

Atman remains but partially comprehended or not comprehended at all. Mind is the screen that hides Its view.

The Vedas, the *Agamas*, the *Puranas* and all other scriptures in the world may be compared with the spittle-defiled food, *Ucchīṣṭam*, because of their being tongue-touched. But the Infinite Brahman has never become spittle-defiled. Nobody has yet ever succeeded in defining It in words.

— Sri Ramakrishna

The fact about the Atman is :—

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*dehī nityam avadhyo 'yaṁ dehe sarvasya bhārata ।*

*tasmāt sarvāṇi bhūtāni na tvam śocitum arhasi ॥*

देही *dehī* indweller नित्यम् *nityam* always अवध्यः *avadhyaḥ* indestructible अयम् *ayaṁ* this देहे *dehe* in the body सर्वस्य *sarvasya* of all भारत *bhārata* O Bharata तस्मात् *tasmāt* therefore सर्वाणि *sarvāṇi* (for) all भूतानि *bhūtāni* creatures न *na* not त्वम् *tvam* thou शोचितुम् *śocitum* to grieve अर्हसि *arhasi* (thou) shouldst

This, the Indweller in the bodies of all is ever invulnerable, O Bharata. Therefore you should not grieve for any being. 30

The views of the materialists are herein set aside as baseless. Further, the fact about Atman is conclusively presented. It is incumbent on man to be poised above despondency and thereby pave the way for spiritual enlightenment. And this is verily the path of *Sreyas*