

38. *You are the Primal God, the Ancient PURUSHA; You are the Supreme Refuge of this universe. You are the knower, the knowable, and the Abode-Supreme. By Thee is the universe pervaded, O Being of Infinite forms.*

YOU ARE THE PRIMAL GOD --- The Self is the Supreme Creator. The Pure Consciousness is the womb from which even the Creator has risen. The Self, conditioned by Its own creative urge, plays the part of the Creator.

YOU ARE THE SUPREME ABODE OF THE UNIVERSE --  
- The entire *Vishwa* is housed in the Lord, and therefore, it is said that the Lord is the Abode for the Universe. Here, the term *Vishwa* is to be correctly understood. When this is translated as the "Universe," we are apt to confuse it with the astronomers' universe or the scientists' universe. The Sanskrit term *Vishwa* includes these and even more. It includes the entire world of perceptions and the whole field of emotions and the total realms of thought that we, as intelligent individuals, experience in all our lives. This totality of the world of experience through the body, mind and intellect together is indicated by the term *Vishwa*.

With this understanding of the term *Vishwa*, it should not be very difficult for the students of *Vedanta* to understand the full meaning of this life. We are all now experiencing our world through the matter equipments of our body, mind and intellect. These, being products of inert matter, have no Consciousness of their own except that which they borrow from the Infinite, the Self.