



The Illusion of the Static Self

A visual guide to deconstructing who you think you are, merging the science of biological flow with the ancient metaphysics of *Advaita Vedanta*.

We believe we are objects, but we are actually events.



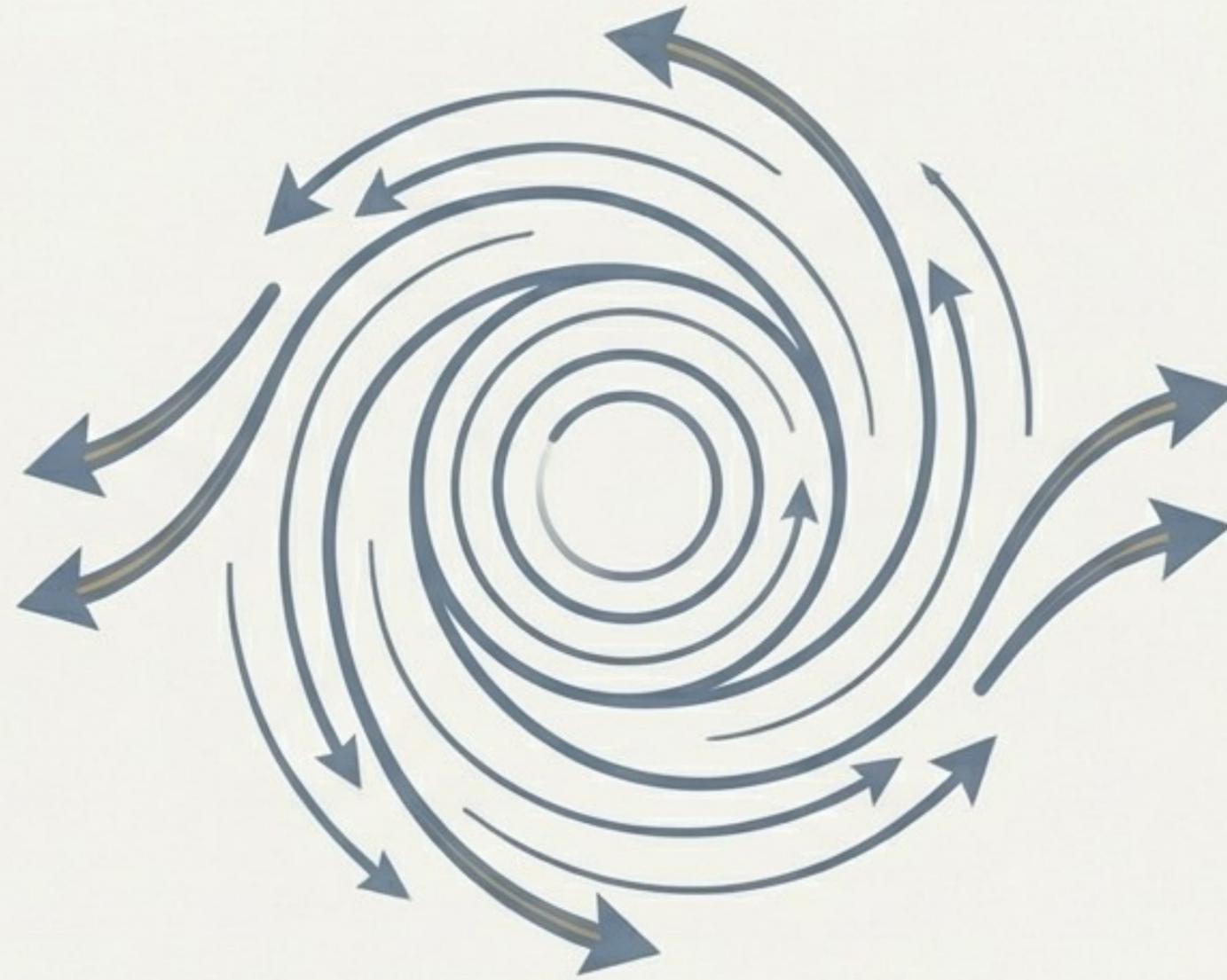
Like a rock on a shelf, the atoms are locked in place. It is a solid, finished “thing”.



