

## VICTORIA MANAGEMENT GROUP SEMINAR

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# Rhythm, Karma, Transmigration and Cyclic Time-Scale as Salient Features of Indian Philosophy

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Human beings have been the perennial theme of Indian Philosophy. The central calling of Indian philosophy has been 'ye the children of immortal bliss, thou art the heir apparent to the emperor of emperors'. In their quest, the ancient seers of India verged upon the working of the Cosmos and the destiny of humans.

One of their earliest findings was the rhythm perceptible in the dynamics of the universe. This, they christened 'Rta' which operates in the rise and fall of everything in the Cosmos. As a corollary, they discovered two other fundamentals of human being's relationship with the environs. They are the doctrine of 'Karma' and its sequel, transmigration of souls. Together they convey rebirth according to the deeds of the present life. Another feature is the cyclic time-scale with the chance of progress of human life inlaid in it, assuring final liberation.

Since Indian philosophy is a way of life, it evolves a code of ethics in the form of do's and don'ts to suit the times and climes. It may be inferred that the dynamism of progress inherent in the cyclic time-scale and the evolution of moral dicta are applicable in modern management.

### About the presenter

Professor O.M Mathew has been teaching Political Science and International Relations in various Universities in India for more than four decades. He was nominated by the Government of India to the Board of Directors of the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad. He has annexed the Masters Degree in Theology from the Gregorian University of Rome and is associated with the Catholic Spiritual University of Lebanon. He frequently delivers lectures on Hinduism in various forums. He was a member of the National Executive of the Bharatiya Janatha Party. Professor Mathew's recent publications are in the areas of Church history, Ecclesiology and Indian Philosophy.

