

The *Rajasika* knowledge holds that there are Atmas of varying traits residing in the bodies of various types and grades of evolution. The Atman itself has to undergo evolution as the body does, is the view entertained by this school of thought. Gold ore may be procured from different continents and they may all have different kinds of dross pertaining to the nature of the earth. While there is difference in the dross, pure gold is the same independent of the sediment and the soil. Similarly the Atmas seem one different from another because of the limiting adjuncts — *Upādhis*. It is even believed that Atmas belong to different species, castes, colours and nationalities. Attaching importance to these *upādhis* is the way of the *Rajasika* knowledge. But these limiting adjuncts are born of ignorance. When they are all eliminated Pure Consciousness alone remains. In unselfish love, there is no such thing as the oriental love and the occidental love. In its pure form love is a universal factor governing and guiding life. But for it, existence is not worth having. There is another category in life, which is worth studying. In dreamless sound sleep all differentiations get dissolved. The high and the low, the learned and the ignorant, the virtuous and the sinful, the happy and the miserable—all these inequalities vanish in that state. An indeterminate universal existence alone remains then as vague consciousness. All these phases of the underlying unity are not cognized by the *Rajasika* knowledge. It sees nothing but diversity.

Seeing unity is knowledge, seeing diversity is ignorance.

— Sri Ramakrishna