

Then again to whom the mind is an object—

**On Account Of The Immutability Of Puruṣa Who Is Lord  
Of The Mind, The Modifications Of The Mind  
Are Always Known Or Manifest. 18.**

If like the mind, its master had been undergoing change, then the fluctuations of the mind which are manifest to Him would have been of the two forms, the known and the unknown as objects like sound are. But the quality of perpetual manifestation possessed by the mind indicates the immutability of its master, the Puruṣa (1).

(1). Objects are sometimes known and sometimes not known by the mind, but the mind as an object of Puruṣa, *i.e.* Grahītā, is always known by the Puruṣa. It is not possible to have modifications of the mind without their being known. This has been shown fully in the notes to Sūtra II-20. Fluctuation in the shape of Pramāṇa or in any other form is felt as 'I am knowing'. That 'I' is the Grahītā or receiver. This is always overseen by the Puruṣa. There can be no knowledge or perception unseen by the Puruṣa. Whenever there is perception it is seen or illumined by the Puruṣa. As it is not possible to have perception which is not known, the mind as an object known by the Puruṣa is always manifest. Mind in this case is cognition (without conation and retention).

If the source of cognition, which is Puruṣa, mutated, then this character of being perpetually known would have been unaccounted. Mutation of consciousness implies sentient and insentient states. There would thus have been no perpetual knowingness of the mind—sometimes it would have been sentient and sometimes not sentient. But such a state of the mind is inconceivable. In this way the distinction is established between the mind and the Puruṣa through their mutability and immutability respectively.

The objectivity of the mind is its quality of being reduced as (*i.e.* identified with) sound, colour, etc. Activity as sound etc. excites the senses, which activates the mind. That is how perception of objects takes place. Modifications are there, but they being not known or manifest to the Seer is not possible. If