

# The Science of Upanishads - Part 19: Why Are There 108 Upanishads?

## Why Are Numbers 9 and 108 Very Holy In Hinduism?

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According to Sanatan Dharma, number 108 represents the entire creation! It is the divine number that resonates throughout the Universe just like the divine sound syllable “Om”. According to Vedic Cosmology, both numbers 9 and 12 are divine. Multiplication of the two numbers results in number 108. More significantly, it is the glory and magnificence of number 9, which our ancient Rishis have assigned to the Supreme Brahman, the creator of the Universe. If one multiplies number 9 with any integer, and then adds up the constituent numbers, it always leads to number 9! This means that everything that originates with Brahman (Paramatman) goes back to Brahman! Here is the mathematical magic associated with number 9:

[ $9 \times 1 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 2 = 18 = 1 + 8 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 3 = 27 = 2 + 7 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 4 = 36 = 3 + 6 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 5 = 45 = 4 + 5 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 6 = 54 = 5 + 4 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 7 = 63 = 6 + 3 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 8 = 72 = 7 + 2 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 9 = 81 = 8 + 1 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 10 = 90 = 9 + 0 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 11 = 99 = 9 + 9 = 18 = 1 + 8 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 12 = 108 = 1 + 0 + 8 = 9$ ]; [ $9 \times 13 = 117 = 1 + 1 + 7 = 9$ ], and so on...

Here are some of the many facts associated with numbers 9 & 108:

- There are 108 Upanishads and 108 Puranas in Sanatan Dharma
- Mahabharat has 18 Chapters, Bhagavadgeeta has 18 Chapters, and Bhagwat has 108,000 verses.
- Satya Yug consists of 172,800,000 years ( $1 + 7 + 2 + 8 = 18 = (1 + 8 = 9)$ )  
Treta Yug consists of 1,296,000,000 years ( $1 + 2 + 9 + 6 = 18 = (1 + 8 = 9)$ )  
Dwapara Yug consists of 864,000,000 years ( $8 + 4 + 6 = 18 = (1 + 8$

= 9)

Kali Yug consists of 432,000,000 years  $(4+3+2) = 9$

- Diameter of Sun is 108 times the diameter of Earth
- Distance between Sun and Earth is 108 times the diameter of Sun
- Distance between Earth and Moon is 108 times the diameter of moon.
- The Universe is made of 108 elements. The Hassium, the 108<sup>th</sup> element, which is also the heaviest element of Periodic Table, has 108 protons.
- The Jap Mala (The Sacred Rosary) has 108 beads.

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