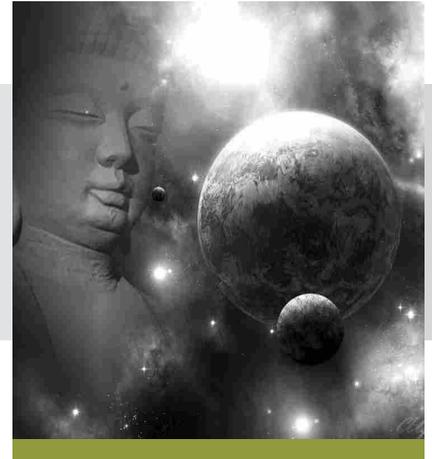


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This country needs technology, otherwise it cannot survive. And I know perfectly well that the way technology has happened in the West has been a calamity in its own way. It has destroyed the ecology. The West suffers from technology, and the East suffers from lack of technology. And the Eastern obscurantists take great joy in asserting the fact: "Look what has happened to the West through technology."

But that is not the only way of bringing technology in. We can learn from the Western experiment -- we can bring in technology which is not against ecology. There is no necessity, there is no inherent necessity, that technology has to be against nature. It can be for nature -- it can be friendly to nature, it can be part of nature, it can be in communion with nature.

The technology has to be based on Taoist approaches. Technology as it exists in the West, if imported, will be another error, another fatal

error. But the West has gone through a great experiment; we need not make all the mistakes that they have made. We are in a better position now. We have suffered without technology, the West has suffered through technology. Now there is a possibility to create a new vision of technology and nature in communion, hand in hand together.

And that experiment will become an example for the whole world. India can do it, India can create that space -- because five thousand years of meditateness, prayer, love for God, and search for God, is enough of a background to transform technology, its flavour -- to make it more natural, rather than being something against nature. India needs people who know what meditation is, and who know what science is: it needs a synthesis.

-Osho

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