

The questions about God and spirituality are usually seen by the scientists as arenas of interest for those who are not capable of living up to the challenges of reason which scientific minds may require. By claiming to possess higher power of intellect and reasoning many of these scientists refute the experiences of those who talk about spirituality, as if the spiritual believers are baser creatures, who are doomed to fail in an evolutionary competition. In this book, a scientist, who had begun his academic life as a theoretical nuclear physicist and worked in elementary particle physics and cosmology, describes his spiritual experiences, which he has found no way to explain by using rational arguments and methods of science. He has analyzed his personal experiences by using the knowledge of psychology, neurology and biology among others. Unless one questions the limitations of the scientific methods of understanding the reality he has wondered if he could also fall into the category of the "mental case", which is caused by misfiring of neuronal activities as many neurologists would like us to believe. Or has he been truly experiencing some strange dimension of existence in the universe which science may never be able to explain by using its present methods of enquiries? The book will take the readers through many realms of science and arts in an attempt to throw light on the phenomenon which had decisive effects on the life of a physicist-philosopher-poet and an artist. Apart from its value in throwing lights on the questions of God from the scientific perspective, the book can also be enjoyed simply as a literary piece.

God appears in the mind of a physicist and an existentialist in a puzzling manner, which creates shock and astonishment that the scientist cannot overcome for the rest of his life. Since then he gets confused about finding answers about the true nature of the reality and the mystery of the existence of God. A highly creative person, with wide knowledge in many fields of science and arts, grapples all his life to understand these personal experiences, which defy all scientific knowledge and reason. Whenever he manages to harness enough doubts and attempts to get rid of the supernatural world, which keeps his life a captive of a weird mental phenomenon that can not be understood by any intellectual reasoning, God appears again and again. He gives messages with such clarity of "illumination" that all defenses of reason, which a scientist may erect with his intellectual capacity, fall apart.

Judging from scientific perspective many neurologists would like to interpret such mental phenomenon as caused by abnormal brain activities, and explain God as a delusion rising from malfunctioning of the brain. The book will throw lights upon the questions: "Do these experiences represent a case of a brain damage, resulting in wrong neural circuitry, which generate the messages of God in the mind, or does there truly exist God, who is beyond intellectual comprehension of even a very sophisticated human mind? After experiencing continuous dilemma and conflicts for more than fifty years the nuclear scientist and a cosmologist, who was a believer of the western existential philosophy in his young age, remains at bay without finding any convincing answer. This book reveals a hidden world which has disturbed, puzzled and created agony and despair on one side, and illumined the mind with knowledge and vision, not accessible through intellectual process of the mind, on the other hand. It is a story of pain and joy, suffering followed by profound ebullience of a spirit which is one with the cosmos and resides in us.



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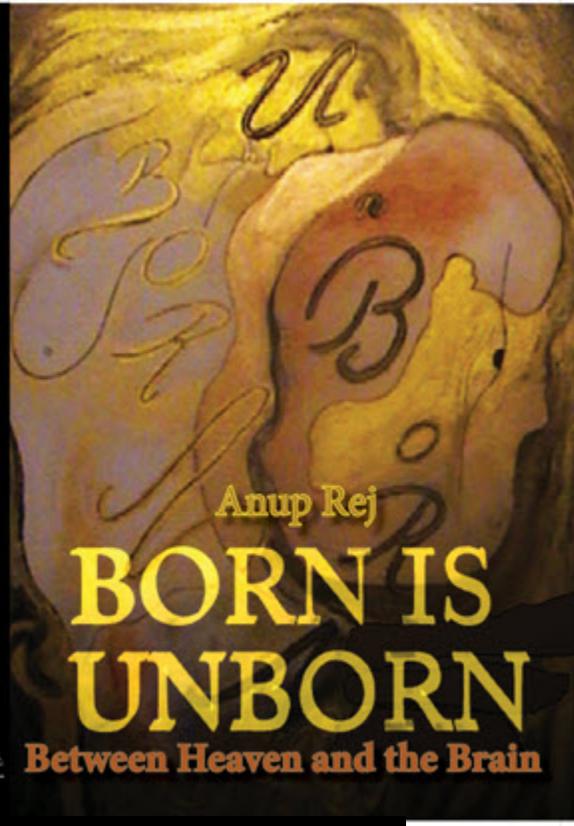


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DESCRIPTION

God came to give messages to a child that "He" did not exist in the figures of gods and goddesses, which people worshipped around him. Instead, God explained that "He" existed as a mystery, hidden from the world, who could not be seen, felt or touched by any one. Since then the child developed a secret friendship with God. However, there was an understanding between the child and God that the child will not divulge this secret encounter with the Divine to anyone in the outside world. When he stepped into adulthood, God started revealing Himself in a different way. In the same physical body two different existences started emerging. One was bound to the will and ego-bound mind, with whom he could identify himself as a person, while on the other side, there existed a Divine Being, who could penetrate the physical state and incarnate in a physical body - a phenomenon which could not be grasped by the human intellect. Later in life, as a highly creative person, with wide knowledge in many fields of science and arts, he grappled to understand these personal experiences, which defy all scientific knowledge and reason. The book throws lights on the questions: "Do these experiences represent a case of a brain damage, resulting in wrong neural circuitry, which generate the messages of God in the mind, or does there truly exist God, who is beyond intellectual comprehension of even a very sophisticated human mind? Without finding any convincing answer, a nuclear scientist and a cosmologist, after undergoing intense dilemma and conflicts for more than fifty years, remains at bay. On one hand this book reveals a hidden world, which has disturbed, puzzled and created agony and despair, while on the other hand it has illumined the mind with knowledge and vision, not accessible through intellectual process of the mind. It is a story of pain and joy, suffering followed by profound ebullience of a spirit which is one with the cosmos and resides in us.

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