

All Stories Are the Same Size

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Jay: Hi, Daniel.

I have been listening a lot to Ramji, in particular I have been working on shifting the “I” from the *jiva* platform to the platform of awareness as he suggests.

This morning the notion of the story really hit home. The moment the *jiva* sets out at birth, everything around it is a story, from evolution, prehistoric times right up to the recent past extending into the future, plus science, nature, everything.

Is there any reason when we come around again this background story cannot be completely different and we appear on a planet on the other side of the galaxy in a completely different environment or appear back in this past rather than as intuitive at some point in the future?

Daniel: “Shifting the ‘I’ from the *jiva* platform to the platform of awareness.” This is a super cool statement and captures exactly what we’re wanting to do. Good for you, Jay! ☺

I’m not really clear as to your question. But from your true platform – i.e. awareness – it’s not really relevant, because time/space/division, etc. (i.e. *mithya*) do not apply. Like everything else in *mithya*, these too are flicked off into the object pile. All stories are the same size, meaning all objects are the same size.

Is it worth putting so much attention into objects?

This is a tough one to accept because identification with the story (*jiva*) and its dream world is so hardwired.

When we take a stand in awareness as awareness whilst understanding the nature of objects (which includes the *jiva*’s life), all questions get dissolved.

Jay: Once again, many thanks, Daniel. I have been making a stand in awareness, things are going well. What really struck me as a consequence was the extent of the not-real/story/human constructs, such that absolutely everything is made up. The birth of the earth and the whole cosmos is a story. Another point I found was the dogged attachment to the *jiva*, realising we are *Isvara* and we as the *jiva* are just a myriad of puppets. It was the standing in awareness that brought ideas home to roost.

Daniel: Cool email, Jay! May the mind continue to bask in the knowledge of your true self.

Jay: Once you reach the conclusion that everything is a construct, all possibilities then become the case.

When you consider the lost Amazonian tribe who has no contact with the outside world, where are its horizons?

When you stand in awareness, we have intelligence anywhere in the universe.

Daniel: That's exactly it: taking a stand in awareness as awareness resolves everything. Why? Because you are everything that is.

Veda means "knowledge," and *anta* means "end." Vedanta is the knowledge that ends the search for all other knowledge. It answers everything because it encompasses all other knowledge (life).

Your hard work and devotion to the teaching is fruiting nicely.

Jay: Daniel, many thanks.