Like a flame or a dance. It only exists as long as there is movement—a high-energy interaction in a constant state of “**happening**”.

Life as a Whirlpool

The whirlpool is entirely dependent on the river's flow. The "stuff" (water) is always changing, but the shape remains because the flow is steady.



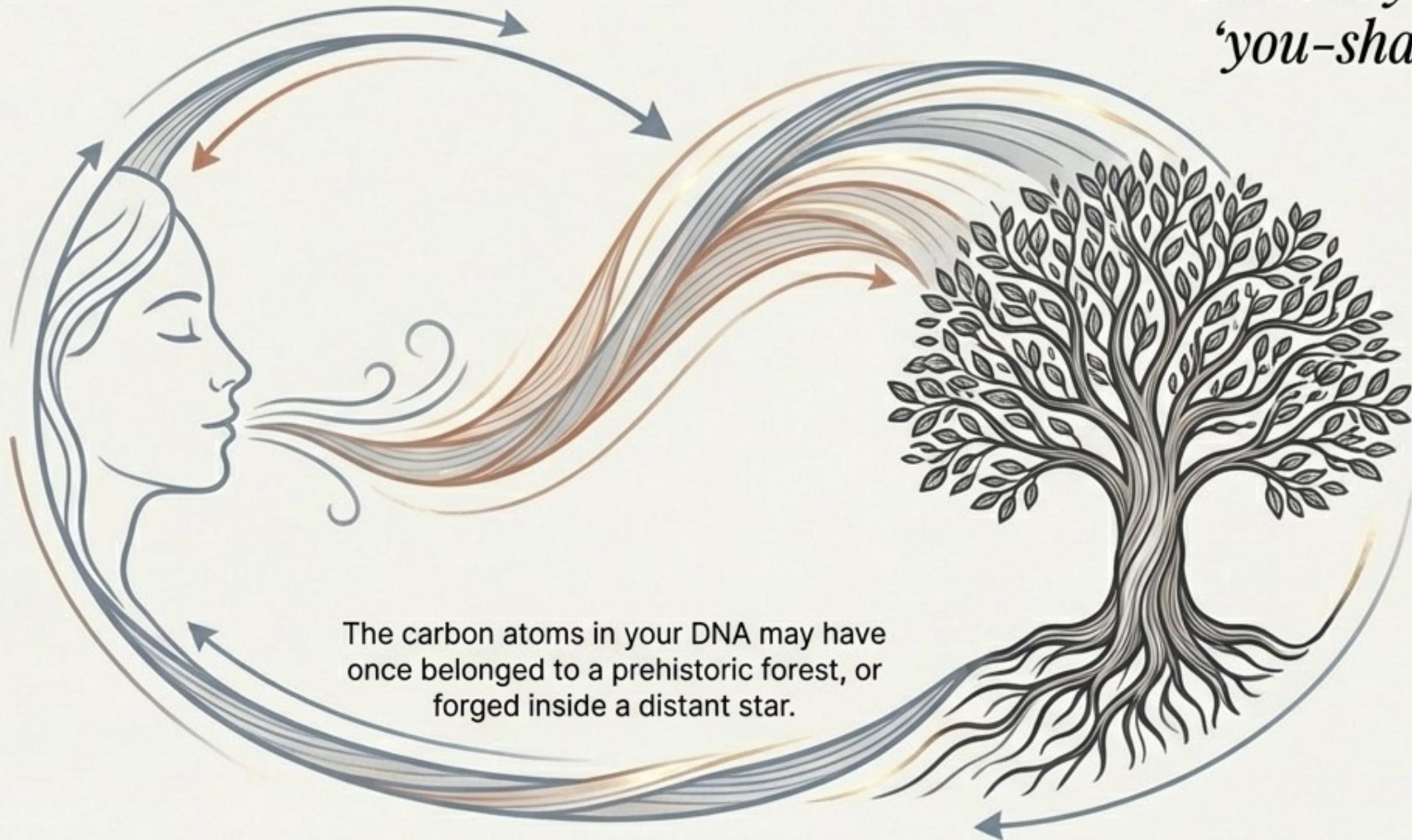
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of the atoms in
your body are
replaced every
single year.

