



59. In the One, No Plurality (330-338)

जीवतो यस्य कैवल्यं विदेहे स च केवलः ।
यत्किञ्चित्पश्यतो भेदं भयं ब्रूते यजुःश्रुतिः ॥ ३३० ॥

*jīvato yasya kaivalyaṁ videhe sa ca kevalaḥ,
yatkiñcitraśyato bhedaṁ bhayaṁ brūte yajuḥśrutiḥ. (330)*

330. He who is completely aloof, even while living, is alone really aloof after the dissolution of the body. The Yajur-veda declares that there is fear for one who sees even the least bit of distinction.

That great Master, who experiences the state of oneness, while living in the physical body, becomes himself, the One, when his body falls off. Even when we see the Master living in the world outside, not only has he already had the experience, but he is continuously experiencing the infinite oneness of the pure Self. When his body falls off, he no more experiences the oneness, but he becomes the Oneness. With the body he experiences the state of oneness; with the fall of the body, he becomes the One.

This is Truth. But anyone recognising anything other than the Self comes to fear. If you recognise plurality – any distinction between you and the world and single thing or being other than you – there is fear for you¹. He who, in the experience of Brahman creates or feels the existence of even the minutest distinction – between the subject and object – to him comes fear (tasya bhayaṁ bhavati).

¹ *Taittirīya-upaniṣad* which belongs to the *Yajur-veda* says, 'But even a bit of distinction in It, to him comes fear.'

tasminhyudaramāntanaṁ kurute tasyabhayaṁ bhavati