

# The Fruit of Knowledge

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He has gained the fruit of knowledge who, contented and free of the senses, enjoys being alone.

As he is the whole universe, there is nothing other than he.

The knower of truth is never miserable in this world, for he knows the whole universe is filled with him alone.

The sense of misery is only due to the perception of duality. He who perceives nothing but himself cannot be touched by sorrow.

Rare in this world is he on whom impressions of experiences or desires are not left on his mind.

A true man of knowledge perceives nothing real but himself in the universe. There is nothing else to identify with. All his actions are but apparent and leave no impress on his mind.

Rare indeed is the great soul who is not desirous of either enjoyment or liberation, who has no attachment or aversion to *dharma*, *artha*, *kama* or *moksa*. Or life or death.

A man of knowledge knows he is eternal. He has no body idea. Life and death are meaningless to him.

The blessed one therefore lives happily on whatever comes as a matter of course.

Being fulfilled by the knowledge of the Self and his mind absorbed in the glory of Self-knowledge and its resulting blessings, content that nothing needs to be done,

He is ever free and never bound, unattached to objects, always at peace.

*Om Tat Sat*