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John E. Fetzer on Spirituality and Science: May the Force Be With You

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In 1989, John Fetzer used the popular "Star Wars" phrase, "May the Force be with you" as the title of an article he penned in *New Frontier, Magazine of Transformation*, to create a picture of his vision of the relationship of the scientific world with the spiritual world.

A few years earlier, in 1986, John hinted at his notion in a taped conversation with the Fetzer Foundation's Communications Director, Jan Anderson, which has come to be called, "A Talk with John Fetzer." Fetzer said:

"As a very young man I started seeing the link between engineering and spiritual philosophies ... When we were developing things right after World War I, Nicola Tesla was our Bible ... As I experimented and studied more of Tesla's work, I recognized that there are energy wave forms in the physical world. And I began to wonder if there were other, more subtle wave forms that we can't see with our eyes. I think one of the ultimate goals of the Foundation is just exactly ... the merging of science with what I prefer to call infinite energy. We're trying to find other words that will include this concept."

In Fetzer's mind's-eye, both spirituality and science were, in large part, about energy—the only difference was that spirituality focused on the 'infinite end of the energy frequency-spectrum.'

In 1989, *New Frontier, Magazine of Transformation* awarded John Fetzer with its "Aquarian Award, for his contribution to the transformation of human consciousness." In his acceptance article in the magazine's October issue, Fetzer expounded further regarding science and spirituality and energy. Here are some quotes from the article:

"As I experimented and studied Tesla's work, I recognized that there were energy

waveforms in every part of the physical, I began to wonder if there were other, more subtle waveforms that we couldn't see, or as yet measure in any scientific way. Tesla's experiments and their implications about paranormal energy presented a new diminution of thought. ... Contemporary physics can define the known spectrum of frequencies quite well. The challenge comes when we look at energies beyond this spectrum. ... Can you see how difficult it is to define the sub-levels of energy? We don't even have the vocabulary yet to name what remains to be discovered. Yet I have confidence this will emerge."

He went on to write:

"I feel that we are on the threshold of a new order where people will be seeking enlightened change. ... This will all come about with the infusion of spirituality into science. The (Fetzer) Foundation's eventual intent is to integrate the scientific process with spiritual mindfulness ... A fundamental key to all this is to conduct this search with a proper line of scientific investigation. We are not only redefining the scientific process, we are also experimenting with it. ... *The universe is teeming with all kinds of energies just waiting to be discovered.*"

And further—extending his notion of energy to include "love" as well:

"Many times I've been asked, 'If you could communicate just one idea to everyone in the world, what would it be?' ... I feel that *Love is the core energy* that rules everything. It is the force field out of the electronic energy of creation. Love is the one ingredient that holds us all together. The world's great scriptures express this by saying, 'God is Love.' ... The one thing a body must have in order to live is a creative intelligence I call God—a certain energy that holds it all together and makes it work ... so I agree that 'God is Love'."

Thus, Fetzer sees the universe as "**teeming with all kinds of energies just waiting to be discovered,**" of which "**Love is the core energy.**" So while Love is the basis of Spirituality, it is also, in Fetzer's view, *an energy*—and thus also falls within the bailiwick of scientific investigation. Fetzer saw spirituality and science as in symbiotic pursuit of the mastery of "infinite energy," also known as Love. And, conversely, the scientific pursuit of "the force field out of the electronic energy of creation" is of importance to the 'pursuit of spirituality' as well.

In just what way is this symbiosis of science and spirituality—of energy and love—to play out? Fetzer was deeply interested in finding out just what "May the Force be with you" implies for the future of humanity.