

Chapter 11

Vishwa Roopa Darshana Yoga

THE Yoga of the Vision of the Universal Form

Arjuna Said: 1. By this word of the highest secret concerning the Self, which You have spoken out of compassion towards me, my delusion is gone.

In this opening stanza, Arjuna expresses his complete satisfaction at the details regarding the glories of the Lord which were described in the previous chapter, Arjuna appreciated that so much labour was spent by Krishna only to bless his disciple and bring him out of delusion. To realise the unity in the diversity is to get an inoculation against the sorrows of plurality. The deft pen of Vyasa beautifully registers the effectiveness of the last chapter upon a sincere student when he makes Arjuna confess, "THIS, MY DELUSION, IS GONE."

REMOVAL OF A DELUSION or a misunderstanding IS NOT IN ITSELF THE ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE of the Real. Removal of delusion is one aspect of the process of knowing the Truth. Arjuna must be rightly feeling that his delusion --- his firm faith in the separativeness of names and forms --- can no longer hold its grounds when his intellect has been educated to look