

which, out of these two types of seekers, is better versed in Yoga?

In philosophy, the unmanifest (*avyakta*) is that which is not directly perceptible to the sense organs (*indriya-agocaram*). The objects that can be brought within the perceptible powers of our sense organs are called the manifested (*vyakta*). Arjuna was taught in his early studies of the *Vedas* that the Supreme was unmanifest and all-pervading. But he had, in the previous chapter, a personal experience of the Divine Cosmic-Form. Naturally, the determined prince, seeking to understand the right Path of spiritual evolution, asks here a pertinent question as to who is the better seeker --- is it the one who devotes himself in love to the Lord-manifest, or he who, with complete detachment from all external stimuli, meditates with ease and poise upon the unmanifested-Infinite?

The question expresses the great controversy that exists even today in the world. Can the Lord be meditated upon and realised ultimately through idol worship? Can any symbol represent HIM? Can a wave represent the ocean?

EXPLAINING THE PATH OF MEDITATION ON A FORM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVINE, KRISHNA THE INFINITE, STARTS HIS DISCOURSE.