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# PREFACE

Everybody talks about God, but who is God? To Christians, God is Jesus Christ. To Muslims, God is Allah. The Buddhist considers Buddha to be their God. There are dozens of religions in the world, each having their own God or Gods. For instance, in Hinduism, there are three main deities: Brahma – the Creator, Vishnu – the Preserver, and Mahadev – the Destroyer. Apart from these, there are other Gods who have come about – saints like Rama and Krishna. Further, several Gods emerged because of their spiritual lifestyles. Sai

Baba of Shirdi is one such God. In fact, there are many more Gods than there are religions. Apart from these Gods, in a country like India, there are several villages where every village has its own God. It sounds strange, but it is true and beyond that not only the villages, but also many families have their own “Family God”. People pray to different forms of God, like Goddess Lakshmi is prayed for wealth and Hanuman for strength, and it does not end there. God is a concept or subject that is being talked about by all, not just the believers but even the non-believers. The atheists believe that God does not exist, and agnostics believe that it is impossible to

know God. So, even those who don't believe in God still talk about a God, may be in a negative way. But the question is, "What is God, who is God and where is God?"

This question has been around for thousands of years, but what is the answer?



# WHO IS GOD?

God is the Creator of the universe. God is a Supreme Power who is beyond human comprehension. God manifests through His creation. God is Omnipresent (all-present), Omnipotent (all-powerful), and Omniscient (all-knowing). Thus, we human beings pray to God as our Master, our Heavenly Father, or our Creator.

The truth is that we human beings are incapable of defining or proving God. It is like trying to see through our ears, which is not possible. We do not have the capacity to comprehend God. We

need to believe, have faith and trust in God.

To promote belief in God, the world has several religions. Each religion proclaims its religion to be the best, and its God to be the Supreme God. Can there be as many Gods as we have religions? While we can have many saints, sages and godmen, it seems logical to believe that there is only one God – a Supreme Power who is the Creator.

On the other hand, science and atheists often deny the existence of a God. They propose several theories to prove their version of creation without a God.



Well, there is so much to talk about God.  
What do you think? Who is God?  
Where is God?

### **Story: Blind Men and the Elephant**

Once upon a time, there lived six blind men in a village. One day, the villagers told them, "Hey, there is an elephant in the village today."

They had no idea what an elephant is. They decided, "Even though we will not be able to see it, let us go and feel it anyway." All of them went where the elephant was and each one of them touched the elephant.

"Hey, the elephant is a pillar," said the first man who touched his leg.

"Oh, no! It is like a rope," said the second man who touched the tail.

"Oh, no! It is like a thick branch of a tree," said the third man who touched the trunk of the elephant.

"It is like a big hand fan," said the fourth man who touched the ear of the elephant.

"It is like a huge wall," said the fifth man who touched the belly of the elephant.

"It is like a solid pipe," said the sixth man who touched the tusk of the elephant.

They began to argue about the elephant, and every one insisted that he was right. They seemed disturbed and agitated.

A wise man, who was passing by, saw this. He stopped and asked them, "What is the matter?" They said, "We cannot agree to what the elephant is like." Each one of them stated what he thought the elephant was like. The wise man calmly explained to them, "All of you are right. The reason why every one of you is describing it differently is because each one of you touched a different part of the elephant. So, actually the elephant has all those features that you have mentioned."

The truth is that there is only one God; different religions and different people refer to it by different names. Water in India is called "*pani*"; in France it is

called “aqua”, but it is not something different. It is the same water that we are talking about.

God is not visible to our human eyes. He is beyond our ability to see, imagine or comprehend.

### **Story: Buddha and the Blind Man**

A blind man was brought to Buddha. This man was a very logical man. He was so logical that his village and the pundits of the village became completely fed up with his logic. They could not prove to him that light exists. The whole village knew it and everybody saw it – only the blind logician was unable to see it. But he was a very logical man!

He said, “Anything that exists can be touched. Bring light – I would like to touch it. Anything that exists, if hit with something, will make sound. Let me hear the sound of your light being hit by something. If it has any smell, bring it to my nose, I will be able to smell it. If it has any taste, I can taste it. These are the four possibilities that make me believe that something exists.”

One cannot taste light and create a sound out of it nor can one smell it or touch it. But the blind logician would laugh and say, “You just want to prove me blind; hence you have created this fiction of light. There is no light. You are all blind just like me; you are fooling

yourself.”

Buddha was passing by the village. So the villagers thought that is a good opportunity to take this logician to Buddha; perhaps he may be able to help.

Buddha listened to the whole story and said, “The blind man is right, and you are all wrong because what he needs is not argumentation; he needs medicine for his eyes to be cured. And you have brought him to the wrong person. Take him to a physician.”

Buddha had his own personal physician. So Buddha said, “You need not go far to find a great physician; I have one with me. You can show the

blind man to him.” And he left the physician in the village and moved on.

