

Professor Paras Mal Agrawal is a world renowned scientist, and an expert on Jainism. Even Prof. J. C. Polanyi, while receiving the Nobel Prize, cited Dr. Agrawal's research work in his Nobel lecture in the concluding paragraph. Recently, for his research paper entitled 'Quantum Mechanics and Human Decision Making' published in February 2013 in Operations Research, Oklahoma State University awarded him a cash prize of about Rs.150000/-. His very recent book entitled "**Soul Science: Part I**" covers translation and commentary of **Acharya Kundakunda's Samayasaar** in English. In this book, he has tried to explain the deepest concepts of Jain philosophy in a simple user friendly style with scientific examples without reducing the depth.

Dr. Agrawal earned his M.Sc. (Physics) degree with the first position in merit from Vikram University in 1968, and Ph.D. from Rajasthan University. In India, he served as Lecturer, Reader and Professor in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh for 25 years. In USA, between 1979 and 2010, he served as Visiting Professor and Research Professional for 16 years in Oklahoma State University, Stillwater OK. Besides four books and various articles, he published 70 research papers in the top-notch research journals such as Physical Review, Journal of Chemical Physics, Operations Research, and Journal of Physical Chemistry in the field of Molecular Dynamics, Nano-Science, Chemical Physics, and Quantum Mechanics. He also published books and popular articles in Hindi. Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan awarded him for his manuscript on Relativity.

The discovery of Continuous Frequency Modulation effect by Dr. Agrawal and his colleagues has also been a notable contribution. In an international book entitled 'Horizons of Physics' sponsored by the Indian Association of Physics Teachers, he has contributed with the scientists such as Dr. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar. His research work in USA with a team of five scientists related with the demilitarization of the explosives from the unwanted mines all over the world without exploding won the nomination for the Best Research Award of the year 1998 by the Army Research Laboratory of the Defense Department of Govt. of USA.

While studying science, he also extensively studied original texts of all the four branches of Jain *Anuyoga*, Hindu scriptures such as *BhagavadGeeta*, and a large number of western authors such as Wayne Dyer, Louise Hay, Eckhart Tolle, and Caroline Myss. He published more than 150 articles and dozens of book-chapters in the field of spiritual science. The title of one of his books, "**Adhyatma se Samraddhi Swasthya and Shanti: Part I: Anekant Samajh**" says a lot about his interest. On three different occasions, he has been recognized as the best author of the year by Kundakunda Gyanpith Indore for the research periodical *Arhat Vachan*. *Acharyra Bhikshu Aalok Sansthan*, Kelwa (Rajsamand, Rajasthan) awarded him the *Acharya Bhikshu Pragya Samman* of 2016. He has participated in a large number of conferences in India and abroad. He was also invited to write the review of *Abridged Gommataasaar Jivakand and Karmakanda* written by Ganini Aryika Gyanmati Mataji for the publication in *Ganini Aryika Gyanmati Abhinandan Granth*.

Currently he is living in Udaipur. He is associated with various Jain organizations and universities. His current interest is in the understanding and explaining the classical spiritual science in context with the modern science and our day-to-day life.

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