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Is there Life on Other Planets?

Science is in constant search for life on other planets, forever sending satellites into space to see if they can answer this great question. To date, science does not seem to have a definitive answer. This article looks to solve the question from the perspective of our Sampradaya and authenticated scriptures.

Our Scriptures allude to other Worlds:

Shikshapatri shloks indicate existence of other worlds: “Those who observe the Rules of Ethics as prescribed by the holy scriptures shall derive happiness in this world and the next” (8).

The *Vachanamrut* also indicates existence of other worlds, for example; Bhakta's should desire to be irrevocably attached to God and his devotees, as the happiness of the fourteen Lokas (or worlds) put together should appear to them as the dropping of a cow... if unconsciously nourished, this would transport the Jiva to Indra Loka or to Brahm Loka, but the Jiva so devoted to God would never be consigned to the inferior regions (or worlds). (Vadtal – 19); This Satsang assembly here far exceeds in sanctity and divinity the divine assembly of released souls in Shwetdweep, Goloka, Vaikunth or Badrikashram, and the members of the assembly here appear to me as more luminous (Gadhada Last Chapter – 2); and:

This cosmos (universe) is surrounded on all sides by mount LokaLok like an invincible fort. Outside the Lokalok there is Aloka. Beyond Aloka there are seven spheres. Beyond those spheres there is impenetrable darkness. Beyond that darkness there is light which is called Akshardham. Above this universe there are also seven spheres extending to Brahmlok (region of Brahma). Beyond that there is darkness and beyond that darkness there is light which is called Akshardham. Again beneath this universe there are seven spheres extending to the inferior regions (of which there are seven). Beyond those spheres is immense darkness and beyond that darkness there is light called Akshardham. Akshardham, therefore, is all pervading in and around the infinite number of macrocosms. (Gadhada First Chapter – 46)

What does this mean?

Gods, demigods and even demons must reside somewhere? This is evidently not Earth, so we can assume these lives must be living on other planets or worlds, most likely in other universes, but definitely beyond science's current intellectual capacity.



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The details of the Vachnamrut (as above) can be summarised: There are Fourteen Loks (or worlds) in total: six above this universe, this universe itself and then seven below:

1. Satya Lok (or Brahmlok) – is where Brahma resides
2. Tapa Lok – where sages reside
3. Jan Lok - where sages reside
4. Mahar Lok – where ancestors reside
5. Swarga Lok – where demi-gods like Indra reside
6. Bhuvar Lok – where evil spirits reside
7. Mrutyu Lok - (this Universe - where exists Earth and Bharatkhand (India). It is called Mrutyu Lok as death is unavoidable here.
8. Atal Lok – where demons reside
9. Vital Lok – where demons reside
10. Satal Lok – where demons reside
11. Talatal Lok – where spirits moving in night reside
12. Mahatal Lok – where spirits moving in night reside
13. Rasatal Lok – where spirits moving in night reside
14. Patal Lok – where serpents reside