



## Study AV Kand 8 English

Atharva Veda 8.2.21

Period of Creation

शतं तेऽयुतं हायनान्द्वे युगे त्रीणि चत्वारि कृण्मः ।  
इन्द्राग्नी विश्वे देवास्तेऽनु मन्यन्तामहृणीयमानाः ॥ 21 ॥

Śataṁ te'yutaṁ hāyanāndve yuge trīṇi catvāri kṛṇmaḥ.  
Indrāgnī viśve devāste'nu manyantāmahrṇīyamānāh. 21

(Śataṁ) hundred (te) for you (ayutaṁ) ten thousand (hāyanān) years (dve) two (yuge) ages (trīṇi) three (catvāri) four (kṛṇmaḥ) I do (Indrāgnī) the Supreme Controller and the Supreme Energy (viśve devaḥ) all divine powers (te) they (anu manyantām) remain favourable (ahrṇīyamānāh) without any hesitation or reservation.

### Elucidation:

What is the period of creation?

Who associated divine powers with human existence at the time of creation?

Hundred ten thousand years of age with two, three and four, I do for you.

Indra, the Supreme Controller and Agni, the Supreme Energy, and all other divine powers would remain favourable for human beings without any hesitation or reservation.

### Practical utility in life:

How is the age of the universe calculated?

This verse gives the age of this present creation as – 100 ten thousand and putting 2, 3 and 4, to get 4,32,000,000. This age is divided into four yugas i.e. Sat Yuga, Treta Yuga, Dwapara Yuga and Kali Yuga in the ratio of 4:3:2:1. In this way, Sat

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Yuga is of 17,28,00,000 years, Treta Yuga is of 12,96,00,000 years, Dwapara Yuga is of 8,64,00,000 years and Kali Yuga is of 4,32,00,000 years.

Quote:

(Śataṁ te ayutaṁ hāyanān dve yuge trīṇi catvāri kṛṇmaḥ, AV 8.2.21)

Hundred ten thousand years of age with two, three and four, I do for you.

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