

- (c) **The Lord becomes a liar (asatyā-vādittvam-apīśituh)** – The Lord is the revealer of the truths of the Upaniṣads. If the Upaniṣad declarations are false, so would be the Lord who revealed them. Bhagavān Śrī Kṛṣṇa, in the *Gītā*, declares more than once that the world is just a projection and in fact has no reality.

Wise men will not accept these terrible conclusions.

(a) loss of the Ātman's Infinitude, (b) falsification of scriptural declarations and (c) the Lord becoming a liar. None of the six schools of philosophy will accept them. So we have to conclude that the world is 'unreal'.



ईश्वरो वस्तुतत्त्वज्ञो न चाहं तेष्ववस्थितः ।
न च मत्स्थानि भूतानीत्येवमेव व्यचीकृपत् ॥ २३३ ॥

*iśvaro vastutattvajño na cāham teṣvavasthitah,
na ca matsthāni bhūtānītyevameva vyaciklpat.* (233)

233. *The Lord, who knows the secret of all things, has expressly supported this view in His words, "but I do not live in them..." "nor do beings exist in Me".*

The Lord is one, who knows the play of plurality and its substratum, Brahman. In Brahman there is no world nor is Brahman available for direct perception in the world. He who knows both is the all knower, the 'Īsvara'. He knows that there is Brahman and He, in His infinite wisdom plays with the world of objects. Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa in the *Gītā* says,¹ "I do not live in them" meaning, I am not in the joys and sorrows of the BMI. "They are all in Me."²

¹ *na cāham teṣvavasthitah* – *Bhagavad-gītā* 9.4 – But I do not live in them.

² In the same verse it is declared, *matsthāni sarvabhūtāni* 'All beings exist in Me.' – *Bhagavad-gītā* 9-4.