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Is there Life on Other Planets? (Cont'd)

This universe (Mrutyu Lok) is surrounded by seven Dwipas (round shaped islands). Each island of different sizes is surrounded by oceans, some tasting of salt water, others sugarcane, ghee, milk etc. Of the seven, Jambu Dwip is the best. This dwip contains nine Khands (or divisions) and in each division different forms of God are worshipped, e.g. Ram, Laxman and Hanumanji are worshipped in Kimpurush Khand and Nar-Naryan Dev is worshipped in Bharatkhand (specifically Badrikashram, a northern region of India in the Himalayas). Bharatkhand is the best of all nine Khands as it best offers salvation (moksha). However, even in Bharatkhand the following 13 regions do not give opportunity for Moksha: Bengal, Nepal, Bhutan, Assam, Sindh, Kabul, Lahore, Multan, Iran, Asatambol, Arbastan, Swal and Philippines.

The material world is a small part of creation, which encompasses billions of planets, stars and universes. The planets of demi-gods are subject to birth and death and if Supreme God is not worshipped in these planets, once the Demi-Gods good karma run out they will fall down to earth. Thus worship of demi-gods will lead you to higher planets like Indralok / Maharlok, but you can not stay there forever. You will be able to enjoy your senses more than on earth, but once exhausted, you will return to earth. Not even Brahma is free from the cycle of birth and death. Only Golok is not annihilated. In the midst of Golok is Akshardham, the divine abode of Lord Swaminarayan (Parabrahm).

Conclusion

It seems from the above evidence that there is life on other planets, e.g. the moon, (including some life on earth), mostly that of higher classes of living beings, which is not visible to our human senses. Some planets themselves are seen as demi-gods, such as the Sun and Moon. All worlds, planets and universes are surrounded by an eternal light, Akshardham. However, we don't need to worry about all this. As per Shikshapatri Shlok 121, Golok is the ultimate destination, as it is cherished more than Vaikunth or Shwethdweep by Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Lord Krishna has promised that those who enter Golok do not ever have to leave it (Bhagawat Geeta - 15.6). You do not need to build sophisticated satellites or spaceships to reach Golok, simply please Bhagwan by following the rules of the Shikshapatri. Scriptures, like Shreemad Bhagwat, say it is very difficult to obtain Human-form in Bharatkhand, and that even



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demi-gods like Indra aspire to obtain such birth in Bharatkhand. Demi-gods have better happiness and greater length of life. However, they have no means for obtaining final salvation (moksha) as salvation is not possible or extremely difficult in any other life or place, except Human life in Bharatkhand. We are trying to reach other planets, but we can reach Golok from here!

Interesting Associations

Demon Hiranyaksha pushed the world to Patal Lok, requiring the Varaha Avatar to bring the world back using his two tusks. It was the Vaman Avatar that pushed demon Bali back to Patal Lok having regained control of the other worlds.