

*16. Without and within (all) beings, the 'unmoving' and also the 'moving' ; because of its subtlety unknowable; and near and far away --- is That.*

The all-pervasiveness of the Principle of Consciousness is indicated here in the inimitable style borrowed from the *Upanishads*.

WITHOUT AND WITHIN ALL THINGS --- The Conscious Principle that bursts Itself into activity through the various individualised equipments is all-pervading and is, therefore, in an unmanifest condition. It is present even where no special equipment is available. Even though we can listen to our national radio broadcasts only through available receiving sets, we cannot say that there are no electrical sound-waves in places where there are no receiving sets. Where there is a body, mind and intellect ready to function, there, no doubt, is the expression of Consciousness. But Consciousness is All-pervading not only within the equipment but even outside it.

The phrase quoted can also be interpreted as 'WITHOUT THE BEINGS AND YET WITHIN THEM ALSO.' Something like this: the ocean is without the waves and is something other than the waves and, yet, the very mass of each wave is nothing but the ocean itself.

MOVING AND UNMOVING --- All that moves of its own volition is "alive" and that which has no motion falls under the category of the "inert". This phrase is sometimes