
The Life Divine Book 2 Chapter 2

Brahman, Purusha, Ishwara

Maya, Prakriti, Shakti

Part II

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REALITY – BRAHMAN

- Supreme absolute infinite eternal
- Omnipresent Reality

ASPECTS OF REALITY

Unmanifest	Manifestation
One	Many
Infinite	Finite
Unity	Diversity
Formlessness	Form
Status	Dynamis

POWERS OF CONSCIOUS-FORCE

- ❑ Self-determination – source of Multiplicity
- ❑ Self-limitation – source of Individuality
- ❑ Self-absorption – source of the Ignorance

THREE ASPECTS OF EXISTENCE

- Self – Atman
- Conscious Being or Spirit – Purusha
- God, Creator, Lord of Nature – Ishwara

THREE ASPECTS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

- ❑ Conceptively creative consciousness – Maya
- ❑ Dynamically executive force Nature – Prakriti
- ❑ Conceptively creative & dynamically executive – Shakti

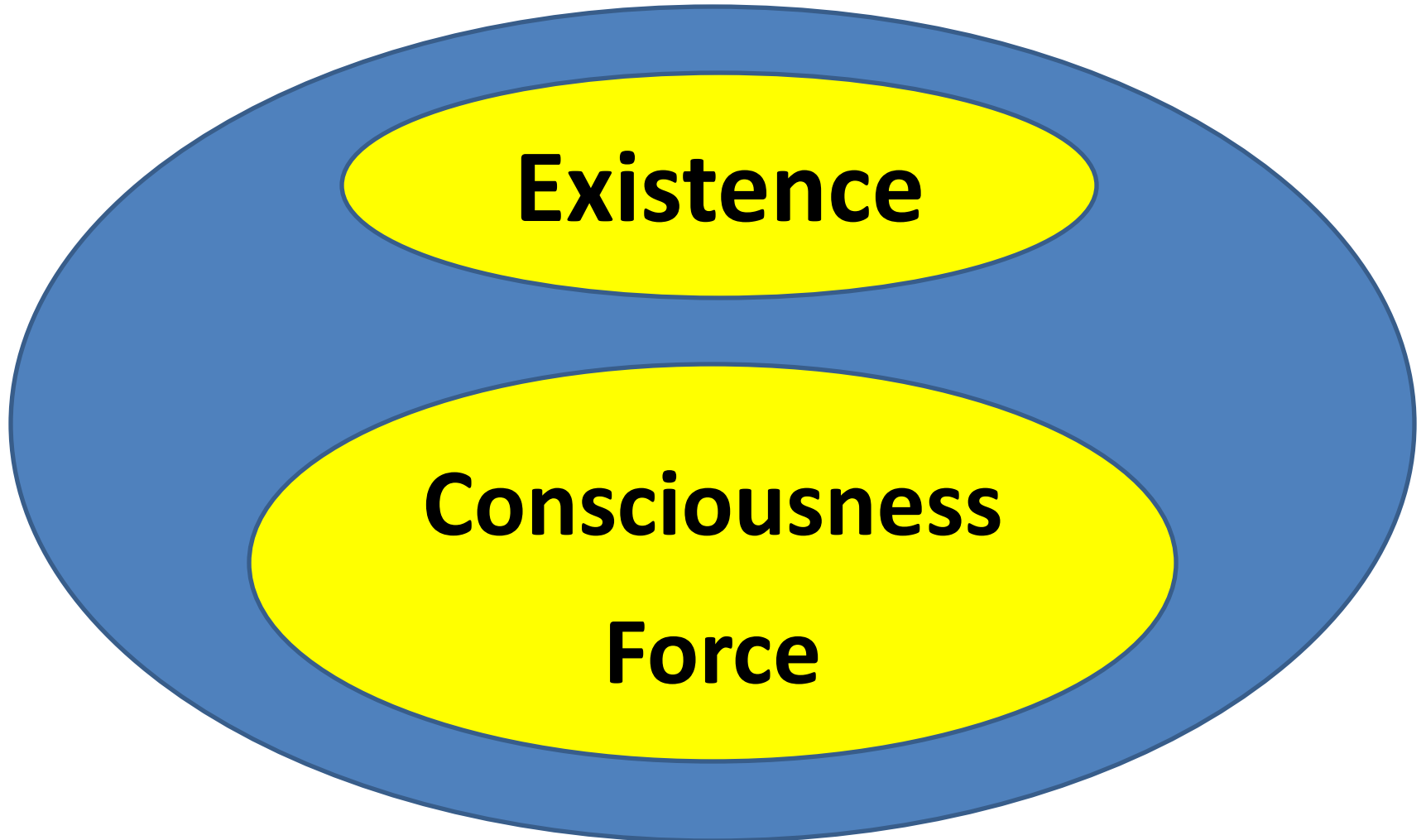
BRAHMAN

Existence

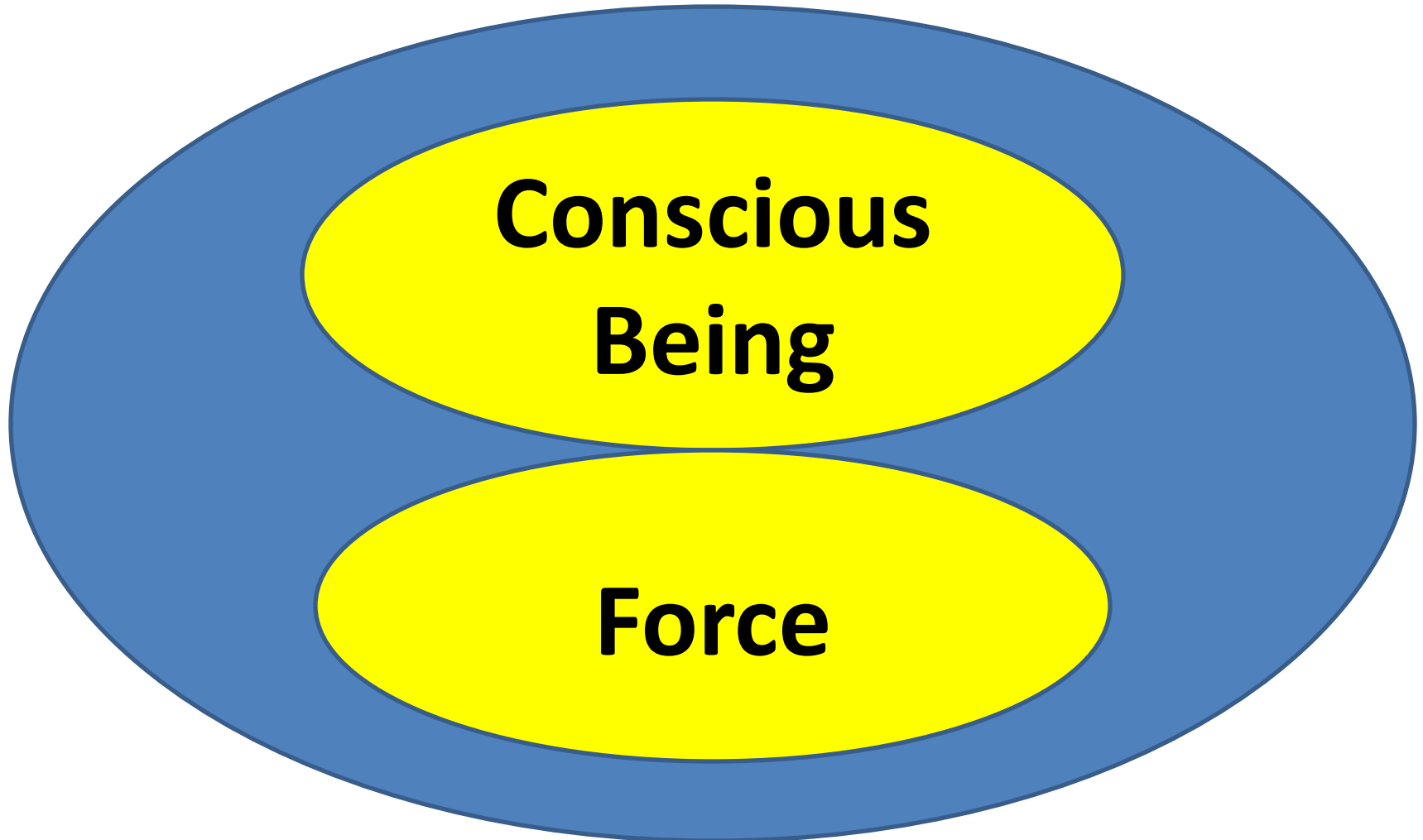
Consciousness

Force

ATMA (SELF) – MAYA (SELF-POWER)



PURUSHA (SPIRIT) – PRAKRITI (NATURE)



ISHWARA (CREATOR) – SHAKTI (CREATRIX)



**Lord of
Creation &
Power of
Creation**

SELF -- ATMAN

- ❑ Silent
- ❑ Uninvolved
- ❑ Static universality
- ❑ Impersonal
- ❑ Transcendent, Cosmic & Individual Self
