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Primary Sources

The Hymn to Purusha from the Rig Veda

1. Purusha sacrifices himself to create the cosmos, meaning that god and creation are not separate. What are the implications of such a view?

The implication of such a view is God is not the Creator and creation is equal to God. God is the Creator of everything. God has the authority. Power of and right to be destroyer of anything because God is the Creator. In Genesis, the book of beginnings, God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer, who brought all things into being.

2. Creation of the cosmos includes creation of hierarchical social order. How might making social order part of nature appeal to those lower in that order?

One way making social order part of nature appeal to those lower is to develop a system of social structures of laws that will require states to treat their citizens equally. All individuals should be treated fairly and equally.

The elites status is only at the top because they have learned systems that will help them earn money and make wise investments. If those lower were given the same opportunities to succeed, then the gap would not be so large.

