

## Exploration

# Man & God (Part I)

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### Abstract

The spiritual and scientific activities are progressions in understanding the creations of God and divine powers in materialistic and spiritualistic world. The great philosophers and saints have been working in the past and developed many theories regarding the existence of God, creation of Universe, solar system, relationship between Man and God and birth and death cycle of living entities of this earth. An attempt has been made in this essay to correlate the features of Man and God, the methods of exploration and approach to the supreme Lord.

**Keywords:** God, man, soul, divine powers, birth, death cycle and spiritual activities.

## I. Introduction

According to the principle of conservation of energy, the energy cannot be created nor destroyed but it is transformed from one form to another. All 84 lakhs of living entities created by God are energy sources having respective souls. They are transformed one form to another through passage of soul. They die and take birth as per the law of karma and each one has its own life span. They are entangled in birth and death cycle process till the positive karma is attained and then they get liberated, and go to spiritual world to merge with God<sup>1,2,3</sup>. At the time of demise of any person we pray “May the soul be rest in peace”<sup>3</sup>. It manifests that the soul (Atma) is an energy component, going to merge permanently and reside peacefully with God in spiritual world, Vikuntam (Heaven).

Man, the most intellectual living entity, would like to explore the existence of God. It has been a topic of hot discussion for many centuries and will continue to be important field for saints, philosophers and scientists in the world<sup>1,2,4,7,8</sup>. The Astrophysics and Space research activities are to explore the other planets and galaxies to understand the creator - God, His potential and discoveries in the Universe; and possibility of human life in other planets.

The knowledge gained by reading the Vedic scriptures<sup>1,2</sup>, attending the discourses at various places and participating in spiritual activities for the past many years, realized that God exist and He is omnipresent. An effort has been made in this paper and the observations are presented as

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comparative study of Man and God in a condensed form; and possibilities of exploring and approaching God.

## **II. Features of Man and God**

- 1) Man exists and God also exist.
- 2) Man is in materialistic world whereas God is in spiritualistic world.
- 3) Man has no ex-ordinary powers whereas God has superpowers.
- 4) Man's soul is a part of the God's super soul.
- 5) Man is locally present whereas God is Omnipresent
- 6) Man cannot become a God, but God can become a Man.
- 7) Man cannot make a man, but God makes a Man.
- 8) Man can only make non-living things, robots, whereas God can make both living and non - living things.
- 9) Man looks after few – he and his family and few more, whereas God takes care of all His 84 lakhs living entities.
- 10) Man can be seen but God cannot be seen.
- 11) Man has short vision whereas God has broad vision.
- 12) Man takes and forgets whereas God gives and forgives.
- 13) Man's life span is 100 years whereas God's life span is infinite.
- 14) Man is only on this earth planet, but God is present in all the planets and all the Galaxies.
- 15) Man cannot control his next birth but God control man's next birth.
- 16) God sits as super soul in all living creatures, whereas Man's soul does not sit anywhere except in his body.
- 17) Man does business with God, but God does not do any business with Man.
- 18) Man cannot produce his own food, but God produce food for him.

- 19) Man cannot digest his own food, but God helps for his digestion(BG Ch.15 Text 14)<sup>1</sup>.
- 20) Man cannot acquire wisdom without the benevolence of God.
- 21) God can create as well as destroy knowledge in Man at any time.
- 22) Man is impure whereas God is pure.
- 23) Man is selfish whereas God is generous.
- 24) If Man gives one, God returns in multiples.
- 25) Man has enemies but God does not have any enemies.
- 26) Man is dependent whereas God is absolutely independent.
- 27) Man prefers to reside in palaces whereas God stays with devotees wherever they reside.
- 28) Man seeks whereas God donates.
- 29) Man proposes and God disposes.
- 30) Man is a sink whereas God is a source.
- 31) Man is mortal whereas God is immortal.
- 32) Man is in physical form but God is in transcendental form, but comes in physical form to protect His people.
- 33) Man remembers only few incidents that occurred in the present life, whereas God remembers all His children in the birth and death cycle through the passage of soul.
- 34) Man does not appear again in the same form to his relatives and friends, but God appears again to pure devotees.
- 35) Man takes birth as human form and does good and bad activities, whereas God also takes birth in different form to protect His children whenever He finds ,they are in danger due to adharmic or sinful activities on the earth (BG Ch.4 Text 7 and 8)<sup>1</sup>.
- 36) Man has incarnation form as per his previous karmas, takes a birth in 84 lakhs living entities on this earth till he is liberated from birth and death cycle, whereas God takes incarnation, so far God has taken birth in ten times known as Dashavtrars<sup>1</sup>.

### III. Explorable and Approachable

The present scientific and materialistic approaches are to explore the existence of God. The theories and technical methodologies may fail to observe God without the spiritual activities. God is explorable and approachable to a Man who is in spiritual form that too with His permission. No one has potential to conquer God. As per the literature, one who wants to overcome Him and rule the whole world will be ruined like Hiranyakashipu; having received boons from all Devatas (sub gods) he wanted to conquer Supreme Lord Vishnu and then to rule whole world, but he was finally destroyed by Lord Narasimha<sup>9</sup> (incarnation of Lord Vishnu) millions of years ago in Ahobilam in Andhra Pradesh, India.

The Vedic scripts say only the pure devotees can explore His potential, His creations and can reach Him with proper spiritual devotion through nine Sadhans (Practices) as mentioned in the Vedic scriptures<sup>1</sup>. They are 1) Sravanam 2) Kirtanam, 3) Samaranaham 4) Pada Sevanam, 5) Archanam, 6) Vandanam 7) Dasayam 8) Sakhayam and 9) Atma- Nivedanam.

In Bhagavad Gita<sup>1</sup>, Lord says only one person in one million can reach Me in spiritual world with above sadanas. It also says in materialistic world, no can see Him with naked eyes, one requires special eyes known as Divyachakus to observe Him. The Lord, himself appeared and shown His form to His mother Yashoda and an ambassador Akroor; and His Viswarupam (Universal Form) to Arjuna while preaching Bhagavad Gita in the battlefield of Mahabharata war and Sanjay to narrate battlefield situation to the blind King Dhritarashtra.

Every religion has its own scriptures and they are right according to their own philosophy. Everyone says God has divine and supernatural powers; and incredible and beyond the capacity of human mind. It is universal fact that whoever takes a birth on this materialistic world earth planet, one must die after due course of time. One may depart early and other may be late, that depends upon his karma performed during his previous and present births<sup>1,2,4</sup>. One who performs good and divine activities to please the God may merge and reside peacefully with Him<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>. It connotes the universal condolence message “May the soul be rest in peace”. It confirms all spirituals activities are meant for back to Godhead. The two general principles in all religious scriptures in the world are “Manav sevaye Madhav seva. (Service to Humans is service to God)” and “Love all and Serve all”. It means you are serving His children so that God will be delighted and bless you.

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