

(Know that both *Purusha* and *Prakriti* are beginningless ; and know also that all modifications and qualities (Gunas) are born of *Prakriti*).

Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda illustrates it thus :—

"PURUSHA, THE LORD'S TRANSCENDENT PRESENCE in Creation as the Kutastha Intelligence and the individualized Soul, and *Prakriti*, Nature, indicate two aspects of the same God. He is causeless and eternal; therefore his manifestations as *Purusha* and *Prakriti* are also beginningless and endless.

"The Lord in his transcendental or inactive aspect in Creation (*Purusha*, the *Kshetrajna* or Witness) and the Lord in his immanent kinetic aspect as the Creator of the Universe and beings (*Prakriti*) are not two but one; the Supreme Spirit, Ishvara, Para *Purusha*.

"As the Ocean with waves and without waves is the same Ocean, so Spirit, with or without Creation, is ever a unity *Prakriti* is the stem of may, delusion, relativity, that transfers the surface of the calm ocean of God into tumultuous waves of human lives. The vibratory stems of relativity is God's desireless desire to create. Its force comes from the inherent three gunas of manifestation *sattva* (good), *rajas* (active), and *tamas* (evil). As they moves across the Ocean of Infinity, individualized waves are whipped into being. The large waves, swept farthest from the quiet oceanic depths, are the waves of evil, those lives most affected by the storms of delusion. The medium waves are the waves are the active lives, surging along in Nature's ebb and flow. The small waves of good lives remain closest to the Ocean's bosom, buffeted the least by the prevailing winds of change. Yet all waves are of the same Essence, and in their own evolutionary time return to their source.

"Naught could exist without *Prakriti's* power of *maya*. The beam of light from the projector's booth cannot alone create a motion picture; a film of minfled shadows and transparencies is also needed, Aimilarly, the Lord assumes two aspects, *Purusha* or the undistorted light of Kutastha, Intelligence and *Prakriti* with its *maya* film of shadow relativities, to project the intelligently organized drama of countless Worlds and beings. Through the two Divine agencies he produces in cosmic cycles throught eternity the dream motion picture of Creation.

"*Prakriti*, God's *maya*, is the Lady of Phenomena, the Mistress of Illusion, the Director of the phantasmagoria of the unfolding Universe. What a mysterious magic is her power secret in its working, bold in its displays. *Prakriti* means "that which can work superbly". Gazing around at the panorama of her inexhaustible handiwork, who could dispute the aptness of her Sankrit name ?"

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