

## Can Limitlessness be known?

Hello Ram,

*I wanted to ask you some questions about ananta. That Sat (existence) and Chit (pure consciousness) are self-evident, I can understand. But that the Atma is ananta, (eternal, limitless) is this inferred?*

No. Ananta is a word that indicates the limitless nature of consciousness. It means that atma, which is satchitananda, has no end. Anta means end and 'a' is a negative, so it means what is endless or limitless. Ananta is just a word that looks at consciousness with reference to time or space. I think you are seeing ananta as something other than sat or chit. **But they are all only one.** What exists is only consciousness. If there is something other than consciousness, then consciousness is limited by something other than it. It could be caused by something other than it or it could cause something else. But because there is nothing else there are no beginnings or endings, no cause and effect. Close your eyes and investigate yourself. Can you find a time when you were not existent? If you think of the past you are there prior to the thought. In your light (chit) the past is known. How do you know the thought that is in your mind as you read this? Because you are here as chit illumining the thought. When you think of the future you are there as chit illumining it. So you are not limited by time. If you can see that sat and chit are self evident and sat and chit are ananta, then ananta is self evident. But it is not correct to say that ananta is self evident because it is just a way to indicate consciousness with reference to time, which is the ultimate limiting factor in so far as it destroys everything in the apparent reality.

*Can the knowledge of ananta be self-evident?*

Yes, because it is the same as chit.

*Can limitlessness be known?*

Do you know yourself? Since you are self evident, limitlessness can be known.

*Is it that the concept of limit disappears?*

Yes, indeed. Moksa is just the removal of the concept that the self is limited. It seems to be limited because it is wrongly associated with the body. But when the body idea is removed it is known to be limitless.

*All definitions and concepts including that of limit and limitlessness lose their meaning?*

Got it in one! These ideas are used get you to analyze your self and see what it is. The self is neither limited or limitless. It just is. It is sat. And sat is chit.

Another way to answer the question about the knowledge of limitlessness is this: if limitation and limitlessness are only concepts...which they are...do you know them? Yes, you do. They cannot exit unless they are known. Everything is only the self and it is only known by the self. Both the known and the knower are the self but the self is not the knower and the known.