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HEIGHT OF AVIVEKA

The self is not the whole. That was the original standpoint. I am not the whole. In fact, that is the beginning point of seeking and that is the cause of seeking also. You want to become the whole and you study the śāstra, and come to the conclusion 'I am not the whole'.

Two friends were living as neighbours. They were good friends. Each one bought a horse. They had a few acres of land as common property. They allowed these horses to graze there. They had a problem of identifying their horse. It was a big problem. What to do?

One fellow came up with an idea – “Why don't you cut the mane of one horse and that is your horse”. Great idea! The mane of his horse was cut. But, after a month the mane came back.

Again the same problem surfaced. Then that fellow came up with the idea, “Why don't you cut the hair on the tail of your horse?” That was done. Again the hair grew.

Then he said, “Let us do one thing. Let us paint stripes on your horse.” Then they painted some stripes on the other person's horse. And then after a month the stripes were all gone, with the rains and sun. Again they thought, “What should we do now?”

The other fellow had an inspiration, an ingenious idea.

“Hey, let us do one thing.”

“What?” *“The white horse is yours and the brown is mine.”*