In three months, the blind man’s eyes were opened. He was not really blind – just a minor problem: a small, thin layer was covering his vision. It was removed. He came dancing. He fell at Buddha’s feet and said, “If they had not brought me to you, my whole life I would have argued against light. And they would not have been able to prove it.”

God is beyond human comprehension. Just like how impossible it was to teach the blind man about light - no matter how hard the villagers tried, he was only able to understand a part of the information, but was unable to

experience what light is- similarly, one cannot explain God theoretically. It is something that you can only experience. Though God cannot be perceived through our five senses, it is possible to realize and experience God.

God is formless. God is a Power – an energy, but we human beings have given form to God so that we can relate to God, comprehend God, see God, and pray to God.

When we are born, we are taught by our parents about a God. To understand that God exists, we are shown pictures, statues, and told stories. The purpose is to build faith in God, to believe and to trust in God. We start following the



religion of our parents and we form our opinion about God. But is that truly God? Do we ask questions? Do we think about who and where God is? Sure, God is a Supreme Power, the Creator. But is God the statue, the form, or the person as others have told us about?

The question needs to be pondered over and introspected so that we get an answer from God Himself. The question seems so simple: **“Who is God?”** But undoubtedly, this is the most complicated question we may have ever faced.

There are so many theories, beliefs and understandings about God, but the ultimate question still remains. This

question cannot be answered because God cannot be defined or explained. To define God is to defy God. God has to be realized and experienced within our heart.

So, ultimately, who is God? There is no doubt that there is a God – the Master, the Creator of the Universe. There is no doubt that there is a Power – a Universal Power. But has this God been defined by anybody? No. God is just like the scent of a rose. One who experiences it is enchanted by it. But one cannot explain it or define it. So is God. God exists. But God is such that we human beings cannot define God.

What is the best we can do? We can

accept God, believe in God and trust God. God is our Heavenly Father, our Master Creator, and a Universal Power. And it is this God who gives us this gift called life. To realize who we truly are and to understand who God is, it is important to build a beautiful relationship with God, which is the main purpose and challenge of life.

Most of the people think that the goal of life is happiness. But in reality, the goal of life is to realize God, to get closer to God, and to develop a deep love and longing for God. Our challenge is to surrender to God and to accept God's will. This whole world is like a movie, a drama created by God. And for us to

accept God is to accept His production and direction of this play called the world (maya or samsaar) where each one of us is just an actor. We continue to do our part, accept the will of God, and realize that we are nothing and God is everything. Praying to God, loving God, accepting God, and believing God is the best way to live, and that is completely our choice!

## **About AiR**

AiR is not what the dictionary defines as the invisible gaseous substance surrounding the Earth, which is a mixture mainly composed of oxygen and nitrogen.

AiR is the author of this booklet. AiR is a Spiritual Seeker who has set out to find the truth about life.

Born as Ravi V. Melwani, he was a very successful retail businessman who revolutionized retailing in India with the stores – Kids Kemp, Big Kids Kemp and Kemp Fort. After making millions, he realized that life is not just about making money. He shut down his

business and instead of making money, transformed his life to RVM and started making a difference with H.I.S work – Humanitarian, Inspirational and Spiritual work.

His objective was to “Make a Difference” in this world before his journey was over. He was the happiest man on earth living the RVM Philosophy – to Rejoice, Value Life and Make a Difference.

However, one day, several questions and thoughts flashed in his mind: What is the purpose of life? Is life just meant to seek happiness and to live and to die, without any purpose? What happens

after death? Will we be reborn? Where is God? Where is Heaven? Are we the Soul? What is Enlightenment? Several questions like these took him on a Talaash, or a search for the truth.

After a few years of intense search in silence, deep in the mountains, he realized that we are not this body, but we are the Atman, the Soul. Thus he changed his name for the second time from RVM to AiR – the Atman in RVM or (the Soul in RVM) – as realization dawned upon him that we are not this physical body, but we are the Atman. He metamorphosed to AiR and gave up his entire life as RVM. He started the study of Atman, God and Life. This led to

several realizations that formed the mission of life – to realize God and to help Seekers realize God.

As RVM, AiR had built a Shiva Temple in the year 1995, which attracts millions of visitors all around the year. As AiR, he now believes that Lord Shiva lives in the temple of our heart. The temple in Bangalore is now called Shivoham Shiva Temple. Being a devoted believer in Lord Shiva for long, he now believes that religion is just a kindergarten of spirituality, and we all have to go beyond religion to truly realize God.



AiR booklets are small, easy-to-read booklets for Seekers who want to realize the truth about God, life and themselves.

Who are we? Where did we come from? What is the purpose of life? Where is God? Where is Heaven? Is Rebirth real? Does the Law of Karma exist? What about the Soul? What is Enlightenment?

These AiR booklets attempt to clear such doubts and answer questions about God and life that many people have in their mind and also help Seekers to move forward on the path of self-realization.





Start your journey to God! Till now, you may have believed in God, but you never stopped to think who is God, where is God; and what is God. Humans cannot easily comprehend these questions, but we surely can realize the truth. Today this booklet will help you open the door to answer questions that you never attempted before.

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