

long, discovers an appropriate equipment from which to function so as to earn for itself new sets of experiences. Evolution and change are all for the mind-and-intellect and not for the Self. The Self is perfect and changeless, and needs no evolution.

WHY IS THE SELF CHANGELESS? THE LORD SAYS:

*23. Weapons cleave It not, fire burns It not, water moistens It not, wind dries It not.*

The unseen is always explained in terms of the seen, and thereby the unknown becomes fully indicated, rather than defined; for, any unknown thing merely defined in itself remains as unknown as before. Similarly, here the Changeless, Immutable, Self is being described by Lord Krishna in terms of the mutable and everchanging world which is very familiar to Arjuna and all people like us. In the world-of-change, objects come to their annihilation through instruments of death or they are consumed by fire or destroyed by water or dried up by air. These are the various cosmic means and methods by which the objects of the world come to their destruction. All these means are declared as impotent in bringing about the destruction of the Self.

WEAPONS CLEAVE IT NOT --- It is very well-known that with an axe one can cut down a thing, and with a bullet one can shoot some other object, but neither can one wound water, fire, air or space with a sword, however