

Albert Einstein on the Brahma Sutra

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The highlighted text presented below, from a letter from Albert Einstein to Karl Popper, expresses succinctly the main argument of the Brahma Sutra.

Prakriti is Nature. It is matter, made of atoms. It is the result of observation.

Purusha is Consciousness. It is mental abstraction. It has no atoms. It is speculation, intuition, or inspiration invented in human Mind.

A hypothesis (theory) can only be **invented** in human Mind; cannot be **fabricated** out of the results of observation.

Albert Einstein (1935):

Altogether I really do not at all like the now fashionable [modische] 'positivistic' tendency of clinging to what is observable. I regard it as trivial that one cannot, in the range of atomic magnitudes, make predictions with any desired degree of precision, and I think (like you, by the way) that theory cannot be fabricated out of the results of observation, but that it can only be invented.