

If there be such a Divine Factor, beyond the usual cognition of the ordinary mortals, how is it that they are not in a position to understand, at least the presence, if not a complete realisation of this great Truth? This question is answered here in this verse.

DELUDED BY THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE THREE *gunas*, the worlds of living creatures become blind to the divine possibilities in themselves, and live totally a life of mere identification with the matter-envelopments. The post is covered by the ghost --- vision for the deluded. It is a fact that as long as the ghost is viewed, not even a portion of the post will be available for the perception of the deluded!

Similarly, identifying with the *Maya*-products, the Self comes to play the tragic role of the ego, and the ego, in its preoccupations with the outer-world and with its idle imaginations, finds itself incapable of knowing its own true nature. This play of hide-and-seek --- ourselves with ourselves in ourselves --- is the strange and mysterious play of the ego, creating the universal sorrow and the endless mental squalor therein.

THIS "POWER OF VEILING" IN EVERY ONE OF US IS DEFINED AND DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING STANZA: