

Why Do Animals Exist?

If you ask any Christian or Muslim, why God created the animals, they will point to verses in their Holy Bible and Holy Koran, which advocate animal eating. Both these scriptures preach animal eating, and thus their followers will say animals were created as food for humans. But this logic, creates a problem, because the Christians and Muslims don't eat all the animals. For example the Muslims don't eat pigs and the Muslims and Christians don't eat monkeys, dogs, tigers, and many other animals. Thus to say God created the animals as food for humans does not make sense.

The intelligent among man, will ask why God created the variety of living beings? The Holy Bible and Holy Koran cannot answer this question.

Only the Vedic scriptures answer this question and in complete details. The answer is due to the variety of mentalities among human beings. The animals are basically ex-humans. Humans who develop animalistic propensities are given a suitable body and life to practice their animalistic way.

There are 8.4 million species of living beings, and the souls of human beings who develop the mentalities of animals have their free will satisfied, they take birth in the animal kingdom after death. God gives us free will and He also ensures we get what we deserve.

The nature of animals:

- a. Aggressive
- b. Complete Ignorance of God. God is not known and not describable. This basically means God is invisible and unknowable to the animals
- c. The life of animals is to just eat, sleep, mate, defend, and die, God is unknown and unknowable
- d. The animals have no knowledge on their past nor their future, this is the first and only life
- e. One animal is food for another
- f. The animals fight one another for survival, each species is thinking only my species should survive
- g. Territorial, nobody can enter my area, nobody can practice their way on my territory
- h. No knowledge, they think that their knowledge is everything, there is nothing beyond their knowledge
- i. No brotherhood among animals. Each species thinks only my species should live, my way is the only way, others should not exist
- j. Some animals steal the territories of others with aggression

Does any of the above ring a bell to you? It should, because many humans have also developed one or all the above natures, and thus such humans are better off in the animal kingdom so they can practice their mentality properly. Due

to free will, God will satisfy the wishes and desires of humans. At death the souls of such humans will enter the womb of mothers in the animal kingdom.

“Those who are envious and mischievous, who are the lowest among men, I perpetually cast into the ocean of material existence, into various demoniac species of life.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 16.19)

“When one dies in the mode of passion, he takes birth among those engaged in fruitive activities; and when one dies in the mode of ignorance, he takes birth in the animal kingdom.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 14.15)

The above 2 and other verses of the Bhagavad-Gita were last spoken by the Eternal Lord Krishna, more than 5000 years, and He has spoken this more than 18,000 times right here on this planet. The Vedic scriptures are not one off scriptures, they are eternal and the knowledge is repeatedly re-established.

The nature of plants:

- a. Like to stay naked and exposed to all
- b. No work, just relax in one place for the whole life (laziness)

Humans who like to be naked and expose themselves to others can better practice their wishes in the plant kingdom. The trees are naked and stay exposed to all for a long time. Humans who are lazy and don't want to do anything are better off in the plant kingdom, so they can just relax all their life, in one place.

"In proportion to the extent of one's religious or irreligious actions in this life, one must enjoy or suffer the corresponding reactions of his karma in the next." (Bhagavat Purana 6.1.45)

Now I will discuss some scientific theories which show how living beings are related to each other.

Ecosystem

Life is related to one another and not independent, there is an ecosystem, the scientists agree on this. The killing of plants and animals also affects the humans.

Evolution of Species

The scientists agree that humans originate from the animals, but they do not know that animals also originate from the humans, because they are thinking like the animals (my knowledge is everything and my way is the only way).

The scientist theory of species by Charles Darwin (Figure 1 below) is that one species evolves into another after millions of years and the most recent estimate on the number of species by the scientists is 8.7 million. This number

is based on the scientists copying from the Vedic scriptures, because they cannot show these species and thus this number is unscientific based on scientific logic.

Natural Selection

Natural selection is the process by which species adapt to their environment, which leads to physical and mental changes.

Global Warming

The destruction of plants and animals is leading to global warming, this is another scientific proof that there is a relationship between nature and human beings, human behavior does affect nature and nature does affect humans.

Thus based on scientific theories, species are related to each other in so many ways. The destruction of one species leads to the destruction of others. The nature or mentality of living entities (souls) is related to the body occupied by them, the variation of mentalities is reflected in the variation of species.

Vedic Theory of Evolution and Human Devolution

Figure 1. Scientists Theory of Creation and Evolution of Species

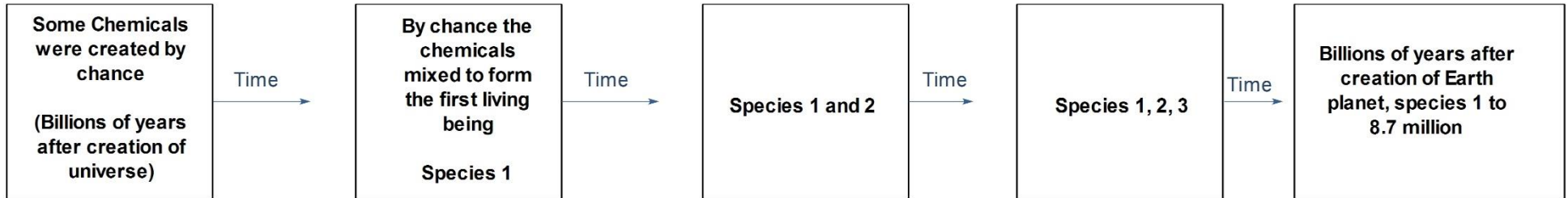


Figure 2. Vedic Theory of Manifestation and Transmigration of Souls through Species

8.4 million species, all manifested at once at creation of universe, 155.522 trillion years ago

- 900,000 species of aquatic
- 2,000,000 species of plants
- 1,100,000 species of insects
- 1,000,000 species of birds
- 3,000,000 species of beasts
- 400,000 species of human beings

(The above numbers are from the Vedic scripture Padma Purana)

Based on the eternal Vedic knowledge, the bodies do not evolve. The souls transmigrate from one body to another, life after life. Sometimes in human bodies, sometimes in animal/plant bodies. The souls are eternal and remain the same, but the bodies occupied by the souls are not eternal and vary according to the species.

The Vedic knowledge is that the species don't evolve from one species to another, it's the soul that transmigrates from one body to another, from one species to another. There are 8.4 million species or bodies which are instantly manifested at creation, and souls move from one body to another, life after life. Based on the desires, wishes and deserves of souls.

The souls transmigrate from species with lower consciousness to species with higher consciousness on a fixed path until the soul takes a human birth. Then the soul has free will to choice and based on the actions taken (karma), the soul will remain in the human species, or fall down to the animal and plant kingdoms, or go to the spiritual kingdom. In the spiritual kingdom, the souls live eternally in the same body that is completely beautiful, full of bliss, full of knowledge, and there is no trace of anxiety. Believe it or not but the souls in the plant and animal bodies are ex-

humans who degraded. In any corporation, there are people being promoted, people staying in the same position, and people being fired or demoted. The same is true for souls in human bodies.

The Vedic knowledge is that God is the creator and maintainer of all species of living beings, and not just the humans. Thus He has to be merciful and equal to all living beings. If humans kill animals, then there must be justice for the animals too. The criminal humans are punished in equal proportion to the crime committed, an eye for an eye. Otherwise God cannot be called merciful and fair to all living beings. Also due to free will which is given by God to human beings, He has to ensure that human desires and wishes are satisfied. Thus the souls move from one species to another, life after life. Sometimes in human bodies and sometimes in animal/plant bodies.

There is no ZERO evidence of evolution, one body evolving to another, but there is overwhelming evidence of souls transmigrating from one body to another. Just take a look around, people are dying and taking birth and animals are dying and taking birth, every second. This is the transmigration of the soul from one body to another, from one species to another, from one situation to another, from one city to another, from one country to another.

There is ZERO evidence of life being created from chemicals. There is overwhelming evidence of chemicals being created by life. People and animals create chemicals all the time.

The scientists agree on the evolution of species and the evolution of animals to human beings, and based on scientific logic. Scientific theories are also reversible. If there is evolution then there can also be devolution. If human beings evolved from the animals, then the humans can also devolve back to animals, this is scientific logic, although the scientists cannot understand this currently.

“One should therefore understand what is duty and what is not duty by the regulations of the scriptures. Knowing such rules and regulations, one should act so that he may gradually be elevated.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 16.24)