

in the telescope. Similarly, Krishna did not TRANSFORM Himself into His Cosmic-Form, but He only helped Arjuna to make the necessary inward adjustments so that he could perceive what was there evidently in Krishna. Naturally, the Lord says, "BEHOLD." The total world of perceivable beings of all shapes and colours is indicated in the enumeration made by the Lord in the stanza.

WHAT ARE THOSE?

*6. Behold the ADITYAS, the VASUS, the RUDRAS, the (two) ASHWINS and also the MARUTS; behold many wonders never seen before, O Bharata.*

In enumerating the items that are to be seen in Krishna's Cosmic-Form, the Lord hints at the most important and striking of them. This is generally done when we try to describe a crowd of people or things by using a short representative term. Mention is made on all such occasions of the most important items or personalities --- the few who represent the whole crowd.

With a note of despair ringing through his words, the Lord concludes "BEHOLD MANY MORE SUCH WONDERS AS NEVER SEEN BEFORE." The various items enumerated have all been already explained in the previous chapter\* Of them the only new term used here is the *Ashwini Kumaras*, the Horsemen-Twins. It is not very clear in literature as to what exactly is the identity of these