

remains untouched by time, space and causation. States of mind such as wakefulness, dream and sound sleep do not affect Atman. Modifications which are characteristics of things phenomenal do not take place in Atman. It is ever Itself. *Prajñānam Brahman*—Awareness is Reality. This is the finale of the definition of the Absolute Reality. It is sought to be explained further as follows:—

The ocean of Infinite - Existence - Knowledge - Bliss is ever Itself, unaffected by the phenomenal.

— Sri Ramakrishna

अविनाशि तु तद्विद्धि येन सर्वमिदं ततम् ।

विनाशमव्ययस्यास्य न कश्चित्कर्तुमर्हति ॥ १७

अ-वि-नाशि तु तत् विद्धि येन सर्वम् इदम् ततम् ।

वि-नाशम् अ-वि-अव्ययस्य अस्य न कः-चित् कर्तुम् अर्हति ॥

*avināśi tu tad viddhi yena sarvam idaṁ tatam ।*

*vināśam avyayasyā 'sya na kaścit kartum arhati ॥*

अविनाशि *avināśi* indestructible तु *tu* indeed तत् *tat* that विद्धि *viddhi* know (thou) येन *yena* by whom सर्वम् *sarvam* all इदम् *idaṁ* this ततम् *tatam* is pervaded विनाशम् *vināśam* destruction अव्ययस्य *avyayasya* अस्य *asya* of the imperishable न *na* not कश्चित् *kaścit* anyone कर्तुम् *kartum* to do अर्हति *arhati* is able

Know that to be verily indestructible by which all this is pervaded. None can effect the destruction of the Immutable.

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Space is all pervasive and infinite. Clouds appear all on a sudden in it; but their presence does not cause division in space. It is possible for clouds