

dimension and growth. Where there is greater knowledge, there we are sure to find a greater flare of manifest-life.

HE WHO KNOWS IT, IS A KNOWER OF THE *VEDA* --- He alone, who has realised not only the *Ashwattha*-tree, but also the Higher, from which it derives its existence, is the one who has fulfilled his knowledge of the *Vedas*. The *Vedas* indicate the One Eternal Principle from which all the realms of experience have sprung. Neither pure science, nor mere devotion, can achieve the Truth of perfect knowledge, is the conclusion of the Geeta. Knowledge is perfect only when we know of the here and the hereafter, of the finite and the Infinite, of the created and the Creator. All the rest of the pursuits of knowledge, however spectacular they might be, are, at best, only one-sided views of the whole Truth. The Man-of-Perfect-'Wisdom,' as conceived by the *Vedas*, is the knower of both the PERISHABLE and the IMPERISHABLE; and such a man alone is recognised by Krishna as the *Vedavit* --- knower of the *Vedas*.

NOW FOLLOWS ANOTHER FIGURATIVE REPRESENTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS TREE OF SAMSARA:

2. *Below and above are spread its branches, nourished by the GUNAS; sense-objects are its buds; and below, in the world of men, stretch forth the roots, originating in action.*