

SATTWA BINDS BY ATTACHMENT TO 'HAPPINESS' AND 'KNOWLEDGE' --- When the mind is purified from all its agitations (*Rajas*) and the intellect is cleansed of its agitations (*Rajas*) and the intellect is cleansed of its low passions and criminal lusts (*Tamas*), no doubt, the personality becomes purified, experiencing a greater share of inward peace and happiness and enjoys a greater share of subtle understanding and intellectual comprehension. But even these can create a bondage on the freedom of the Absolute Self. A gold-chain, if sufficiently strong can also bind as any iron-chain. "Goodness," though it gives us freedom from all vulgarities, can also shackle us within its own limitation! A perfect one, absolutely free, is bound neither by goodness, nor by evil.

Consciousness, the All-pervading Principle of Awareness, expressed as the Self, in each one of us, does not directly comprehend any object or idea in the world outside. What we generally understand as intelligence is the Eternal Light of Consciousness, reflected in our mind-intellect-equipment. Naturally therefore, the capacity to perceive the world intelligently, differs from person to person because in no two of us the inner equipments can be the same.

The reflection in a reflecting medium, will depend entirely upon the cleanliness and steadiness of the medium. If the mind is clean and the intellect steady, a more efficient intelligence is manifest. Thus, whenever a given mind is in an inspiring and creative mood, it is actually intelligent