he himself cites *ekam sat viprabahudhavadanti*: Truth is One; the sages call it by various names (Sarkar, 2026, p. 23). This Vedic aphorism constitutes the philosophical keystone of the book, just as it does of our entire comparison.

Emotion as the Velocity of Consciousness: Convergence with French Philosophers

The central chapter of *Spiritual Odyssey* interprets the c in the equation as emotion an invisible and constant force, independent of time, space, and even death (Sarkar, 2026, p. 62). Love, compassion, anger, and joy amplify the energy of the soul just as c^2 multiplies energy in the physical formula. This interpretation resonates directly with Sartre for whom authentic existence demands an acute awareness of one's own inner movement and with Camus, who views emotional revolt as the only dignified response to the absurd. Sarkar thus situates his work within the tradition of the poet-critic-philosopher: whereas Tagore expressed unity in verse, Sarkar crystallizes it within the grammar of an equation. He sings yet drafts a philosophical blueprint (Sarkar, 2026, p. 20).

The Human as a Living Equation: Final Convergence

Sarkar's central thesis offers an unexpected conclusion to our comparative journey. The author asserts that human beings are equations in motion fragile yet infinite, broken yet luminous (Sarkar, 2026, p. 14). This image synthesizes what our four paths each propose in their own way: the human being is not reducible to their flesh (Einstein), nor to their ego (the Buddhist mantra), nor to a static social role (Sartre and Beauvoir), nor to a destiny merely endured (Camus). Spirituality, according to Sarkar, is not a comfortable refuge but an intellectual discomfort and it is precisely through this discomfort that the true inner journey begins (Sarkar, 2026, p. 31). This formulation could well have been penned by Descartes who made doubt the only firm ground or by Camus, who rejected the comfort of definitive answers. It is here that *Spiritual Odyssey* proves to be the natural complement to our triptych: a work that refuses to belong to a single discipline, the better to inhabit them all at once.

Truth is not the monopoly of any single discipline. Einstein, Spirituality, and Sartre do not read the same book they read the same silence between the words. Physics measures this silence; spirituality inhabits it; and philosophy names it. Together, they sketch an incomplete yet irreplaceable cartography of the human condition: a being cast into a universe it does not understand, yet one that has chosen to seek meaning within it through the equation, the mantra, or the concept.

CONCLUSION

Sankar Sarkar's *Spiritual Odyssey* is a groundbreaking arrival in contemporary literary age. His *Spiritual Odyssey* redefines the relationship between science and spirituality. $E = mc^2$ has become a spiritual mantra in the context of Sarkar's discussion. Sarkar embarks on the metaphorical structure related to human existence that embraces science, philosophy and literature. His contribution lies in bridging correctional divides, fostering dialogue between rational inquiry and metaphysical reflection, and offering a stopgap amid contemporary heads. The book situates itself within global intellectual discourse, affirming that verity is one, however expressed in numerous languages.

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