

SPACE AND TIME DIMENSIONS IN INDIAN THOUGHT

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Abstract

What is the origin of space, time and creation? And by whom, when and how the minds of philosophers and scientists have been engaged over the ages? Each new discovery of science extends the frontiers and raises more questions. The current theory of the universe assumes the 'Big-Bang' and the consequences are speculated. This paper and talk present the Indian determinations with regard to space and time, evolution and life. The *Bhagavata*, *Bhagavad Gita* and *Upanishads* offer a fascinating explanation with concepts of *shunya* (0) and *anantha* (infinity), cyclic time, cycles of creation, evolution and dissolution, time as *akshaya* (imperishable), non-duality of matter and energy, and time as the change-causer.