

# I Am Not the Puppet or the Puppeteer

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**Tim:** Hi, James. I am awareness appearing as Tim. “His” thoughts, feelings and actions are me, awareness. His gross body too is me. There is nothing “personal” about him. What he claims as his own: Did he create it or obtain it from somewhere? The *jivas* are like inert moons floating in space. They cannot know, think, feel or act any more than a moon or a chair can. So any knowledge, thought, feeling or action is me, awareness, animating gross and subtle bodies, e.g. “Tim” like electricity animates an electric fire. And matter too is me, awareness, since it arises “in” or “out of” me as a spider’s web arises out of the spider. What arises “out of” me must be me since, logically, it can’t be different from me.

Thinking and thoughts are me, awareness; feeling and feelings are me; acting and actions are me, awareness, when I apparently take the form of a gross or subtle body. This takes “Tim” out of the picture. The moon doesn’t have to know or think it’s the moon for sunlight to reflect off it. “Tim,” like the moon, does exist, but only as inert matter. All “his” activity is actually me, awareness.

It’s as if an electric fire claimed to have created heat, whereas heat is in fact electricity animating the inert electric fire. As if a puppet thought it were moving of its own accord.

How absurd for “Tim” to have sought the self, since his very existence and all his activity are me, the self, awareness, in motion. I am creating all this. I am enjoying myself in form. Everything I see is my own light, reflected back at me. I am experiencing only myself in infinite forms. All is me. There is no other.

I’m looking forward to seeing you next month.

~ Love, Tim