

womb until it matures, and there is no method of observing it as long as it is in the womb. The veiling is complete, and it can drop off only after a definite period of time. Similarly, the desires for the flesh-fleshy enjoyments build, as it were, a womb around the discriminative power in us, and such low mental pre-occupations (*Tamasic*) can drop off only after a longer period of evolutionary growth undergone by such a deluded mind-and-intellect.

In the true scriptural style, Krishna thus distinguishes between the different textures in the veils that come to cover the soul when the individual is entertaining different types of desires. In short, desire is that which hides the Divine in us.

IN THIS STANZA IT IS NOT CLEARLY STATED, WHICH COVERS WHAT; THE LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE WORDS AS THEY STAND IN THIS COUPLET ONLY SAYS, "SO IS THIS COVERED BY IT." THE TWO PRONOUNS, 'IT' AND 'THIS,' ARE DEFINED IN THE FOLLOWING STANZA AND THEREIN WE FIND AN EXPLANATION OF BOTH:

*39. Enveloped, O Son of Kunti, is 'wisdom' by this constant enemy of the wise in the form of 'desire, ' which is difficult to be appeased, like fire.*