Ocean of Truth, the Lord indicates here that, but for It, the phenomenal world would have ended its existence long ago.

## STILL ELABORATING THE SAME IDEA:

25. Among the great RISHIS I am Bhrigu; among words I am the one-syllabled "OM"; among sacrifices I am the sacrifice of silent repetition (JAPA-YAJNA); among immovable things, the Himalayas.

OF THE GREAT *RISHIS* I AM *BHRIGU* --- *Bhrigu* is the chief of the Seven *Rishis* mentioned earlier in this very chapter (Ibid., Verses 2 and 5). Bhrigu is the one who recites the *Manava Dharmashastra*, wherein he is recognised as Manu's son.

OF WORDS, I AM THE ONE-SYLLABLED "OM" --- Words are symbols of sounds to express one's thoughts. A speaker, with his words, tries to raise in the bosom of his listeners, a pattern of thought-experiences which the speaker feels in himself. Thus, the word 'tomato' is the sound symbol which creates in the mind of all those who know the 'tomato' the same form-experience. To bless those who do not react to this word, but stand confused, the speaker will necessarily try to use a series of words arranged into sentences, and the sentences will be properly marshalled to give a full picture of what a 'tomato' is. To the extent the describer can mould the