

# WHY IS THE SELF CHANGELESS? THE LORD SAYS:

23. Weapons cleave It not, fire burns It not, water moistens It not, wind dries It not.

नैनं छिन्दन्ति शस्त्राणि नैनं दहति पावकः ।

न चैनं क्लेदयन्त्यापो न शोषयति मारुतः ॥ २३ ॥

nai-nam chin-danti śastrāṇi nai-nam da-hati pā-vakaḥ,  
nainam chindanti śastrāṇi nainam dahati pāvakaḥ,  
na cainam kle-dayantyāpo na śoṣayati mā-rutaḥ 23.  
na cai-nam kle-dayan-tyā-paḥ na śo-ṣayati mā-rutaḥ

## FOR WHAT REASON, WHY, AND HOW CAN WE RECOGNISE THE SELF TO BE ETERNAL?

24. This Self cannot be cut, nor burnt, nor moistened, nor dried up. It is eternal, all-pervading, stable, immovable and ancient.

अच्छेद्योऽयमदाह्योऽयमक्लेद्योऽशोष्य एव च ।

नित्यः सर्वगतः स्थाणुरचलोऽयं सनातनः ॥ २४ ॥

a-che-dyo yamadā-hyo-yam akle-dyo śo-ṣya eva ca  
acchedyo'yamadāhyo'yam akledyo' śoṣya eva ca,  
nit-ya sarva-gata sthā-nur acalo-yam sanā-tanaḥ  
nityaḥ sarvagataḥ sthānur acalo'yam sanātanah 24.