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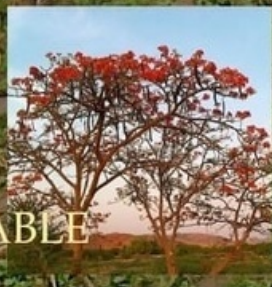
**Who am I? I am I. The Ultimate
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**Contemporary (early 21st century)
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Some time ago I heard some group sing,

"Love is the answer; Now, what was the question?"

What a Mahavaakya (Great pithy statement)! Perhaps it is at the level of the Great Upanishadic Mahavaakyas like Thath Thwam Asi (You are That).

In spiritual posts, mention of contemporary spiritual leaders is avoided as the attempt is to emphasize spiritual teachings/paths/philosophy/knowledge which may be viewed as universal though the Hindu way of expressing them is used. It must also be mentioned that a few posts are specific to Hinduism.

"I regard consciousness as fundamental. I regard matter as derivative from consciousness." - Max Planck

"Science cannot solve the ultimate mystery of nature. And that is because, in the last analysis, we ourselves are part of nature and therefore part of the mystery that we are trying to solve." - Max Planck

The God and Science conversation posts may be helpful to scientists and technologists from any religious tradition - Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh, etc. - to courageously counter ridicule of their belief in God from some atheist top scientists and technologists.

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- Who am I? I am I. The Ultimate Answer to THE Existential Reality Question
- Belief in God that is Compatible with Science
- Contemporary (early 21st century) God and Science Conversation

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Preface

This book is based mainly on all the iami1.wordpress.com blog post content which is authored mainly by this author (Ravi S. Iyer) but has contributions from others too.

The document has posts on spiritual matters and also captures my humble exploration of and views on the God & Science conversation.

When teachings of religions or miracles mentioned in Holy Scripture are referred, very limited or no mention is made of any contemporary or near-contemporary religious leaders/founders - the attempt is to emphasize spiritual teachings/paths/philosophy/knowledge which may be viewed as universal though the Hindu way of expressing them is used. It must also be mentioned that a few posts are specific to Hinduism.

I have written some of these posts in a hurried way. Further, I have not had the time to spell check and grammar check all the content in this book (and also the blog posts which form the source content for this book). I request the reader's kind indulgence for spelling and grammar mistakes in this book. My emphasis has been on getting the basic message across even if the language is not without unintentional errors which may irritate some readers but I don't think will come in the way of them understanding what I have written. I also have not spent any time on polishing the language in this book.

At times, my usage of uppercase first letters for some words may be inappropriate. I have chosen not to correct them as at the time I composed some of the posts in the years 2011 to

2013 or so, I was very intensely involved in understanding and discussing the topics covered in those posts. The uppercase choice for first letters of some words were my way then of providing emphasis. I don't want to disturb what I had written then even though I realize that some such usage of uppercase for first letter of word is incorrect English language usage. But then the Internet does have a fair bit of incorrect English language usage and so I did not feel odd or lonely while I used that style in some of my posts then ☺.

About Ravi S. Iyer

Last updated on 11th April 2018

I (author of this document/book based on my iami1 blog) am just a spiritual journeyman enjoying my spiritual journey.

I thought I could share some of my spiritual journey views with interested folks on the net and so this small website and blog.

Initially (till sometime around the beginning of 2014) I preferred to be anonymous as I thought that would allow for freer expression of sensitive views. I guess now I am comfortable with expressing the views of the type expressed here under my real name.

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My spirituality and religion blogs

1) This blog, <https://iami1.wordpress.com>, is a humble exploration of and views on the God & Science conversation (done after August 2011), and little more. When teachings of religions or miracles mentioned in Holy Scripture are referred, as far as I recall, no mention is made of any contemporary or near-contemporary religious leader/founder – the attempt is to emphasize spiritual teachings/paths/philosophy/knowledge which may be viewed as universal though the Hindu way of

expressing them is used. It must also be mentioned that a few posts are specific to Hinduism.

2) <http://ravisiyer.blogspot.com> is a blog about Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and other spiritual & religious matters.

For more about me including my software related blogs please visit: <http://ravisiyer.blogspot.in/p/about-ravi-s-iyer.html>.

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I am I

First posted around Sept. 2011

Who am I?

This is THE Great Existential Question of man.

Great Spiritual Masters and Sacred Scripture tell us:

Koham? Soham.

Who am I? I am He.

Some put it differently. They say:

Who am I? I am I.

AS SIMPLE AS THAT!!!

But it is simple only from an intellectual appreciation, thinking ‘head’ point of view. To REALLY UNDERSTAND IT one has to understand from the ‘feeling’ heart, from the ‘feeling’ depth of one’s being, in the unchanging still awareness of our ‘feeling’ existence.

In fact, if the understanding is only intellectual then it can be viewed as a ridiculous statement and dismissed out-of-hand as something meant only for idiots & fools who are blinded by their beliefs. The ultimate answer to existence then can get grotesquely misunderstood.

The ‘feeling’ heart understanding may take months and years and decades and even multiple lifetimes, they say! Taming

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