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Jñāna: Knowledge

The jivas, even though
vijātya from Brahman, but
bcos they are parts of Brahman,
there is no vijātya bheda.

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sadā vaijātyam āptānām
jīvānām api tattvataḥ
aṁśatvenāpy abhinnatvād
vijātiya-bhidā mṛtā

The jīvas (jīvānām api) always (sadā) have their own identities (tattvataḥ āptānām), different from that of the Supreme (vaijātyam). But they are parts of the Supreme (aṁśatvenāpy) and cannot exist separate from Him (abhinnatvād), and this rules out the difference called vijātiya (vijātiya-bhidā mṛtā).

This verse establishes the actual way that Brahman is advayam, free from all dualities.

The jīvas, it is true, belong to categories other than Brahman, such as the category of things that have finite size.

In that sense they are different from Brahman.

But in other respects they are nondifferent from Him: They are expansions of the same creative living force of which Brahman's own supreme personality consists, and they are His integral parts, naturally sharing many of His qualities.

Thus although they are individuals and eternally remain so, they are not entirely separate from the Absolute, Brahman, the Supreme Person