

When the Lord acquires a body, meaning, when the Infinite deludes Itself that It is conditioned by the mind-intellect, It becomes the *Jiva*; and the *Jiva* takes to itself various bodies from time to time and incarnates in different environments, which are ordered by its own burning desires and aspirations, and which are most suited for exhausting and fulfilling all its demands. From the moment the *Jiva* enters a body till it leaves it, it keeps these sense faculties and mental impressions at all times with itself. In fact, the 'subtle-body' includes all these faculties.

At death, the 'subtle-body' permanently departs from the 'gross-body' which is left inert. The dead-body, though found to maintain the shape of the very individual, has no more any sense faculty or mental ability or intellectual capacity, that it had expressed before. These expressions, physical, mental and intellectual, were those which gave the body an individual personality-stature. All these constitute the "subtle-body", and the "gross-body," bereft of its subtle essence, is called the dead-body.

At the time of death, the 'subtle-body,' as it is described here, moves off gathering unto itself all faculties, "EVEN AS THE WIND TAKES SCENTS FROM THEIR RESTING PLACES", a passing breeze is not at any time separate from atmospheric air that is everywhere, and yet, when the breeze passes over a flower, or some sandal-paste, or a scent-bottle --- which are all seats of fragrance --- it carries with it the respective aroma. Similarly, the subtle-body,