

prejudices and predispositions, if reason be faithfully followed it takes the inquirer up to the gateway of intuition. Pure reason is a glory come from God.

Know the One that is the root of everything. Then truth becomes self-evident to you. Put the number one first and then add the zeros to it, this done, the zeros have their value. Without the number one, they are valueless. The many get their values from the original number one. Iswara is the number one, the universe and the beings are the zeros appended to it.

— Sri Ramakrishna

अक्षराणामकारोऽस्मि द्वन्द्वः सामासिकस्य च ।

अहमेवाक्षयः कालो धाताहं विश्वतोमुखः ॥ ३३

अक्षराणाम् अकारः अस्-मि द्वन्द्व सामासिकस्य च ।

अहम् एव अक्षय काल धाता अहम् विश्वत-मुखः ॥

*aksarāṇām akāro 'smi dvandvaḥ sāmāsikasya ca ।*

*aham evā 'ksayaḥ kālo dhātā 'ham visvatomukhaḥ ॥*

अक्षराणाम् *aksarāṇām* among letters अकार *akārah* the letter A अस्मि *asmi* (I) am द्वन्द्व *dvandvaḥ* the dual सामासिकस्य *sāmāsikasya* among all compounds च *ca* and अहम् *aham* I एव *eva* verily अक्षय *akṣayaḥ* the inexhaustible or everlasting काल *kālāḥ* time धाता *dhātā* the dispenser अहम् *aham* I विश्वतोमुख *visvatomukhaḥ* the all-faced

Of letters I am the letter A, and of word-compounds I am the dual (Dvandva). I am verily the inexhaustible Time. I am the Dispenser facing everywhere. 33

Brahman, the Unmanifest Reality, manifests Itself as *Nāda Brahman* or Sound Reality. The universe is the gross manifestation of Sound Reality. A thing in the world is called *pada-artha* which