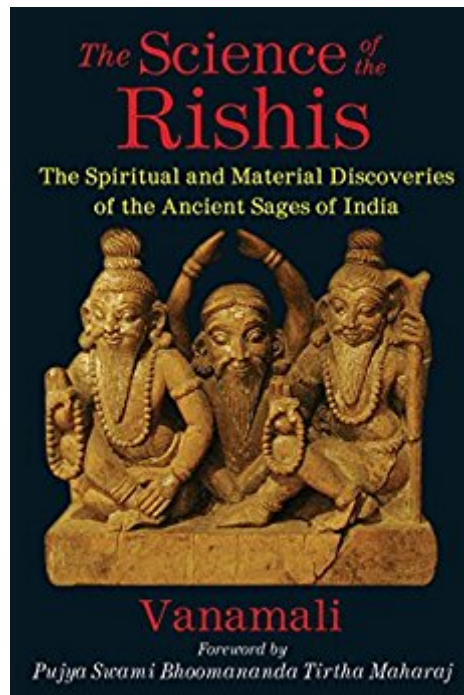


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The Science Of The Rishis: The Spiritual And Material Discoveries Of The Ancient Sages Of India



Synopsis

A complete introduction to Sanatana Dharma, the spiritual science of the Hindu sages • Examines how many core concepts of Hinduism, including Brahman, Atman, bhakti, karma, and reincarnation, relate to modern science • Explores the scientific discoveries of the rishis, ancient Vedic sages, and how they have only recently been rediscovered by Western scientists • Reveals the concepts of quantum physics hidden within the Vedas, the Bhagavad Gita, the Upanishads, and the Puranas Called "the scientists of Hinduism," the rishis of ancient India were the scribes of the Vedas. They developed the spiritual science of Hinduism, Sanatana Dharma, as their way of ensuring the constant renewal and progress of India's spiritual tradition and culture. Sanatana Dharma permeates every aspect of Hindu culture, from religion to the arts to the sciences. Woven within its Vedic texts lie all of the essential concepts of quantum physics and other modern scientific discoveries. Providing a complete introduction to the science of Sanatana Dharma, Vanamali reveals how the core concepts of Hinduism, including Brahman, Atman, bhakti, karma, and reincarnation, relate to modern science and how the scientific discoveries of the ancient rishis have been recently rediscovered by the West. She examines the scientific principles within the classic stories and texts of India, including the Vedas, the Bhagavad Gita, the Upanishads, and the Puranas. Within the teachings of the ancient Puranic sages and saints such as Valmiki and Vyasa and legendary physicians and mathematician-philosophers such as Aryabhatta and Varahamihir, the author reveals great scientific truths--not those believed by the ancient world, but truths still upheld by modern science, particularly quantum physics. She explores Desha and Kaala (Space and Time), Shankara and his philosophy of Advaita Vedanta, and the Hindu sciences of mathematics, astronomy, and Vedic astrology. In illustrating the scientific basis of Hinduism and the discoveries of its sages, Vanamali provides a window into the depths of this most ancient spiritual way of life.

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Vanamali has written an 'authoritative' book explaining many aspects of Sanatana dharma (Hinduism), the religion practiced by over a billion people on earth. With thirteen chapters and a rich glossary for Sanskrit words, Vanamali has attempted to bring to life the very foundation of Hinduism and she has succeeded brilliantly in doing so. For a casual observer, Hinduism and its beliefs and practices can be quite mysterious and confusing. It has 33 million deities, three main gods (Brahma - the creator, Vishnu - the preserver and Shiva - the destroyer) and innumerable goddesses. All of these heavenly beings make sure that the creation will not follow an easy to understand linear model, but a cyclical model in which the four epochs (yugas) will come one after the other, and this cycle will go on and on. There is no beginning and no end. Even for the Indians who have been born and raised in India, the many details of their faith are hard to fathom. When people of other faiths decide to study Hinduism out of curiosity or inherent interest, they are so bewildered by the apparent complexity that they cannot help declaring that Hinduism is based on 'Mythology' after all. Unfortunately, Hinduism has, for a long time, tolerated the label of being a faith that is based on "myth". Every other faith has a book, Quran, Bible, Guru Granth Sahib and Torah are some of the examples. Where is the book - the one book - that contains everything that Hinduism stands for? Vanamali presents this idea in her book, The Science of the Rishis, that Hinduism has a whole treasure trove to offer, not just one book. She describes that the very foundation of Hinduism rests on the Vedas.

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