

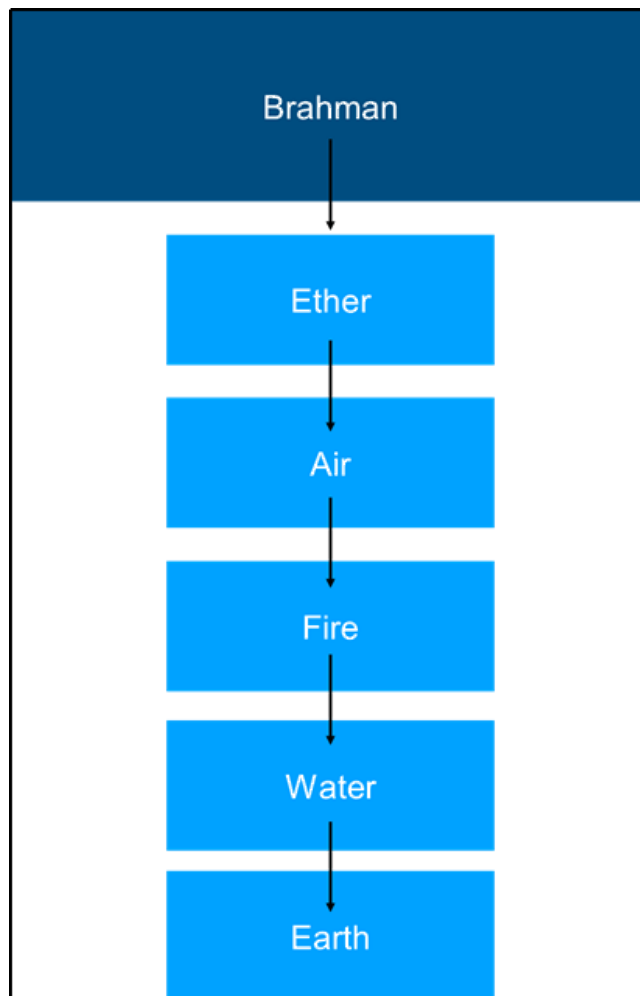
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The Concept of Brahman Vedic and Upanishadic World View Philosophy

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Understanding Brahman

- Etymologically, the word Brahman is derived from the root word bruh which means to sprout, to grow or to evolve.
- So, the **ultimate reality is called Brahman.**
- **Scriptures on the nature of Brahman**
 - Chandogya Upanishad describes Brahman as *tajjalan*.
 - Taitarya Upanishad, Brahman is defined as that from which all the things are born, live by and into which they return or are reabsorbed.
 - Likewise, Mundaka Upanishad also describes Brahman.
- The concept of evolution is explained in the in Taitariya Upanishad.
- The process of evolution



The real theory of evolution is given in the doctrine of the five sheaths or koshas.

- The lowest stage of evolution is matter (**annamaya Kosha**).
- The second stage is of life (**pranamaya Kosha**).
- The third stage of evolution is consciousness or mind to perceptual consciousness (**manomaya Kosha**).
- The fourth stage is self-consciousness or self-reason (**vijnanamaya Kosha**).
- The fifth and the final stage is the stage of evolution is called **anandamaya Kosha**.



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- Annamaya - matter is dead.
- Pranamaya - inorganic matter is transformed into organic life.
- Manomaya- evolution of consciousness to perceptual consciousness
- Vijnanamaya - self-consciousness
- Anandmaya - Non-dual bliss

MCQs

1. Concept of Evolution is explained in

- A. Vedas & Upanishads
- B. Advaita Vedanta
- C. Taitariya Upanishad
- D. Both A and D

Answer: C

Explanation: The concept of evolution is explained in the in Taitariya Upanishad.

2. Bliss body is associated with _____ sheath

- A. Annamaya
- B. Vijnanamaya
- C. Anandmaya
- D. None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Bliss body is associated with anandmaya Kosha.

Physical body with Annamaya.

Wisdom body with Vijnanamaya.

3. The correct order of evolution as per Taitariya Upanishad is

- A. Ether, fire, water, air, and earth.
- B. Ether, air, fire, water and earth.
- C. Air, fire, water, ether and earth.
- D. None of these

Answer: B

Explanation: Ether, air, fire, water and earth is the correct order of evolution as per Taitariya Upanishad.

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