

# Difference Only in Understanding

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**Prema:** Dear James, each of your course renderings always adds another facet to the Vedanta diamond. Berkeley was the latest iteration of *Bhagavad Gita*. Even though we got through only one verse, the insights and clarity through the questions and answers added new depths of understanding. My appreciation and love of Vedanta grows day by day. I have a huge gratitude for your standing in Vedanta as Vedanta and sharing your wealth of knowledge as well as your common-sense approach and invaluable insight into human nature. I marvel at the ease in which it flows from you and can identify in so many angles from my years of trial and error in this dream observed through both the *samsaric* and spiritual lenses. After spending such a long time banging my head to try and escape *samsara*, I've come round full-circle to see there's no difference except in understanding... a river is just a river and a mountain is just a mountain. What a relief! All blessings of *Bhagavan*.

~ Prema

**James:** Hi, Prema, thank you for this lovely letter. Appreciation is much appreciated. You have understood the essence of Vedanta; the difference is only in understanding.

~ Love, James