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A Study of Brahman

Brahman, the absolute God of Vedanta is a very mysterious Being. In Hinduism He occupies the highest place, as the creator and enjoyer of all creation. Presented below are a few articles on Brahman for your proper understanding of this Highest God of Hinduism.

Brahman: Brahman is the very space and the entire universe, with billions of galaxies and interstellar spaces and much more than that. The idea of Brahman probably entered the consciousness of ancient Hindu seers as they contemplated upon the vast expansive sky and the star studded mysterious night skies. The Upanishads present a grand view of this Absolute and highest god of Hinduism. Read the greatness and significance of Brahman from this article.

II. Belief in One God: There is a misconception among many that Hindus worship many gods and nothing else. To those not familiar with Hinduism, this practice of Hindus appear absurd and primitive. The way Hindus worship gods is different from the way the ancient Hittites or the Mediterranean people worshipped their gods. Know from this article why Hindus worship so many gods and goddesses, but how at the same time firmly believe in the unquestionable fact that God is but one indivisible Supreme Truth.

III. Difficulties in Understanding Brahman : Any attempt to explain Brahman to the satisfaction of a mind that is driven by reason and familiar with the concretization of thought is fraught with enormous difficulties, because that which is inexplicable cannot be explained by any amount of reasoning and logic. Brahman is beyond the senses, beyond the mind, beyond our intelligence and dreams. Then how can It be explained to the satisfaction of an intellectual and curious mind? The Rig Vedic seers themselves had this problem in their mind when they called Him vaguely as "IT" or "This" or "That". Know from this article why it is so difficult for the human mind to conceptualize the idea and the grandeur of Brahman.

IV. Aspects of Brahman: Brahman is both the unmanifest and the manifest, the formless and the one with form. He is here and beyond. There are four grand aspects of Brahman, which are not known even to many Hindus. What are these aspects? Read this article to know.

V. The Brahma Wheel of Svetavatara Upanishad: The Svetavatara Upanishad describes the qualities of the manifest creation inhabited by the divine power of God (devatma-shakti). Unlike the Prakriti of the Samkhya school, the Shakti that is described here is not independent of Brahman but an aspect of Him. This article describes the qualities of the manifested creation.

VI. The 24 principles of Creation: It has been said that Samkhya philosophy was the greatest achievement of ancient Indian scholarship. The Samkhyas were originally atheists in the sense that they did not accept the concept of a Supreme creator. But they contributed to Hinduism the concept of Prakriti and evolution of life which was subsequently modified and absorbed into mainstream Hinduism, through such works as the Bhagavad gita, the epics, and the Puranas. Know from this article the twenty four principles of manifest creation.

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