

**Dr Paras Mal Agrawal** (Jawad, 1946) earned his M.Sc. (Physics) degree with the first position in merit from Vikram University, and Ph.D. from Rajasthan University. In India, he served as Lecturer, Reader, and Professor in Physics at Bhilwara, Kota, Jhalawar, Ajmer, and Ujjain. In USA, he served as Visiting Professor, and Research Professional for 16 years till September 2010 in Oklahoma State University, Stillwater OK. In the field of Molecular Dynamics, Nano-Science, Chemical Physics, and Quantum Mechanics, he has published more than four books and 70 research papers in the top-notch research journals.

The discovery of Continuous Frequency Modulation effect by Dr. Agrawal and his colleagues has been a notable contribution. 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. The Federal Govt. of USA recognized him as a person of extraordinary ability.

As regards spirituality, he 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 250 articles, 15 book-chapters, and two books. His recent book, '**Soul Science**', provides English translation and commentary of Samayasara of Acharya Kundakund. 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. He is recognized as an expert author and speaker on Jainism as well as on science and spirituality.

He is the recipient of various awards and distinctions including the '**Jain Laureate**' title with a cash award of Rs. 2 lakh from Gyan Sagar Science Foundation, and '**Maharana Pratap Samman**' award from the Citizens of Udaipur. 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/. On three different occasions, he has been recognized as **the best author of the year** for the research periodical *Arhat Vachan* by Kundakunda Gyanpith Indore. *Acharyra Bhikshu Aalok Sansthan*, Kelwa (Rajsamand, Rajasthan) awarded him the **Acharya Bhikshu Pragya Samman** of 2016.

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

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