Mandukya Upanishad, Class 36

Thuriyua padham is advaidam.

The significant of the word advaidam is that thuriyum is beyond cause and

effect, absolute principle, beyond time and space, not subject to

modification. Cause and effect are subject to modification.

Whatever is subject to change is within time. Whatever is beyond time is

not subject to change and beyond cause and effect. Nothing originates

from that Advaida Brahman. Neither jiva is born out of paramatma nor the

jagat, the world is born out of Brahman.

Scriptures clearly discuss paramatma

jivatma aikyam through many maha vakyam. We accept paramtma as

birth-less. Maha vakyams reveal that paramtma is identical to jivatma. Therefore, jivatma is birthless. Therefore, jivatma is not

a product born out of paramatma. Therefore, there is no jivatma shristy.

Taitreya upanishad in pancha kosa

viveka says that the jivatma obtained in anandamaya kosa and paramtma obtained

outside are one and the same.

Verse 12

In madhu brahmana of the

brahadhanranhya upanishad, the supreme Brahman is revealed in paris of

locations just the same space is shown in earch and in the stomach.

In this verse, Gowdapadha is taking

Brahadharanya Upanishad. Second chapter, fifth section is called manu

brahmanyam. Each chapter is called adhyayam and each section within the

chapter is called brahmanyam. In this section, Brahman is defined by the

word "Madhu". In this section, the upanishad takes many microcosms

like ear, eyes etc and compares to macrocosm and says both are one and the

same. Similar to water in individual waves and water in ocean are one and

the same. Brahman obtained in prithvi level (macro) and the Brahman

obtained in body (micro) are one and the same. Micro is called adhyatmam

and macro is adhibhudham and both are same. Paris of micro and macro like Eye -

Sun; ear — dhik are taken. Space inside your stomach and space outside is

one and the same. Chaithanyam obtained inside oneself and the chaithanyam

obtained outside are one and the same. Chaithanyam obtaining within

oneself is jivatma and chaithanyam outside is paramatma and they are one and

the same. Since jivatma and paramta are one and the same, jivatatma also

birth-less like paramatma, So jivatma is not a kariyam and therefore

paramatma not a karanam. Therefore, atma is kariya karana vilakshanam

therefore it is advaidam.

Verse 13

The non-difference between the jiva

and atma is praised thropugh the statements of identify and pluarility is

condemned. Such a teaching which is mentioned above becomes consistent in

the way only.

In scriptures there are also

statements about the difference between jivatma and paramtma. Gowdapatha

seems to ignore. In Mundaka Upanishads, jivatma is samsari and bound and

the other is free and unbound. Vedanta seems to contradict itself.

There are portions of upanishad, jivatma and paramatma are identical and there

are portions of upanishad jivatma and paramtma are totally different.

When the scriptures talk about dwaidam, but scriptures also criticize dwaidam

strongly by using expressions like whoever sees difference will go from death

to death and will be a samsari. Taitreya Upanishad says as long as you

see god is different from you, you will be insecure. As long as you see

difference from god, you will have fear. Brahadharnyaha says whoever sees

difference between jivatma and paramatma is ignorance as good as an

animal. Gowdapadha says whoever sees difference is an unfortunate

person. So scriptures says that dwaidam should be criticized. Why

do the scriptures prescribe puja and upasana? In every puja, we are only

reinforcing dwaidam, Gowdapadha indirectly says that dwaidam

must be

ultimately rejected. But in the beginning stages it is recommended and

required as a stepping stone. Puja and upsanas are find as a mean but

they are not an end itself. The final word of the vedas is advaidam

because dwaidam is criticized and advaidam is glorified by scriptures.

The one who sees one atma has no grief and no regrets. Dwaidam is

criticized as a destination or end. Vedas says don't remain in dwaidam

all the time. The final conclusion of vedas is learn to say aham brahma asmi.

Verse 14

The separateness of the jiva and the

atma which is declared in the scriptures before the statements of creations is

only secondary with regard to the future teaching of identify. It is not

at all proper to attribute primary importance to that separateness.

If Dwaidam or difference is cause of

samsara, why should the scriptures talk about dwaidam at all? The entire

karma kanda is about jivatma and paramatma beda, difference. Entire

siskha valli is about jivatma paramtma bedam. Because dwaidam is useful

as a stepping stone. Nobody can enter into advaidam directly.

Dwaidam is incomplete without reaching advaidam. Advaidam is impossible

without going through dwaidam. Veda purva praga presesnet

dwaidam as

stepping stone. Vedanta teaches advaidam. Similar to pole vaulter. You should be grateful to the pole, but you should drop the pole

to reach the other side. But without the pole, you can never reach the

height and the other side. When you drop the pole depends on the level

of the maturity of the student. That dwaidam taught before the advaitic

teaching, is only temporarily value. It is not the ultimate reality. It is required as a stepping stone. It is temporarily

valid from the standpoint of future ultimate teaching of advaidam. Once

you reach advaidam, dwaidam becomes invalid. It is not proper to give

dwaidam the ultimate validity.