



2. The three worlds :-

From where did the soul come into this world? Insects, animals, birds and moths; all these are actually souls. There is a soul in each of them. In this picture (the picture of the three worlds), this is the earth and these are the sun, the moon, stars and the sky element (space). There is a *shloka* (verse) in the Gita in which God has told Arjuna about where He lives: '*Na tad bhaasayate suuryo na shashaanko na paavakah. Yad gatwaa na nivartante tad dhaama paramam mama.*' (Ch.15, *shloka* 6) It means, 'I am a resident of the place where the light of the sun, the moon and stars does not reach, where the light of the fire does not reach. [After reaching that Abode, the souls do not return (to this sorrowful world).] That is My Abode which is the most beyond. This *shloka* proves that God is the resident of the Supreme Abode (*Paramdhaam*) and He is not omnipresent. Here, it is proved that beyond the world of the five elements, there is another unique, always illuminated sixth element, **the Brahmalok**. It is called '**the Supreme Abode**' in English. The Muslims call it '*arsh*'; [they say:] '*Khudaa arsh mein rahtaa hai, farsh mein nahi*' (God lives in the highest heaven, not on land). But now, they too have started believing God to be omnipresent [and say:] '*khuda*

*zarre-2 mein hai*¹'. The Jains believe it to be the '*turiya dhaam*' (the Unique Abode). It means, all the religions believe in [the existence] of that Abode. All of us souls are the residents of that Supreme Abode where the Supreme Soul, the Point of light, whom the Hindus call '**Shiva**' also resides. He is beyond the cycle of birth and death. All the remaining souls come in the cycle of birth and death. What is the order of the positioning of those souls in the Supreme Abode? The more the soul performs elevated deeds after coming to this world, it will stay closer to the most beyond Shiva to that extent. The more the soul performs lowly deeds or plays an inferior role, it will be [positioned] below to that extent. There are more of such souls. There are more souls who perform wicked actions and less deity souls who perform elevated actions; they are said to be 330 million. Those whose number continues to become small towards the top are the elevated souls.

At the beginning of the Golden Age, when the new world recurs, the Golden Age, the Silver Age, the Copper Age and the Iron Age grow older one after the other. Everything in the world passes through four stages. Just like, **the childhood is satopradhaan**², **adolescence is satosaamaanya**³, **adulthood is rajopradhaan**⁴ and **the old age [is tamopradhaan]**⁵; **then he is finished**. The same principle applies to the world as well. It passes through these four stages. The *satopradhaan* world is called '**the Golden Age**', the *rajopradhaan* world is called '**the Copper Age**', and the *tamopradhaan* world is called '**the Iron Age**'. The order of the descent of the souls from the *Brahmalok* is that the more elevated a soul is, the more elevated is the age in which it descends. The souls that are complete with 16 celestial degrees descend in the beginning of the Golden Age, the souls that are

¹ God is present in every particle

² Consisting in the qualities of goodness and purity

³ Where there is ordinary goodness and purity

⁴ Dominated by the qualities of activity and passion

⁵ Dominated by darkness and ignorance

complete with 14 celestial degrees descend in the beginning of the Silver Age, the souls that are complete with eight celestial degrees descend in the Copper Age and from the Iron Age, [the stage of being] devoid of celestial degrees begins. The souls that are devoid of celestial degrees (*kalaahin*) and whose only religion (temperament) is to give sorrow to others, it has been mentioned about them in the Gita: “*muurhaa janmani janmani*”⁶ (Ch.16, *shloka* 20). They are born in hell. Those most degraded souls come at the end of the Iron Age, when all the souls have descended; they don't find a way to return [to the Supreme Abode], instead, they repeatedly come in the cycle of birth and death here (in this world) itself and they become *taamasi*⁷ by experiencing pleasures through the body.

[Suppose] there is a seed, when it is sown many times, it loses its power. It produces small leaves, small fruits, and small tree [grows from that seed] and finally, it stops producing fruits. Similar is the account of the souls, that once they have descended from above, they keep degrading. Consider the history of 2500 years ago meaning, the last half of the world. Has happiness and peace in the world been changing into sorrow and restlessness or has the happiness and peace kept increasing? What does the history say? As the population increased, the souls kept descending from above. Therefore, because of the growth in population, sorrow and restlessness in the world is bound to increase; [and] it continued to increase. Finally, this [series] reaches the extremity when all the souls have descended. The number of insects, animals and birds, moths, microbes is continuously increasing in the world. So many insecticides are sprayed in India and abroad, still no decline is being noticed in their number. There is a continuous growth in the number of flies and mosquitoes. After all, where are these souls coming from? The answer to it is according to the Gita itself, but no one has clarified it. Now it is becoming clear that these souls are coming from that Soul World and they keep playing their role, by coming in the cycle of birth and death in this very world.

⁶ [O son of Kunti!] The ignorant ones, [who are born as human beings with Iron Age demonic traits] in every birth, [do not find Me; instead, they keep degrading gradually].

⁷ Degraded