

and the broken, dull reflection in the wayside puddle," so too Krishna, the Self declares: "I am the vital animating Reality behind the Creator, and also behind the created."

The Adjunct of the God-principle, the total body-mind-intellect equipment, constitutes the lower nature of the Self, called the *Prakriti*. At the beginning of a cycle the existing *vasanas* in the lower nature get projected "and at the end of the *Kalpa* all beings go to My *Prakriti*."

The act of invigorating or fertilising the *Prakriti* to grow up again into the tree-of-*Samsara*, is an act of grace from *Brahman*. If the Supreme Consciousness were not to identify with *Prakriti*, (*Maya*), she, being inert in herself, cannot project forth any life at all. The entire multitude of *vasanas*, "I project again and again." When the Self animates *Prakriti*, the *vasanas* have no freedom at all to refuse expression because, THEY ARE HELPLESS UNDER THE SWAY OF PRAKRITI.

In philosophy, the *Rishis* often explain the Universe from the standpoint of the macrocosm (*Samashti*) which has a knack of confusing the students, unless each student strives hard to understand its implications subjectively in himself, as microcosm (*Vyashti*). Viewed thus, in the individual subjective inner-life-story, the statement proves to be indeed true, since without the life in us --- the Self --- identifying with the lower nature in us, the mind and intellect equipment cannot create the characteristic ego, which comes to suffer its limited existence.