

or Cosmic Consciousness transcend transitory existence. They are not therefore bound by the limitations of this world even while living in it.

Maya is compared to the snake in motion and Brahman to the same snake at rest. Kinetic energy is *Maya* and potential energy Brahman.

— Sri Ramakrishna

How to know that there is no blemish in the knower of Brahman? It is explained thus —

Bliss of Brahman Different from Sense-pleasure — 20-29

न प्रहृष्येन्प्रियं प्राप्य नोद्विजेत्प्राप्य चाप्रियम् ।

स्थिरबुद्धिरसंमूढो ब्रह्मविद्ब्रह्मणि स्थितः ॥ २०

न प्रहृष्येत् प्रियम् प्राप्त्वा न उद्विजेत् प्राप्त्वा च अप्रियम् ।
स्थिर-बुद्धिः अ-सं-मूढः ब्रह्म-विद् ब्रह्मणि स्थितः ॥

na prahṛsyet priyam prāpya

no 'dvijet prāpya cā 'priyam ।

sthīrabuddhir asammūḍho

brahmavid brahmaṇi sthitaḥ ॥

न *na* not प्रहृष्येत् *prahṛsyet* should rejoice प्रियम् *priyam* the pleasant प्राप्य *prāpya* having obtained न *na* not उद्विजेत् *udvijet* should be troubled प्राप्य *prāpya* having obtained च *ca* and अप्रियम् *apriyam* the unpleasant स्थिरबुद्धिः *sthīrabuddhiḥ* one with steady intellect असंमूढः *asammūḍhaḥ* undeluded ब्रह्मविद् *brahmavid* Brahman-knower ब्रह्मणि *brahmaṇi* in Brahman स्थितः *sthitaḥ* established

Established in Brahman, with firm understanding and with no delusion, the knower of Brahman rejoices not, getting what is pleasant and grieves not, getting what is unpleasant.