

The Ultimate Protector

There are priceless spiritual gems that are yet to be discovered and explored. The debate between Immanent God and Transcendental God has bothered the brightest spiritual brain since time immemorial and is an age-old question that gives this topic an altogether different dimension. Even such great brilliant minds have extensively deliberated on the topic: Is God exhausted in the creation or absent and above it? Is Pantheism¹ a right view or deism²? We have found the greatest minds— spiritualists, philosophers, and meta-physicists— all locked in a tug-of-war on this issue since the dawn of civilization. God is purely Immanent, or entirely transcendent, and is a question that has never been settled academically. To give a judgment on reality, taking a stand on the wrong side and viewing it through the smog of intellect and senses is surely a fruitless effort. Intellect can go as far as the senses or grope in a magic circle of abstract hypotheses. Some theologians have attempted a tightrope walking between immanence and transcendence by proposing 'Immanent Theism,' which is good as far as it goes. However, this now appears only as a bloodless, lifeless theological synthesis, in comparison with liberated spiritual intellectualism. Spiritual intellectualism is a borrowed experience that emerges from enormous sublime wisdom acquired from someone else. Great spiritual talks based on prevalent religious edifices and spiritual bastions are derived from interpretations that may not be sparkling, colossal, or forthright experiences of reality. The Theory of Reality is the art of weaving back and forth, from transcendence to immanence, with the utmost nonchalance of a man going up and down a skyscraper in an elevator. There is no contradiction between the topmost floor and the basement. All were made of the same building material. Only someone who has traversed the entire range of reality can provide a satisfactory explanation. Only an authentic master who is one with reality can meticulously describe such reality with authority and authenticity. This also has serious ramifications in all subtlety as it leads us to ponder whether God is one with Reality, the Ultimate Reality, or above Reality. This awe-inspiring concept kindles the spark of an immensely relevant thought of creation with the aid of the limited prevalent scientific theories that we have at our disposal. Although most stars in the sky have masses higher than the Chandrasekhar limit, which is 1.4 times the solar mass, the presence of very few black holes in the universe has baffled astrophysicists for a long time. It is known that stars die as white dwarfs,

¹ Pantheism: A doctrine that identifies God with the universe, or regards the universe as a manifestation of God and worship that admits or tolerates all gods.

² Deism: Belief in the existence of a supreme being, specifically of a creator who does not intervene in the universe.

neutron stars, or black holes. White dwarfs resist gravitational collapse mainly through the pressure created by the electron degeneracy pressure. Electron degeneracy pressure is a quantum mechanical effect arising from the Pauli exclusion principle. A white dwarf with greater mass subject to further gravitational collapse evolves into a neutron star, and those with mass greater than the Chandrasekhar limit become a black hole, which attracts mass from all around because of its huge gravitational pull. It is evident that an abundance of black holes in the universe will automatically disturb the equilibrium of the universe's mass distribution fabric and ultimately result in the quicker dissolution of the entire universe. We find many massive stars destined to become black holes from the viewpoint of physical laws throwing off some mass and becoming a supernova, ultimately preventing themselves from evolving into a black hole. What signals the stars to jettison some mass and die as a supernova is a question to which physicists have no answer. This is what the cosmic void permeating the universe is all about, where the all-pervading consciousness is the root of everything that eternally flowers and fades as the phenomenal universe. As the formless, changeless Absolute, He pervades, percolates, and pulsates through every atom and particle of the manifested cosmos. What we can catch in the mind-sense matrix is only a fraction of the ultimate reality. Hence, it is evident that only the Transcendent can become the Immanent, and what applies to the objective universe is also applicable to the subjective universe. This inspiring approach of looking at the universe from an unprecedented angle has not only given the significance of creating an altogether different meaning and dimension but also a new direction to consciousness. While spiritual theoreticians are found scratching their heads and engaged in arguments about the exact nature of Reality or whether Absolute Divinity is transcendent or immanent, those with the purest of hearts and the most exalted devotions, aided by God Himself, find extraordinary ways of arriving at the most soul-satisfying narrative or explanations there ever can be with their absolute unadulterated self-surrender to Him leading towards ultimate liberation by crossing over to the shore of Ultimate Reality from the miserable fearful abode of the temporary world we are in.