

Life and Origin of the Universe

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What is life? What is the origin of the universe? Is there any meaning and purpose behind the manifestation of life and the universe?

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- ✓ Satisfy your lifelong curiosity!
- ✓ Investigate contemporary theories, and deepen your understanding.
- ✓ See the relevance of Vedantic wisdom in the context of modern scientific and technological developments.

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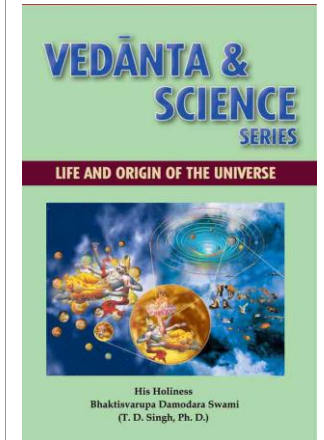
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A sample of the Vedantic awareness you will gain:

- ◆ Vedanta provides an elaborate background to demonstrate that there is a different dimension of reality.
- ◆ Real time is experienced differently at various locations within the universe.
- ◆ What is the purpose behind the manifestation of the material world? Why are there so many different planets?
- ◆ Is our universe open or closed? What is its shape? How old is it? Are there other universes? How are they described? Do they all shelter life? What about the cyclical creations and annihilations of the universes?
- ◆ Happiness is the ultimate goal of every living being. The cosmic creation must, therefore, have a built-in potential principle on how every living being can attain real happiness. Learn more!
- ◆ Today, after much advancement in science and technology, we are experiencing a new dimension of great danger in the form of terrorism, nuclear war, chemical warfare, and the question of our very survival is at stake. Directly or indirectly our materialistic scientific culture is the cause of all these great anxieties. Why? And what is the root cause?
- ◆ What does Vedanta tell us about Brahman, the Absolute truth? What are the three categories of the Absolute Truth?
- ◆ There are two categories of consciousness; what are they?
- ◆ Matter is inert and has no consciousness. But there is interaction between the individual particle of consciousness and matter. How?
- ◆ The interaction of consciousness with intelligence, mind, and senses, is described in the Katha Upanisad. Learn more!
- ◆ In our day-to-day activities we can feel a seemingly inexplicable guidance, that is sometimes described as intuition or inspiration. This happens often, when we are deeply contemplating on a problem; and the solution comes like a flash without any connection to the line of thought that we had been contemplating. How is this explained?

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