

Atman is the Self, Not a Personal Entity

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Hi Ted

Just a quick question. I have just been reading your satsang Atman and Brahman. I also read your satsang about Awareness being knowledge rather than the knower.

Although intrinsically both Atman and Brahman are the same, nevertheless, if the Atman is in communication with the mind body complex, it would appear logical to say that the Atman becomes the knower rather than knowledge or a combination of both.

Kind regards

Kurt

Hi, Kurt.

I'm not sure I understand your question, but here is something to consider about Atman.

Atman is not in communication with the body-mind-sense complex. It is the body-mind-sense complex in the sense that Atman is all pervasive limitless conscious existence. Limitless conscious existence is only referred to as Atman when it is considered the source of sentiency for the body-mind-sense complex.

Atman is not a particular entity that knows, but rather is the awareness that "illuminates" the mind and enables the mind to know objects. Thus, Atman is the knowing principle, or intelligence-as-such, rather than a knowing entity. Atman, however, is the true self in that limitless conscious existence is the fundamental reality. Strange as it may seem, our true identity is not a personal individual entity, but all-pervasive limitless conscious existence.

All the best,

Ted