

Departed Soul

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There is a question regarding soul has been arisen under procedure of cremation in sanskar vidhi written by maharshi dayanand. **Where does this soul go after death?** Answer was given- to the realm of yamaa. Again question comes ahead, what is the realm of yamaa? Answer comes, the realm of vayu i.e. the air. Question again comes. What is the realm of air? Then it was answered 'space' it means, up to what limit, air works, that is called space. So, the space is ultimately yamalaya, not any other as house of yamdut etc. Y

+mlok is also the same as this yamalaya, not as, it is told in garud puran etc.

Due to the absence of knowledge, People do not understand what it is. Actually the word yamaa has been used in several meanings as seasons, God,agni,the fire, the air , electricity, the sun, the discipline of God etc. So, this is all disciplined by God and soul always remains under control of God. Whether that dwells in body or that departs from body. In both cases, soul comes under control of God. So, the travel of soul after death, is up to space and further up to luminous place/regions too and there after that reverses and goes to the womb of any new mother- Means gets rebirth that is th t gets new body. Actually the soul with its subtle body of seventeen elements [5 pranas(Pran,apaan,vyan,udaan,samaan), 5 cog native senses(Tongue,nostrils,eyes,ears,skin) and five objects of senses(sight,taste,smell,touch,voice), ego and intellect] used to be recharged for having reincarnations if that doesn't have rebirth, then that directly goes to the salvation.

There are two situations only happen for departed soul. First is new birth means to have new body or second one is salvations. In salvation,-Soul remains only with caused body with its knowledge. But friends! What sort of strangeness is here, we use to see

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Everyone has to go from this place but no one longs to leave this place. In Mahabharata, There is an interesting story related to this fact yaksha asked yudhisthir what strangeness was. Yudhisthir replied-**Ahni Ahni Bhutani. Gachhanti Yamalayam, Shesah Sthavaram Ichhanti Kim Ashcharyam Atah param** Means day by day, we see, people or other species are going to the Yamalaya. But they, who are here, do not intend to go. They think to remain here alone for ever. Is it not strange!! Of course it is. Here also the word yamalaya has been used. This word yamalaya also means the divine shelter of God or rules made by God. So friends! This way we learn about a soul through vedic knowledge.