

HUMAN LIFE AND NATURE

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ABSTRACT

The life of human beings, the most developed species on earth, is shaped by forces not yet clearly understood scientifically. Human life is sustained by space, time, and something, beyond both space and time and generally described as the core of existence or the self. The attempts to understand the self scientifically is difficult because all scientific observations require at least an observer and observed but in the process of the minute observation of the self, the gap between the observer and the observed gradually decreases. When the gap becomes zero, the observation process fails.

A full understanding of the Human lives requires understanding the core of existence besides those attributes that can be physically measured and observed. Discovering the true uniqueness of human beings that separate them from other species is increasingly getting important to initiate the slow down the trend of entropy increase in nature due to the physical developmental works.

In physical level, human lives are pretty much governed by the First and second law of Thermodynamics. Therefore, it becomes difficult to reduce and limit the irreversible damage to ecosystem in view of the increasing human population and their capability to induce large-scale adverse effect on the finite natural system of earth, unless the style of living and the focus of physical developments are in tuned with the fundamental requirements of the self. The paper examines whether the concept of happiness, peace, satisfaction, in human life as normally understood requires re-assessment in order to move ahead sustainably.

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