

458. So too, the man who remains identified with the eternal Reality does not perceive anything else. Just as one remembers having seen the objects in the dream, the Realised man remembers his day-to-day acts of eating and so on.

The relationship of the individual who is living in the higher plane of Consciousness with the world of OET is similar to that of the waker with his dreamworld. In moments of Realisation, he sees nothing except Consciousness. In my waking state, I do not see anything of the dreamworld. The dreamworld has rolled away and has dissolved into my Self in another plane of Consciousness – the waking.

In case you possess memory of the dream, you remember it as non-existent and as of no consequence. That is, you remember things which were never actually there, but which were only imagined by you in your dream. Similarly, the Man of Realisation goes through the world. His activities such as eating, breathing, sleeping and so on, take place even though he is not involved in them. The Man of Perfection goes through the activities of maintaining the body exactly like going through his dream experiences.



कर्मणा निर्मितो देहः प्रारब्धं तस्य कल्प्यताम् ।
नानादेरात्मनो युक्तं नैवात्मा कर्मनिर्मितः ॥ ४५९ ॥

*karmaṇā nirmito dehah prārabdham tasya kalpyatām,
nānāderātmano yuktam naivātmā karmanirmitaḥ.* (459)

459. The body has been fashioned by prārabdha so one accepts that relates to the body. But it is not reasonable to attribute it to the Self, for the Ātman is never the result of any earlier work.

A man who has realised the Truth is one who has sought and discovered successfully his identity with the Self. Having thus awakened to the higher plane of Consciousness, he can no longer be involved in any way with the world of OET which belongs to the lower plane of Consciousness. In the two preceding verses,