

Chapter 13

Kshetra Kshetrajna Vibhaga Yoga

The Yoga of the Field and the Knower of the Field

Arjuna said: 1. PRAKRITI (Matter) and PURUSHA (Spirit) , also the KSHETRA (the Field) and KSHETRAJNA (the Knower-of-the-Field) , Knowledge and that which ought to be known --- these, I wish to learn, O Keshava.

In several manuscripts, this stanza is not found. But in some others, it is met with as a doubt expressed by Arjuna.

PRAKRITI AND PURUSHA --- In the Sankhyan Philosophy in India, the Acharyas have used these two technical terms to indicate the inert-equipments (Prakriti) and the vital sentient-Truth (Purusha) that sets the entire assemblage of matter in action. In short, Prakriti is matter and Purusha is the Spirit. The Spirit, in Itself, has no expression except when It plays through matter. When Purusha weds Prakriti, the experiences of good and bad are in legion born. Electricity, in itself, cannot manifest as light. But when it weds the bulb, it is manifested as light.