

In the light of the sun all activities take place. Therefore, the sun is said to be the witness of all activities. But it has no attachment with what it illumines. Unattached, it witnesses everything that happens.

Unattached, fire burns all things that come in contact with it. If you know the law of fire, then avoid. Ignorance of the law is no excuse! The rope has no attachment with the snake that you see.

Immutable, changeless, Cidātmā am I. You may project anything upon me. I am unaffected by your projections. I am the pure Conscious-self.



कर्तापि वा कारयितापि नाहं
भोक्तापि वा भोजयितापि नाहम् ।
द्रष्टापि वा दर्शयितापि नाहं
सोऽहं स्वयञ्ज्योतिरनीदृगात्मा ॥ ५०८ ॥

*kartāpi vā kārayitāpi nāham
bhoktāpi vā bhojayitāpi nāham,
draṣṭāpi vā darśayitāpi nāham
so'ham svayañjyotiranīdṛgātmā. (508)*

508. *I am neither the doer nor do I make others do anything, I am neither the experiencer nor do I make others experience, I am neither the seer nor do I make others see. The Self am I, self-luminous and transcendent.*

Just now,¹ it was pointed out that the shadow is not affected by heat or cold, good or evil. Even if the shadow is on a block of ice, one does not freeze. From the standpoint of the Ātman, the transcendent Reality is as independent of the individual as the individual is of his shadow. Therefore, the Self can never get involved in the experiences of the world either directly or indirectly. To indicate that It is not involved

¹ *ibid.* verse – 505.