DEATH, CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE SPIRITON (SOUL) AXIOM

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Abstract

Death, an inevitable reality in the functionality of biological species, has been an area of research by scientists, philosophers and spiritualists to propose a broad definition according to various systems that measure and estimate the symptoms of death. This work attempts to assimilate existing concepts with respect to modern scientific as well as spiritualistic points of view. Thereby, this work aims to target and indicate scientific approaches that scrutinize the spiriton (atma or spirit soul) axiom propounded in Vedanta. This work focuses towards six different aspects related to death namely, various concepts of understanding death, scientific experiments that attempt to understand what happens during the dying process, mis-diagonised death, impossibility to measure consciousness of finer species through finer electronic instrumentation, vedantic perspectives of near death experience and the scientific basis for reincarnation. An attempt has been made to synchronize the synthesis between science and spirituality for a broader understanding upon the biggest mystery of conscious reality.