- ❑ Constituting, sustaining, pervading & enveloping all
- ❑ Eternal freedom of the Spirit
- ❑ Maya is creative consciousness force

CONSCIOUS BEING OR SPIRIT – PURUSHA

- ❑ Witness
- ❑ Sanctioner of the works of Nature
- ❑ Enjoyer
- ❑ Cosmic
- ❑ Impersonal Person
- ❑ Prakriti is mechanical, executive force of Nature

LORD OF NATURE – ISHWARA

- ❑ Master and creator of the universe
- ❑ Omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent
- ❑ Conscious of all
- ❑ Inhabitant of all
- ❑ Source of all powers
- ❑ Ruler of all works
- ❑ Enjoyer of all delight
- ❑ All-Person
- ❑ Supracosmic & Intracosmic
- ❑ Source of all personalities & individuality
- ❑ Being, Consciousness, Force are united in single formation
- ❑ Shakti is the Divine Mother

THREE COMPLEMENTARY STATUSES OF EXISTENCE

- ❑ Self, Being bases, supports, informs all
- ❑ Conscious Being experiences
- ❑ Lord & Master wills, governs, possesses

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□ Time Eternity

- + Spirit looking at itself in dynamism
- + Dynamic status manifests the Timeless in Time movement

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- ❑ Simultaneous integrality – whole consciousness of the successive relations of all things unifying past, present & future