

the manifested ever-changing world of names and forms. The Ultimate Reality, the Self, is being indicated here as something that lies beyond the hazy frontiers of the delusory experiences of creation, dissolution, and re-creation, over and over again.

IS THIS UNMANIFEST THEN THE SUPREME? OR, IS THERE YET ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH ALONE IS FIT TO BE THE GOAL OF LIFE?

*21. That which is called the Unmanifest and the Imperishable, that, they say is the Highest Goal (path) . They who reach It never again return. That is My highest abode (state) .*

What has been indicated in the previous stanza as "THE OTHER UNMANIFEST --- WHICH IS THE ETERNAL EXISTENCE --- WHICH KNOWS NO DESTRUCTION," is explained here as the Imperishable mentioned earlier in this chapter. The Imperishable was defined as the *Brahman*, the substratum for the entire universe, and we were

also advised that we must meditate upon OM as the symbol of this Imperishable. The Self which is of the nature of Pure Awareness is that which lends existence and dynamism to the unmanifested *vasanas*, and makes them capable of projecting out to form the manifested world of activities and behaviours. This Eternal