

Who rules the world?

Various Voices Respond

I do. And each person does, in his or her own world. We make our own decisions.

Powerful People—the ones with the powerful personalities in any given context and relationship. These personalities may be focused through physical strength, emotional appeal or intellectual ability. They may be outwardly dominant and controlling, especially engaging and persuasive or particularly focused and unshakeable.

Government Officials—the ones whose task it is to make the rules and rule. Everyone within their jurisdiction is limited by what they decide.

Corporate Elite—the ones with the real money and power. These are the insiders or the ones who have bought or otherwise control the insiders, including and especially the not-so-really-powerful people in key positions in government.

Gods and Goddesses—the real behind-the-scenes influencers of the Subtle sphere, whose actions cascade down to and control the Gross world.

Indra—or Jupiter or Zeus or Thor or by any other name the one who presides over all the Gods and Goddesses and so rules the Subtle sphere and thereby the Gross world below it.

Ishwar—the triple (or 3³) God of the whole Creation; the Creator, Preserver and Destroyer of that Creation who can satisfy any spiritual or material desire within that Creation if propitiated in the proportion necessary.

Maya—the spiritual principle behind the prakriti, the one who moves the prakriti, which is her body; the one who is making Ishwar do what Ishwar does, the one behind the Tridevi to Ishwar's Trimurthi; the one who is (enacting) the Whim.

The Spiritual Hierarchy—the ones with special duty on or between all the planes in Creation who really look after the affairs of the world as regards the Divine Plan (to the degree that they know and understand it)—the local and middle management of the spiritual-to-material panorama.

The Five Perfect Masters—the ones at the head of the Spiritual Hierarchy, the only ones who are God Realized with full consciousness of the Creation at all levels and who also have duty in that Creation, the only ones who know fully and enact particularly the Divine Plan according to the Divine Theme.

The Avatar—God descending in human form, the one and only one who makes (predestined) adjustments and changes to the Divine Plan, the one who puts forth that Plan for the rest of the Spiritual Hierarchy to carry out, including the ruling over it by the Five Perfect Masters. The one who uses Maya as the instrument of His Work.

The Ancient One—the one who came up with the Divine Plan and all its predestined changes in the first place, the one who comes back time and time again as the Avatar, the one who merged Maya into Him.

God—where the Lahar, Divine Theme and Divine Plan come from, the one whose individuality is embodied as the Ancient One Avatar.

God, the Ancient One, the Avatar and Shadow Maya within each one in his/her own (experience of the) world, dictated by predetermined destiny and the inevitable law of karma (inclusive of dharma), the *inexorable must*. Other than that, it doesn't Real, it's not exist.

In sum, the world is nothing, nothing but what you make of it; and you make of it what you Maya must.