

THE SELF, THOUGH IT PERMEATES AND PREVAILS  
THE WHOLE BODY, IS NOT SOILED, JUST AS SPACE  
CANNOT BE DIRTIED BY ALL THE

AMOUNT OF FILTH THAT IT MAY ACCOMMODATE IN  
ITSELF. THEN WHAT EXACTLY IS THE SPIRIT'S  
FUNCTION IN THE BODY? LISTEN:

*34. Just as the one Sun illumines the whole world, so also the  
Lord-of-the-Field (PARAMATMAN) illumines the whole  
"Field, " O Bharata.*

Here is one of the most striking examples in our scriptural literature, given to us by the Divine Charioteer. It conveys to our intellectual comprehension the exact relationship of the Consciousness, the Eternal Principle-of-Life, with reference to the various worlds-of-matter and their expressions. Just as the one Sun illumines the entire Universe from afar, and at all times, so too the Consciousness merely illumines the world-of-objects, the body, the mind, and the intellect.

Though generally in our everyday talks we attribute the ACTIVITY of lighting up the world of the Sun, we find on close examination that we cannot attribute any such ACTIVITY to the Sun. An action is that which has a beginning and an end and it is generally undertaken to fulfil a deep desire, or a silent purpose. The Sun does not illumine the world in this sense of the term. On the other