

FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS ALSO, IT IS PROPER THAT YOU SHOULD ABANDON YOUR GRIEF AND DISTRESSING DELUSION AND SHOULD CALMLY ENDURE HEAT AND COLD, ETC. FOR:

*16. The unreal has no being; there is no non-being of the Real; the truth about both these has been seen by the Knowers of the Truth (or the Seers of the Essence) .*

In *Vedantic* literature, the Real and the Un-real are very scientifically distinguished. These two categories are not considered as indefinables in our ancient scriptures; though they do not declare these to be definables. The *Rishis* have clearly indicated what constitutes the REAL and what are the features of the UN-REAL. "That which was not in the past and which will not be in the future, but, that which seemingly exists only in the present is called the un-Real." In the language of the *Karika*, "That which is non-existent in the beginning and in the end, is necessarily non-existent in the intermediate stages also; objects, we see, are illusory, still they are regarded as real."

Naturally, the Real is "that which defies all changes and remains the same in all the periods of time: past, present and future." Thus, in an ordinary example, when one misunderstands a post in the dark to be a ghost, the ghost-vision is considered unreal as compared to the post; because, the hallucination cannot be permanent and it does not remain after the re-discovery of the post. Similarly, on waking up from our dream, we do not get