

It has already been explained that the Light of Consciousness conditioned by the mind and intellect-reflected in the mental pool of thought --- is the sense-of-ego, the individuality, manifest in each of us. The total potential factor, from which the world-of-matter emerges, is termed as Nature --- *Prakriti*. The *Prakriti* then is called the 'Great Cause,' because it embraces the entire Universe which is but its effect. Again, from Nature, the entire Universe has arisen and the Universe of names and forms is nourished and fattened by the very source which has given birth to it. Therefore, the total nature is termed here, as elsewhere in *Vedanta*, as the Great (*Mahat*)-Brahma, the total-mind-intellect-equipments.

IN THAT, I PLACE THE GERM --- This total potential Nature is the virgin "Womb," in which, when the shaft of Consciousness penetrates, the Light of Awareness that consequently plays in it, is Its act of impregnation.

Thus vitalised by Life, the inert *Prakriti* becomes dynamised, grows and manifests itself as the spectacular Universe. Hence it is said, "FROM WHICH IS THE BIRTH OF ALL BEINGS."

Every creative action owes its origin and progress to a tendency for it in the artist. When this tendency in him becomes vibrant with a part of the life in him, it becomes potential, struggles to express itself in terms of ideas and feelings, and later on gets expressed in the particular medium of art chosen by the artist. He may express it