

but it also includes the world of feelings and the world of ideas recognised, reacted upon and experienced by all of us in our lives.

Thus, my '*loka*' is the "field of experiences" that I revel in at all levels of my body, my mind and my intellect --- and it is evident that these experiences can never be mine unless I am constantly aware of them. This Essential Factor, pure Awareness or Consciousness, without which I am dead to the world, with which I perceive the world and live in it actively, should necessarily be the Presiding Chieftain that rules with His Grace, my '*loka*.'

The Self being the same everywhere, the *Atman* that rules my world is the *Atman* that rules the worlds of all individuals. The entire universe is the sum total of the worlds of experience of each individual, and evidently, the 'ruler' that governs the entire Universe must necessarily be the Absolute Self Itself. The term 'the Lord of the worlds' is to be rightly understood thus. The Lord is not a "tyrant over life" or "a *Sultan* of the skies," or an "Autocrat who rules over our world." The Self is the Lord of our experiences, just as the Sun, in the same fashion, is the Lord of our daytime world.

HE WHO KNOWS ME AS BIRTHLESS,
BEGINNINGLESS AND AS THE GREAT LORD OF THE
WORLDS, ends his delusion. In and through the grinning
ghost that frightened me, I gain a glimpse of the wayside
lamp-post, and forthwith, I go beyond my delusion and