

from the sun must be sunny. The gifts of the sun are light and heat, both being indispensable to life on earth. This is the bare truth about the sun. Similarly the Lord declares the bare Truth about Himself and His relationship with the *Jivatman*. The sole object of His being embodied is to tell this Truth to the world. The lives of the great ones bear testimony to the fact that whoever follows this teaching emerges as an extraordinary being. The Truth in the Lord's statement is amplified by them as well.

The Lord's statement, 'You are dear to Me' is pregnant with meaning. In fact, all beings are dear to Iswara. When the required purification is effected the all-absorbing love is made evident. The *Dvaita*, the *Visishtādvaita* and the *Advaita* systems are the three typical modes of establishing relationship between the *Jivatman* and the *Paramatman*. Love expresses itself in and through all of these patterns. It asserts the Truth that the *Jivatman* and the *Paramatman* are ever linked. It is the greatest unifying force. Progress culminates in perfect union. Love leads the *Jivatman* to the pinnacle of eternal union with the *Paramatman*.

We make use of a vehicle when we want to go from one place to another. The vehicle is the means and reaching the place is the end. But in our pilgrimage towards the *Paramatman*, the means and the end are the same. It is by the grace of the Lord that we get at the Lord. By His grace only we make endeavours to get at Him. The grace of the Lord is the one boon that is ever available to man; but