

once in body and flesh as you are now. But because of their spiritual perfection they seem more fictitious than factual. Iswara and His Incarnations are one and the same even as the ocean and the waves are.

A visitor to a palace can see only some portions of it. But the prince apparent can have free access to all parts of the palace. Likewise Incarnations of God easily get into the various states of spiritual consciousness.

It is rather difficult to comprehend the infinite sporting in the finite human form

During the advent of Sri Rama it was given to seven Rishis only to understand His divine descent. This way all Incarnations are understood by only a few during their life time

— Sri Ramakrishna

By what process did the wise make themselves worthy of comprehending the Divine? The explanation comes :—

वीतरागभयक्रोधा मन्मया मामुपाश्रिताः ।

बहवो ज्ञानतपसा पूता मद्भावमागताः ॥ १०

वि-द्-त-राग-भय-क्रोधाः मद्-मया माम् उप-आ-श्रि-ताः ।

बहवः ज्ञान-तपसा पू-ताः मद्-भावम् आ-गताः ॥

*vīta rāga bhaya krodhā manmayā mām upāśritāḥ ।*

*bahavo jñāna tapasā pūtā mad bhāvam āgatāḥ ॥*

वीतरागभयक्रोधाः *vīta rāga bhaya krodhāḥ* freed from attachment, fear and anger मन्मया *manmayā* absorbed in me माम् *mām* me उपाश्रिताः *upāśritāḥ* taking refuge in बहवः *bahavaḥ* many ज्ञानतपसा *jñāna tapasā* by the fire of knowledge पूता *pūtāḥ* purified मद्भावम् *mad bhāvam* my being आगता *āgatāḥ* have attained

Freed from passion, fear and anger, filled with Me, taking refuge in Me, purified by penance in the fire of Knowledge, many have entered into My Being.