

to which it is prone The word *Kshetra* also means the field It becomes increasingly productive to the extent it is improved But its fertility provides scope both for the corn and the weed to thrive in it Similarly in the field of his body, man reaps the fruits of his good and bad karma The body is therefore the *dharma kshetra* of the *Jivatman* There is an intelligent principle that not only resides in the body but also cognizes and governs it The sages designate that discerning principle as *Kshetrajna*

The human body may be compared to a pot The mind, intellect and the senses are parallel to the water, rice and potato put into that pot placed on a hearth Within a while the pot gets heated and the water boils the rice and potato The contents then become too hot to be handled This heat, however, belongs to the fire and not to the pot and its contents Similarly it is the *Sakti* of Brahman that enlivens the body, mind, intellect and the senses

— Sri Ramakrishna

Are the countless *Kshetrās* and *Kshetrajnās* in the universe linked in any way? The enlightenment comes —

क्षेत्रज्ञं चापि मां विद्धि सर्वक्षेत्रेषु भारत ।

क्षेत्रक्षेत्रज्ञयोर्ज्ञानं यत्तज्ज्ञान मतं मम ॥ २

क्षेत्रं जम् च अपि माम् विद् धि(हि) सर्वे-क्षेत्रेषु भारत ।

क्षेत्र-क्षेत्रज्ञयो ज्ञानम् यत् तत् ज्ञानम् म(न्)-तम् ममे ॥

*kṣetrajñam cā 'pi mām viddhi*

*sarva ksetreṣu bhārata ।*

*kṣetra ksetrajñayor jñānam*

*yat taj jñānam matam mama ॥*

क्षेत्रज्ञम् *ksetrajñam* the knower of the field च *ca* and अपि *api* also माम् *mām* me विद्धि *viddhi* know