

Beginningless Ignorance

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Bob: Dear Ramji, I recognise I am *atman*. Until I was reminded of this fact I did not know I was *atman*. Now I know I am *atman*.

Question: How is it that I, *atman*, was ignorant of the *atman* I am? How is it that, until awakened, every human being is ignorant of the *atman* he/she is? *Atman* ignorant of the *atman*, is it? Very strange.

Ram: Hi, Bob. As Krishna, speaking as the *atman*, says in the *Bhagavad Gita*, "By my *maya* I delude all these beings." All we can say about this, aside from "very strange," is "that's the way it is." The nice thing about ignorance, which is beginningless, is that it is not endless. I am happy that the knowledge has set you free.

~ Love, Ramji