

Brahma-loka. But all these worlds are subject to mutation and repetition, because of their being under the sway of time, space and causation. While the beings in all these worlds are compelled by their karma to be reborn, only those who go to *Brahma-loka* have two alternatives. The liberation-seekers among them work for it in that highest region and gain *krama-mukti* or progressive liberation when the entire universe dissolves in *pralaya*. But the enjoyment-seekers among them are forced by their karma to take new births.

When the boiled paddy is sown in the field it sprouts not. Even so, when a perfected person puts away the body, he is not born again.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Brahma, the Creator's Standard of Time — 17-19

सहस्रयुगपर्यन्तमहर्षद्ब्रह्मणो विदुः ।

रात्रिं युगसहस्रान्तां तेऽहोरात्रविदो जनाः ॥ १७

सहस्र-युग-पर्यन्तम् अहः यत् ब्रह्मणः विदुः ।

रात्रिम् युग-सहस्र-अन्ताम् ते अहः-रात्र-विदः जनाः ॥

*sahasrayugaparyantam ahar yad brahmaṇo viduḥ ।
rātrim yugasahasrāntām te 'horātravido janāḥ ॥*

सहस्रयुगपर्यन्तम् *sahasra yuga paryantam* ending in a thousand Yugas (ages) अहः *ahaḥ* day यत् *yat* which ब्रह्मणः *brahmaṇaḥ* of Brahma विदुः *viduḥ* know रात्रिम् *rātrim* the night युगसहस्रान्ताम् *yuga sahasrāntām* ending in a thousand Yugas (ages) ते *te* they अहोरात्रविदः *aho rātra vidadḥ* knowers of day and night जनाः *janāḥ* people