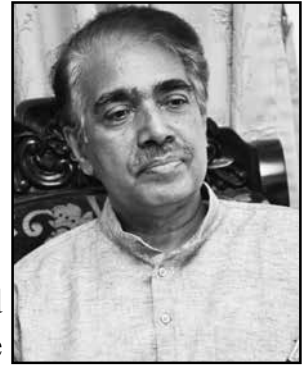


EDITORIAL



God, Religions and Science

Believers of all religions agree on the existence of God and that God is the creator, sustainer, and redeemer of the creations. But they gave different names and forms and various attributes to God. Thus, we have many religions and worship God with different names, forms, and attributes. Some projected God as a fearsome personality, ready to punish human beings for not obeying rules made by the respective religions and reward the faithful. So for a long time, and even now many consider “God fearing” as a good attribute for human beings. Some religions projected God as merciful, loving and ever ready to forgive, if the followers repent on their sins and promise not to repeat. Most people belonging to different faiths and different Gods (by name) strongly believe that their God described by name and form by them is the only God and others are to be rejected. Heaven is only for those who accept their faith and God. Others go to Hell. Sanathana dharma is not a religion, but a way of righteous living evolved over a period (about 1500 BC) by Rishis of Vedic and Upanishadic period. They realised that the creator (God) is an all-pervading energy present throughout the Universe and in each and every living and non-living thing. However, they realised that ordinary human beings have limitations of mind and cannot worship a formless and nameless Energy God and permitted humans to worship God in any forms and names as they wished, and at the same time realise that such different faiths and worship are only different paths to reach the same and only one God. Sanathana Dharma advocated that the cosmic all-pervading energy (God) is also in every one of God’s creations, and there for respect each other, and all creations, Nature, and environment.

With the advancement of science and the ascend of human civilisation, religious beliefs were being questioned from time to time. Science/scientists needed Proof for the existence of God and for creation of Universe and all beings. The How and Why of creation are not yet fully understood, although there is new light on the horizon with greater scientific knowledge and wisdom. We know that the structure of an atom consists of a central nucleus with protons and neutrons, and surrounded by one or more electrons, orbiting around the nucleus, each in a separate and pre-decided orbit. We also know that the structure of the solar system is the same; as our Earth and various other planets go around the Sun in specific orbits. The solar systems being part of the Galaxy called Milky Way with millions of stars, smaller and bigger than Sun and there are millions of such Galaxy of stars in our Universe. Advances in science in the 20th and 21st Century have proved that everything in the Universe is made of fundamental particles like electrons, and that energy and matter are interchangeable. Advanced scientific research and exploration of space has shown that the universe is filled with a sea of energy, referred as Quantum field. All fundamental particles are created by transformation of this energy. Particles

are excitations of the respective quantum field. This quantum field of energy is the source of everything in the universe, the Galaxies, the stars, solar system, our earth, human and other living beings, and inanimate objects. Thus, every living and non-living physical substance in the universe is a manifestation of this all-pervading energy transformed into matter - say in the case of human beings our body which is made of fundamental particles which are linked to the Quantum field of energy. Thus, science has come close to the ultimate truth, that we are manifestations (creations) of this Cosmic Energy, and we are intimately connected to the source and through it with each other. We can hope that some time in future Science will unite all religions and humans will develop the God within, think and act on behalf of God for the well being of all. Most religions agree on the existence of Devil (anti God). These are the negative forces of the energy. So while we develop Godliness in us, we must also suppress/annihilate the negative forces and adhere to ethical ways in our thoughts and actions.

**“Science without Religion is lame
Religion without Science is blind”.**

Albert Einstein

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Concept of God

“Children, quite a few people ask, “Many gods are worshipped in the Hindu religion. In reality, is there more than one God?”

The Hindu religion, also known as `Sanatana Dharma`, is not polytheistic. It holds that there is only one God. It also declares that nothing in the universe is separate from God, and that everything is a manifestation of Him.

The Hindu religion considers God as pure consciousness, which is indivisible, nameless, and formless. For this reason, Sanatana Dharma does not insist that God must be called only one particular name or that He can be attained only through one particular path.

Although God is beyond name and form, He can assume any form and manifest any number of bhavas (dispositions) to bless His devotees. Who can describe His infinite glories? God is endowed with attributes and is, at the same time, beyond them.”

- Mata Amritanandamayi