

all misapprehensions arise. When a post is not seen as a post, the misapprehension that it is a ghost, arises. Non-apprehension of Reality gives rise to misapprehension of the same. When Truth is known, all misapprehensions end. The cause for all misapprehensions is non-apprehension. All misapprehensions – ‘I am the body’, ‘I am the mind’, ‘I am the intellect’ – arise out of the same cause and this cause is called the ‘causal body’. The non-apprehension of Reality is constituted of vāsanās. The causal body is also called ‘avidyā’. Nescience, lack of wisdom, lack of correct apprehension, māyā, lack of knowledge, are all the various names of the same dark, dreary state of non-apprehension. It is called differently by different Ācāryas when they used it in different contexts.

Now the causal body is being described.

