



### PERCEPTION IS CREATION

To infer that perception equals creation may seem unusual at first glance. However, I assure you that it is not. One of the most profound and accurate religions ever to realize this truth blossomed and flourished in the 9th century of the current era. It still exists today as a form of Hinduism and is known as Kashmir Shaivism.<sup>1</sup>

There is no historical creation in Kashmir Shaivism because the Lord Shiva recreates and reabsorbs the known universe multiple times per second. There is a faster than light speed downward involution into matter and an upward evolution back to spirit taking place multiple times per second. In this way the universe is constantly recreated but not regenerated thus giving the sensation of time and change. Things get older and atrophy with each rapid vibration and other things are born anew.

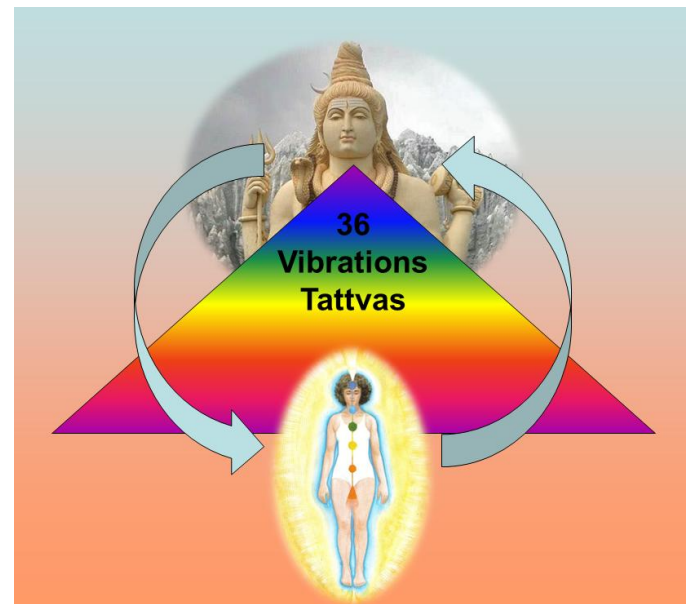


Lord Shiva

Shaivism is a form of monistic idealism meaning everything is one thing. However, Shaivism has a distinction. In Shaivism, everything is real but not everything is permanent. There is no distinction between *Cit* (consciousness) and matter. The only illusion is the perception of duality between things. Thus, ultimately there is only one person in the whole universe and we are all expressions of it.

### THE 36 VIBRATIONS-TATTVAS

The Lord Shiva goes through multiple contractions of consciousness at 36 vibrational levels from the Godhead to the physical universe. A human being is actually Shiva contracted down to the consciousness of a personality. There are perceivers on all 36 levels of manifestation.



The contraction of consciousness to a personality

Each of these perceivers at every level of the creation co-creates their world through the act of perceiving it. Therefore, perception equals Cosmogensis in Kashmir Shaivism. An Archangel, from a western perspective, would be a perceiver on a higher plane of existence.

### A QUANTUM COMPARISON

In my book *Quantum Physics and the Holy Grail*<sup>2</sup> I cover quite extensively how western science has had many discoveries about consciousness and its relationship to physical reality. More and more scientists are challenging the old western paradigm of dualism and plurality. In the old paradigm we lived in world of objective realism also known as naïve realism. Consciousness in this paradigm was

created from matter rather than matter being the child of consciousness.

In my Grail Newsletter<sup>3</sup>, Volumes 21 and 22, I deal again extensively with the findings of quantum physics and how the observer determines the outcome of the experiment just by perceiving it or looking at it. Just like Shiva, our observation collapses a potential wave or vibration into a subatomic particle. This type of understanding use to upset Albert Einstein to the point of him loudly proclaiming, “I like to believe that the Moon is still there even when I am not looking!”

No need to worry dear Albert, the Moon is always being perceived by many perceivers on many levels of existence. Kashmir Shaivism assures us of this. Besides this, the aggregate wavelength of the whole moon (that is all the atoms in the moon taken together) is so rapid that no human being could ever perceive it appearing and disappearing. Kashmir Shaivism says the same thing.

## ULTIMATE REALITY

What existed before the Big Bang? Many scientists argue that a singularity existed beyond time and space. From this singularity collapsed the whole universe from a point smaller than a green pea. In Kashmir Shaivism, Shiva is also a singularity that exists beyond space and time in eternal duration.

Science and ancient religion are both approaching the same truth; we are one. However true this may be, we must not slip into naïve idealism. The universe around us is not an illusion. If you jump off a ten story building you will perish at the bottom of your descent. Every great teacher to humanity has experienced physical death including Krishna, Buddha, and Christ. Many of them also resurrected from death in a transformed body. They did this through higher consciousness, a consciousness beyond the human personality.

## SOME GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

The great occultist and spiritual scientist Rudolf Steiner taught many interesting things about how powerful human consciousness really is. He did this in a guarded way, himself being under higher authority, and loyal to his oaths of secrecy to his superiors. He spoke of the following:

- (1) Human consciousness has been dulled by the gods (higher perceivers) to limit our effect on our physical and etheric bodies and the physical world around us.
- (2) With occult development, such as meditation and spiritual exercises, the gods back away from you and no longer protect you from your errors in thinking.

This dullness Steiner talks about is expressed in our dreaming and dreamless sleep cycles. With occult development one attains awareness of the true ego in these altered states of consciousness. The ability to effect the world around us increases as our consciousness enlarges. Steiner also goes on to say that:

- (1) Atoms are compressed electricity as ice is compressed water.
- (2) Electricity is the same as human thought.
- (3) The sixth root race will form atoms by thought.<sup>4</sup>

H. P. Blavatsky also added that electricity is decayed light. We are currently part of the Fifth Root Race and are only just discovering the relationship of consciousness to matter and atoms. Interestingly reincarnation began in the Third Root Race and will end in the Sixth Root Race according to Steiner’s research. The experience of physical death will also end here as well.

Thus, humanity as a whole is already on the ascent back to higher awareness and consciousness. Some take the faster road of initiation and others take the slower scenic route of spiritual evolution. Kashmir Shaivism gives us the “how” of existence in its tenets. Esoteric Buddhism gives us the “what” we should do about existence in its tenets. Finally, esoteric Christianity gives us the “why” of existence in its tenets. More on this subject another time, for now, as they say in Hebrew “aiyach” (meditate and ponder upon this).

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<sup>1</sup> Among the various Hindu philosophies, Kashmir Shaivism (*Kaśmir Śaivism*) is a school of Śaivism identical with trika Śaivism categorized by various scholars as monistic idealism (absolute idealism, theistic monism, realistic idealism, transcendental physicalism or concrete monism.)

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<sup>2</sup> Brian John Piccolo, *Quantum Physics and the Holy Grail* (Sterling Heights, MI., USA: Alnilam Press) ISBN 978-1-4507-2814-0, available at [www.BrianJohnPiccolo.com](http://www.BrianJohnPiccolo.com)

<sup>3</sup> All back issues of the Grail Newsletter are available at my website free of charge in a PDF downloadable format.

<sup>4</sup> Rudolph Steiner, *The Temple Legend* (Great Britain: Rudolph Steiner Press, 2002 Reprinted), pages 94-107.