

significance of "lotus" in India. Lotus signifies PERFECTION SPIRITUAL.

Arjuna, in short, wants the Lord to appear in his serener-Form and quieter-Attitude. For all early seekers and new initiates in *Vedanta*, it naturally becomes difficult to keep, in themselves, the same tempo for their philosophical pursuits. At such moments of dissipation and drowsiness of the intellect, the aspiring heart must discover some reposeful resting-place wherein it can revive itself. This bed-of-peace and tranquility, upon which the inner personality of man can revive and grow into its fuller stature, is the glorious Form of the Lord.

SEEING ARJUNA AFRAID, THE LORD WITHDREW HIS UNIVERSAL FORM; AND CONSOLING ARJUNA WITH HIS SWEET WORDS, HE SAID:

*The Blessed Lord said: 47. Graciously by Me, O Arjuna, this Supreme-Form has been shown to you by My own YOGA-power --- Full of splendour, Primeval, Infinite, this Universal-Form of Mine has never been seen by any other than yourself.*

Here we have the confession that it is not the privilege of all devotees to come to perceive this "Form-tremendous" and that Arjuna is enjoying It as a special favour due to His Infinite Grace. He also asserts that, "THIS SPLENDID, PRIMEVAL, INFINITE, UNIVERSAL-FORM OF MINE" has not been seen by anyone else.