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Creation of the Universe

Man, in his quest for the knowledge about his own origin and the origin of the universe, has propounded many theories and countless hypotheses. He may be from the field of science or from the world of spirituality. These hypotheses continue to be the result of serious in-depth observations. On the one hand Scientists have been trying to find out the secrets of the creation of universe and on the other hand the Vedic Philosophers and some of the Philosophers of yore from Bharatvarsh and abroad, have been speaking about the creation of the universe on the basis of their intuitive knowledge they seem to have discovered.

Before the rishis of Sanatan Dharma thought of the creation of the universe, they discovered the basic physical laws. One of the main concepts the rishis realized was that not a thing or no life could come from nothing.

The recent advancement that Dr. Stephan Hawking spoke of propounded that the world was not a creation of God – which even the Brahmakumaris Spiritual studies believe. The argument goes like this-The soul and the supreme soul are immortal and their roles too are cyclic in nature and hence the platform, on which they play, too, has to be immortal. Hence the world in which we live is not the creation of God. He rejuvenates it or restructures it as and when required with the help of men. The world in that sense has no beginning nor any end because the law of physics states that matter is indestructible, it only transforms into something different-again a part of universe.

Vedic philosophy and the theory of evolution go hand in hand. The Nasadiya hymns explain when there was neither *asat* nor *sat* also known as non-existence and existence all the way through the creation of the universe.

Nasadiya hymns refer to what the scientific community knows as the Big Bang Theory. The hymn speaks of a time when there was neither light nor dark, no existence nor non-existence and of course - no life.

The fourth verse tells of when tadek or god created kama or the Big Bang. First there was oblivion which preceded the creation of the universe by the Big Bang. The Vedic philosophers knew that matter could not come from nothing; philosophers believed that a supreme being had to have accomplished this great creation. Early Vedic philosophy believed that Hiranyagarbha created the universe and he was the “golden embryo” that being came from.

Sanatan Dharma believes that the holy trinity or Trimurti of Hinduism consists of Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva also known as the Creator, Preserver, and Destroyer. It is said that Brahma created the universe; the Upanishads also introduce the ambiguity of the creation. Vishnu preserves the universe and keeps watch over creations, and Shiva is the destroyer, the only one with power to obliterate creations. Hindus believe that every creation should be respected because the manifestation of god is seen in every one of his creations, whether it be other people, animals, or the earth itself.

The creator, they say, resists change in the world, and the world has no influence on the creator. To Hindu philosophy, the world goes through a cyclic time period rather than linear. The earth goes through the cycle of four Yugas which are time periods with certain characteristics. Christians, Muslims and Jews, too believe in the Holy Trinity. They had one ancestor and were children of different mothers. Most of the theologies have the concept of creator, preserver and the destroyer. This reveals the ambiguity and multiplicity of the theories.

However, their efforts have been bringing about many changes in the world of science and in the world of Spirituality. They have chanced upon innumerable discoveries which have helped men live a better life – on the physical plane and also on the spiritual plane – the theories of science and silence continue to find out newer and newer secrets of both nature and spirit. A point of convergence has come where both – the theologians and the scientists – converge and seem to play complementary roles.