Anguish And Joy In The Unexpected

with a strong magnetic field which together with the pulsar’s atmosphere of electrically charged particles, produces the radio waves much like a revolving search light. We receive them if we happen to be directly in the path of the search light. To explain the effect the neutron star has to have a density several hundred thousand billion times that of water and its magnetic field a trillion times that on the earth.

I have narrated these two examples to illustrate the extremes of physical conditions that exist in the cosmos. To the scientist these are the adhibutras to wonder at. They are the challenges to our claims to understand the universe.

How does the common man react to adhibutras? I am submitting full of description of the effects of the unexpected on the public ethic. The reaction to seeing the manifestation of something that

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The Marvellous Sentiment

ADHIBUTA rasa or the marvellous sentiment includes the vehement and onyx-like extra-ordinary and fantastic events and objects as also acts of magic and fantasy. It is to be depicted by the vijnanottara, tears of joy, utter words of approbation such as ‘aah’, and by making gestures.

All plays must end with a depiction of adhibuta rasa. This means that the denouement or the final act of any play must contain unexpected twists and exactly reach its climax. Any predictable plot is a great defect.

The adhibuta rasa is that which has done so. For, why should the law of nature be different at the tiny laboratories of a minuscule planet by brains that have obviated the limitations of the human brain.

The common man reacts to the Bermuda Triangle or the Unidentified Flying Objects(UFOs), with the belief that these are insol-