

The Absolute Knowledge

Since ancient times, man has been trying to find out what knowledge is, what the relation between the person who knows and the object that is known is and how cognition takes place.

Scientists, philosophers and psychologists have given different opinions on the subject still unable to properly explain why and how we are conscious, why we have emotions and why we perceive.

It will probably take ages for us to understand why and how we perceive.

However it was revealed to the ancient Indian spiritual seekers before thousands of years that worldly perception and the objects that are perceived have importance only within the physical framework and exist because of the ignorance of the perceiver. Everything in the world is reflected on the consciousness of the perceiver and therefore is contained within it which is again not different from the absolute truth (Cosmic consciousness).

The entire universe in the dimensions of space-time is thus reduced to a set of values of the attributes (color, form, distance, position, loudness, smell, taste, touch etc.) which is always varying because of the limitations and differences in the sense organs of different organisms. Therefore it cannot be considered constant or real; but "the self (perceiver) exists" does not require any further proof since all truth functions both valid and invalid are possible through the self.

When this self is separated from the above imposed attributes, it becomes non different from the same ultimate reality.

But unless one is aware of the ultimate reality, negation of the attributes results in inertness and ignorance.

Just as our habituation of the perspective creates a world identical to the world outside inside a mirror, the world around us is the result of another such habituation; but it can be done away with and the absolute truth can be realized by contemplation and by feeling the oneness in all life and existence.

It should be noted that the ultimate truth or absolute knowledge can never be understood by merely studying about it. The individual has to go through a series of improving steps towards perfection to realize it.