

*mama yonir mahad brahma
tasmin garbham dadhāmi aham ।
sambhavaḥ sarvabhūtānām
tato bhavati bhārata ॥*

मम *mama* my योनिः *yonih* womb महत् ब्रह्म *mahat brahma* the great Brahma तस्मिन् *tasmin* in that गर्भम् *garbham* germ दधामि *dadhāmi* place अहम् *aham* I संभवः *sambhavaḥ* the birth सर्वभूतानाम् *sarva bhūtānām* of all beings ततः *tataḥ* thence भवति *bhavati* is भारत *bhārata* O Bharata

My womb is the Mahat Brahma (Prakriti); in that I place the germ; thence, O Bharata, is the birth of all beings. 3

The Prakriti is called *Mahat Brahma*, the four-faced entity. He is constituted of the three Gunas. He is the material cause of everything movable and immovable. Whatever is manifest as the universe with its multitudinous beings is he; and his unmanifest state is immensely more. For this reason he is known as the *Mahat Brahma* — the great entity. All-pervasiveness is his.

A seed is sown in the soil. In this act, the seed is the germ and the soil, the womb. In a baby's coming into being, its mother and father function as the Prakriti and the Purusha respectively. This act takes place in a macrocosmic scale too. In the great womb of the Prakriti the germ of *ātma chaitanya* is embedded. The blissful union of the *Kshetra* and the *Kshetrajna* takes place in this way, leading to the coming forth of *Hiranyagarbha*, the cosmic embodied being. And the countless *Jīvātmās* are