

Mirage of Self

With their limited perception, people see reality in part, and not in total. To see a mirage, we need the sun. When the Sun sets, the mirage disappears, but the canvas of sand and sky on which the mirage was produced remains the same. When we pierce through the name and form of what we know as reality, we see reality in absolute grandeur and not in the reality we have constructed and sought. Putting the observing self under the critical test, in some extreme states, the self also appears to melt into nothingness, although just before, it was so real. The world of manifold names and forms appears to be up to a certain level of spiritual consciousness, and obtaining further height will make us look at the concept of reality from a different platform. In the apparent lower realm, the true spiritual seeker confronts the idea of nothingness or an indefinite mass of cognition or noncognition. It is unseen, unrelated, inconceivable, or indescribable. Most seekers get stuck here, finding an illimitable ocean of darkness. However, soaring beyond the unending nights of inter-universal space and diving deeper into finer realms of consciousness, one encounters reality in an unprecedented way. When it seems, we have pierced reality beyond recognition; the reality begs before us for its own survival. From a curious bystander, we are transformed into active participants in the act of creation, which is being enacted on the canvas of divine emptiness.