

# The Vaishedika Atomism –A key to all philosophical quests, related to Cosmology

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**ABSTRACT:** *Vaishedika is one out of the Six Darshanas which are the most important among the Indian schools of Philosophy. Though this is one of the Orthodox School of Thought in India it is deeply concerned with physical nature, more than any other metaphysical quests. Thus Vaishedika with the help of the two theories, viz: Theory of Substance and atomism, has deeply gone into the study of the Universal phenomenon. The important interpretation behind Vaishedika is the justification that all structural forms within universal phenomena are created by the compounding and separation of atoms. Comparatively, though Vaishedika was contemporary to Greek and Jain atomic theories, it has certain unique qualities of its own.*

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The Scientific studies which proclaim atoms as the primordial raw materials of the universe are not sudden outbursts of scientific ideas. From time unknown, fitting quite appropriately into the statement that, "Science is a baby nurtured in the cradle of philosophy," all basic conceptual discussions giving rise to modern studies on science, has been undertaken at the global stage by various schools of philosophy. The awareness and quests in the Indian tradition are of historical superiority, extending age long from times prior to the Christian era.

In the Indian arena of philosophy, concerned with the creation of this Universe, Vaishedika is the most ancient doctrine that posits the discussions on "atoms".

The fundamental aim of this article is to analyses Vaishedika atomism, and establishes its multi-dimensional aspects. Accordingly, primary and secondary data collected from the sources of Vaishedika doctrine have been used in this study. The methodology here includes discussions and analyzing method has also been used where appropriate.