

The sovereign science, the sovereign secret, the supreme purifier is this; directly realizable, in accord with dharma, very easy to practise and imperishable

The public road is called *rāja-pāṭha*. The yoga common to all religions is called *rāja-yoga*. Similarly *Brahma-jnana* which is the birthright of all is called *rāja-vidyā*. All are entitled to it and they are wending their way to it knowingly or unknowingly. If so, can all get at *Brahma-jnana* as unfailingly as all are able to procure food for the body? No, the impure in heart cannot have access to it. The purity of the mind is the criterion for it. They alone shall inherit this Divine Treasure who are perfectly pure at heart. But those that have not yet refined the mind, those that are given to cavil and such like defects will not be able to grasp it even. To them it is the sovereign secret. This science is a sealed book to them. As water cleanses the body, *Brahma-jnana* cleanses the *Jivatman* of his fallen state and reinstates him in Brahmanhood. The knower of Brahman becomes Brahman. *Brahma-vidyā* is therefore the supreme purifier.

A man who wakes up from a dreadful dream brushes aside his agony as a mere fiction of his mind. The mundane life itself is a misery-laden prolonged dream from which the *Brahma-jnani* wakes up into the bliss of Reality. Thenceforth his life gets fixed in Truth. Therefore it is bound to be in accord with dharma. Self-knowledge is the homecoming of the *Jivatman*, and so it is very easy to practise. There is a possibility of a thing easily