

All Created Minds Are Constructed From Pure 'I'-sense Or Ego. 4.

Taking 'I'-sense (1), which is the cause of the mind, (the Yogin) makes the minds, from which the constructed bodies are provided with minds.

(1) When the mind of a Yogin becomes barren and unproductive as a burnt seed through acquisition of discriminative knowledge, its natural activities cease, precisely because there are no latent impressions. Such Yogins, however, give instructions on spiritual knowledge and piety for the benefit of all creatures. As to how that can be possible it is said that this is done by them with self-created minds, i.e. by their 'I'-feeling, in other words, by their minds which are at the time free from fluctuations and their latencies. These created minds can be stopped at will, that is why they do not collect latencies of nescience and thus do not give rise to bondage.

If, however, the Yogin shuts down the action of the mind with a view to perpetual stoppage, no mind is created any more. But if the Yogin closes the function of the mind for a period, then the mind again emerges into action after that period and aided by it he can bring constructed mind into existence.

This suggests how Īśvara can at the end of each cycle favour those who are qualified for liberation with created mind, vide I-24(4). Just as an archer who wants to shoot an arrow to a short distance exerts only a small amount of power, so a Yogin by exercising a limited amount of power closes the working of the mind for a limited time. Thus Yogins can shut out the working of their minds for a limited period, or for ever, when it would not rise again.

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