

accord, nor can it perceive by itself its feelings, it being a by-product of inert matter. Consciousness which functions in and through the mind, making it brilliant and dynamic must be a principle that is other than the mind. If a bucket of water looks like molten silver, it must have borrowed the brilliance from the Sun or the moon, for it to shine forth. Water in itself has no brilliance. Now, if the reflection dances or breaks up, it must be because of the nature of the water in the bucket and not because the Sun itself is dancing in the sky! The Consciousness reflecting in the mind is the "agent," the individualised ego (*jiva*) in us, who suffers the sense of self-shatterings.

He who has understood that he is not "the reflection in his own mind" but that which is reflected therein --- something other than the mind and therefore something higher than the *gunas* --- he is the one who has escaped forever the shackles of all limitations, the tears of all sorrows and the sighs of all disappointments.

HE ATTAINS TO MY BEING --- An individual who has thus transcended his own mind and intellect and has positively rediscovered himself to be that which was lending to his own mind the capacity to delude himself, that Man-of-Wisdom becomes the Self. Lord Krishna is not to be confused with Shri Krishna, the son of Devaki, or the Divine Flute-player of Vrindavana. He is talking here as the Life in every one of us and each student of the Geeta must understand that his own life is talking to the confused ego within himself.