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WHY DID GOD CREATE THIS UNIVERSE?

*A Mini Pravachan
Based on Upanishads*

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THREE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Question 1:

*Was God Too Lonely and Thus Needed A
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THREE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER (CONTD.)

Question 2:

*Would Moksha (Liberation) Ever Be Needed If
There Were No Births, No Sufferings, No Deaths,
Nor Reincarnation?*

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THREE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER (CONTD.)

Question 3:

*Why Would an Ever-Loving God Put All Living
Beings of His Own Creation Through Countless
Ailments and Agonies?*

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SINGLE ANSWER TO ALL THREE QUESTIONS FROM UPANISHADS

*Upanishads Shoot Down All Three
Questions with a Single Answer:*

*God is not responsible for the births, deaths,
reincarnations or sufferings of either humans or any
other living beings!*

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IF GOD IS NOT, THEN WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The Answer from the Upanishads:
“*Maya*”

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WHAT IS MAYA?

Maya is An Illusion Associated with God

Maya Has No Real Existence

It is Like a Mirage in the Desert

Gives the False Impression of Existence of Water

But There is No Water; Only the Desert Sand is Real!

Ordinary People Confuse Maya with Something Real

Accomplished Yogis Do Not See Maya At All!

They Only See God (The Brahman or Paramaatman)

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WHAT FALSE IMPRESSION OR ILLUSION DOES MAYA CREATE?

Maya gives a false impression of numerous little sparks of Atman emanating from God.

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Because of their infinitesimally small size, these sparks appear to be extinguished and covered with ashes as they fall on the ground.

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WHAT DO “SPARKS” AND “ASHES” REPRESENT IN THE ABOVE EXAMPLE?

Ash-Covered Sparks are the little, individual Atmans of animals, plants, microscopic organisms or other living entities, and the ashes are the bodies of those living entities. The appearance of each spark would depend upon its size, shape, as well as how much ash it is covered with.

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COVERED ASHES NEED TO BE REMOVED TO SEE THE REAL SPARKS!

*Just as one needs to remove the covered ashes
(Ignorance) to see the real sparks (Truth)
beneath it, one needs to uncover the body to see the
Atman within and reunite it with the Brahman,
which the accomplished yogis do.*

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SUMMARY OF ANSWER TO THE THREE QUESTIONS POSED

*All human sufferings, births, and deaths are
simply an illusion or Maya, taken as real
by human ignorance.*

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HOW TO OVERCOME MAYA?

The recognition of Atman as the only real thing in one's body and as part of the universal Brahman (God or Paramaatman), through knowledge and Self realization via Jnana, Karma, or Bhakti yoga path, would lead one to Moksha (liberation) and Reunite the Atman with the Paramaatman (God or Brahman)

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BRAHMAN IS THE ONLY AND ULTIMATE REALITY OF THIS UNIVERSE!

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न चासंगतं नैव मुक्तिर् न मेयः चिदानन्द रूपः शिवोऽहम् शिवोऽहम् ॥

नमामीशमीशान निर्वाणरूपं विभुं व्यापकं ब्रह्मवेदस्वरूपम्
निजं निर्गुणं निर्विकल्पं निरीहं चिदाकाशमाकाशवासं भजेऽहम् ॥

मनो बुद्ध्यहंकारचित्तानि नाहम् न च श्रोत्र जिह्वे न च घ्राण नेत्रे
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