

Similarly, when through self-control, listening, reflection, and meditation, the agitations of the mind are quietened, and when the veiling has been pulled down, the seeker rediscovers "ME THE UNBORN, THE IMMUTABLE." As long as the agitations of the mind veil the intellect from its awareness of the Self, so long the limited ego (*Jeeva*) pants to fulfil itself and to gain the Infinite among the gutters of its sensual cravings!

Such frenzied hearts reeking with desires and lacerated with disappointments, crushed by dissatisfactions and smothered by the fear of their own annihilation --- can never have the integrated equipoise to live even a moment of still-awareness to experience the Pure Consciousness. "THE DELUDED WORLD KNOWS ME NOT" as it is steeped in "THE ILLUSION BORN OUT OF THE THREE-FOLD gunas." Screened off by this universe of names and forms, which is but an apparent projection of the Self, the sense-organs, mind or intellect fail to perceive It. The ghost veils the post! The mirage-waters clothe the desert!! The waves screen off the ocean!!!

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF IGNORANCE AND CONFUSION IN THE LIMITED FINITE EGO IS BROUGHT OUT VERY VIVIDLY IN THE FOLLOWING, BY CONTRASTING IT AGAINST THE BACK-GROUND OF THE SELF, WHICH IS OF THE NATURE OF ALL KNOWLEDGE: