

Pure Awareness, poured into the moulds of *vasanas*, when frozen with "ignorance," becomes the multiple world of names and forms --- recognised, craved for, and fought over to acquire and to possess --- everywhere by everyone. Therefore, one who has identified oneself with the Self, in that vivid experience, comes to understand the very Essence out of which the confusing multiplicity has risen up into manifestation, to confound the stupid ego and to torment it with the delusory dream of its *samsara*!

After enumerating the two distinct ways of procedure to go back from the manifest to the unmanifest, in the following, Krishna devotes an entire section to explain the different routes taken by seekers to reach the two different destinations. Some reach a destination from where there is a return and others attain a level of experience from which there is no return.

WHAT ARE THE TWO PATHS?

23. Now at what time (path) departing, YOGINS go, never to return, as also to return, that time (path) , I will tell you, O Chief of Bharatas.

The Lord has already explained that there are two goals in life which men seek: the extrovert life of satisfying the ego and gaining its flickering joys among the sense-objects --- each experience of which soon sours itself to become sorrow; and the Divine Mission of seeking the