

Avaruna and Vikshepa Shakti

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Elmore: *Avaruna shakti* and *vikshepa shakti* I am not so familiar with. Could you tell more, briefly, about the difference?

~ Best regards, Elmore

Ted: Hi, Elmore.

Avaruna and *vikshepa shakti* are the two powers by means of which *maya* plays the cosmic trick of making *brahman*, pure limitless awareness, appear to be the universe, and also by means of which *avidya*, which is the microcosmic affect of *maya* on the *jiva*, the apparent individual person, causes the *jiva* to identify himself as a person rather than realizing he is limitless conscious existence associated with a body-mind/sense complex.

Avaruna shakti is the veiling power that causes *brahman* to “black out,” as it were, and forget its true nature. *Vikshepa shakti* is the projecting power that throws the holographic movie of the apparent reality upon the multi-dimensional “screen” of *brahman*’s being (or, more simply put, makes *brahman* appear to be something it’s not – for there actually is no difference between the appearances and the substrate, just as there is no differences between the waves and the water). On a microcosmic level, *avaruna shakti* afflicts the mind with self-ignorance, and *vikshepa shakti* projects the individual’s interpretation and evaluation of *maya*’s projection and thus accounts for the individual’s experience.

~ All the best, Ted