

UNDERSTANDING INTO AVATAR



Seeker: "Please talk to me about God".

Sri Bhagavan: "God could be spoken in three ways - the Unmanifest , the Manifest and the Incarnation. The Unmanifest is the unknowable. By its very definition, the Unmanifest cannot be seen, felt or heard. It is attributeless and hence cannot be known. Remember it is not the unknown but the unknowable. What is unknown today could be known tomorrow. There is no way for you to understand reality or God. It will forever be unknowable. As far as you are concerned, the Unmanifest is as good as non-existent God is very much like the unmanifest electricity that is experienced only when it manifests as light sound or sensation. God's manifest form is all that is. The manifest God is the higher sacred self or the Presence you experience in your heart. This God could also manifest externally as a form or as the voice within. God also manifests as love, awareness, compassion, power and several other sacred attributes. The Unmanifest sometimes also manifests externally as a form. When the unknowable reality limits itself into a frame, it is an Avatar. An Avatar is a being who is born with a destiny to aid humanity into its next phase of evolution.

Seeker: Who is an Avatar?

Sri Bhagavan: Dharma is the Eternal Cosmic Principle. It is the Way. Dharma also means a set of Laws that govern and uphold the universe. The Hindus call Dharma 'Sanatana' which means eternal. Dharma could be compared to a train, which has a beginningless beginning and an endless end. It keeps moving but from nowhere to nowhere. This train has had several drivers, Rama, Krishna, Christ, Buddha, Mohammad, Zarathushtra. Amma and I are now driving the train. After us there would be some other driver. It is the Unmanifest Cosmic Consciousness that manifests as the various drivers and the passengers.

Seeker: Are you the ultimate Avatar?

Sri Bhagavan: Just as there cannot be an Ultimate painting or an Ultimate dance, there cannot be an Ultimate Avatar.

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