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In the opinion of many people Robert A. Millikan is a mediator of the two great guiding disciplines, namely, Science and Religion. Dr. Millikan's autobiography reveals the steps which have led him to an ameliorating interpretation of these guiding philosophies. It depicts him as one who has lived in an age of more profound change and enlightenment than man has ever experienced heretofore.

As the son of a minister Dr. Millikan learned the nobility of work and the value of developing sound body and mental keenness. Excellence in early education soon enabled him to reach the top in the field of physics at Oberlin and Chicago. His natural friendliness and opportune association with the great men in physics gained for him the highest post in physical research at Chicago and California's Institute of Technology. One can well profit by his simple presentation of difficult problems which were the concern of men such as Einstein. Dr. Millikan's guidance in research has been of inestimable value during two World Wars.

The wide interests of Dr. Millikan, subtle feeling for human needs, and clear discernment of the forces by which man lives, enable him to sense the profound purport of man's concerted activities in the sciences. In man's honest and incessant search for more accurate knowledge so as to apply it, the author sees the possibilities of a more humanely guided world order. Everyone should read especially the closing chapters of this biography.

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