

*17. And undivided, yet He exists as if divided in beings; That is to be known as the Supporter of Beings; He devours and He generates.*

UNDIVIDED, AND YET, IN BEINGS, IT EXISTS AS IF DIVIDED --- Electricity is All-pervading, and yet, conditioned by the bulb it manifests as effulgence at the filament. So too, though the *Paramatman* is All-pervading, It individualises itself as special manifestations only at points where equipments are available. Though space is one, it can manifest as room-space, pot-space etc., only when seemingly conditioned by the four walls of the room, or the pot.

IT IS THE SUPPORTER OF ALL, DEVOURING AS WELL AS GENERATING THEM --- The post is the supporter of the ghost. It "creates" the ghost vision and "devours" it. The earth is the supporter of all plants. It creates and it devours them all. The ocean is the supporter of all waves, waves are born from the ocean, and they are devoured by the same ocean. Similarly, Truth is that solid Omnipotent Substratum upon which is projected the world-of-plurality by the deluded mind and intellect; and when the mind and intellect are transcended, the vision of *samsara* gets devoured in the very experience of the Tranquil, just as, on waking, the dream merges into the essence of the waker's mind.

IT IS TO BE KNOWN --- The theme of all the discussions in the previous stanzas (Stanza 13 onwards) was "THAT