



SWAMIJI ANSWERS

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Q) In the 17th verse of the 9th chapter of Bhagavad-Gita Lord Krishna Himself says “*ve:dyam pavithram O:mka:raha, rik sa:ma yajur e:va cha.*” When the Supreme Lord Himself has mentioned only three Vedas, why do people refer to Vedas as four?

H.H.) Initially the Vedas were not classified into different branches. They were in one single pile. The intellectual capacity of the people is very limited in this age of *Kali*. Hence, sage *Veda-Vyasa* classified the Vedas into four. They are *Rik, Sama, Yajur* and *Attharva*. He imparted these branches to four different disciples in order to preserve them. They were subsequently classified into 1131 different branches by his disciples and their

disciples. Yet they are commonly referred to as four Vedas. When they are referred to as three, the *Attharva-Veda* is included in the *Yajur-Veda*. When they are referred to as four branches, *Atharva-Veda* is separately mentioned.

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Q) The atheist's claim that the life has sprung up from matter and the theist claim that the matter has sprung up from life please tell me what is the reality?

H.H.) Matter is *Prakriti* that is made of five elements. They are Space, Air, Fire, Water and Earth. A section of the scientists say that the life is an accident. According to them it sprang up from matter. They cannot prove their claim, as it is not possible for the life to spring forth from the dead matter.

According to the Vedas the life is present in each and every atom. The live force that is present in each and every atom is called soul. A soul gets a body according to its karma. When a soul is in some atoms it will be in a dormant state. In such a state the live force will not be visible in it. In that state a soul is designated as an insentient thing. Whereas the live force of a soul manifests itself in some atoms, when the souls attains such bodies we call them as sentient beings.

All sorts of action take place only due to the presence of a live force. The protons, electrons and neutrons move in an atom, only due to the presence of a live force. Each and every atom is a part of a universe and has the potency to produce complete universe. A good analogy for this is a seed is a part of a tree yet it has got the potency

to produce innumerable seeds and trees within it. Among the tree and the seed, we do not know which came into existence first. Similarly each and every atom has the potency to produce many atoms and universes. All this can happen only by the sanction of the Supreme Lord who regulates everything.

Dead matter cannot undergo changes without the interference of a live force. Hence it is only the live force that produces matter and matter cannot produce life. We can also understand this fact if we carefully observe the nature.



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