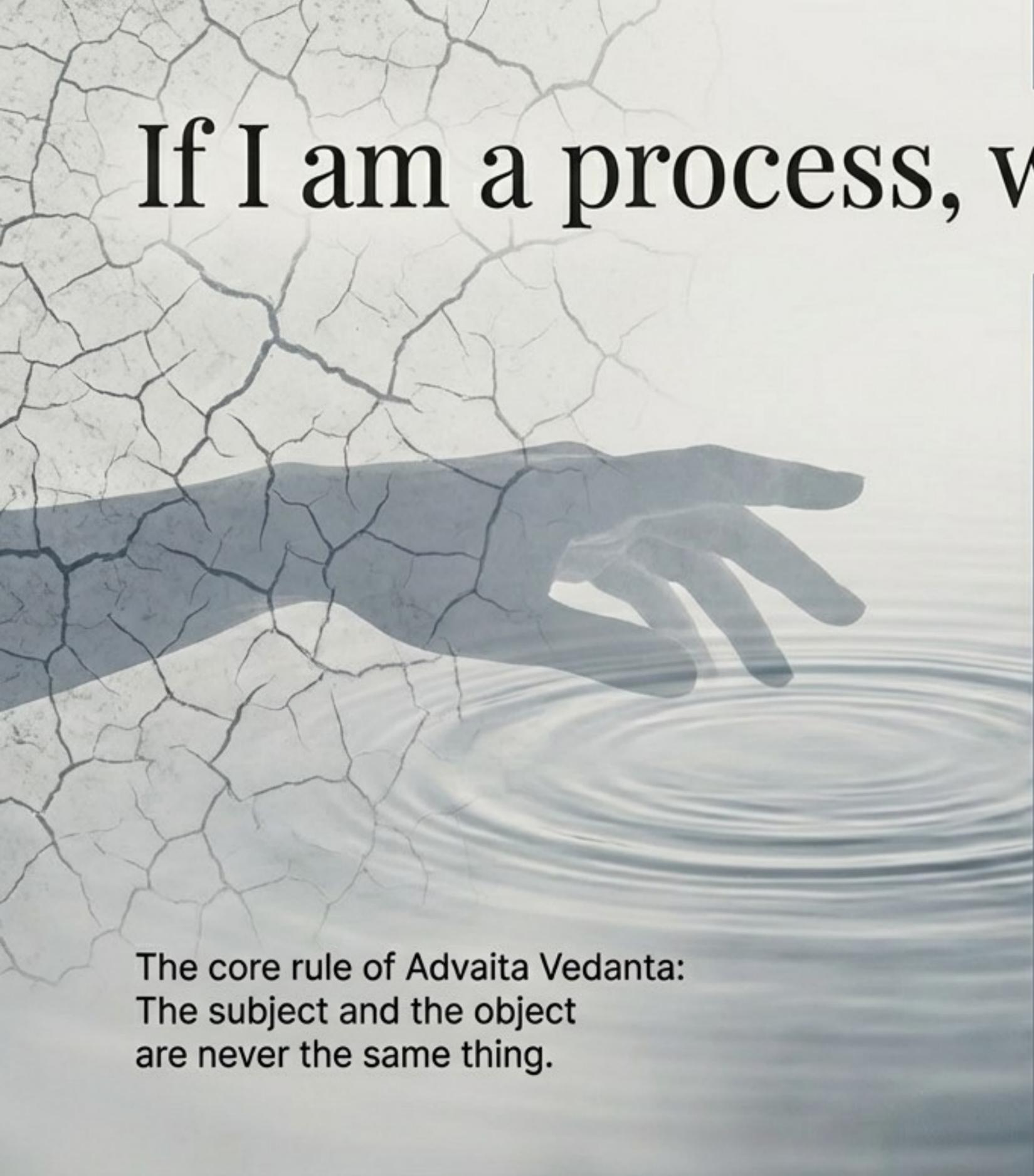
YOU ARE A BIOLOGICAL PROCESS IN A STATE OF TOTAL RENEWAL.

The Blurry Edge of 'You'

*You are not a visitor on Earth;
you are a part of the world that is
currently swirling in a
'you-shaped' pattern.*



The carbon atoms in your DNA may have once belonged to a prehistoric forest, or forged inside a distant star.

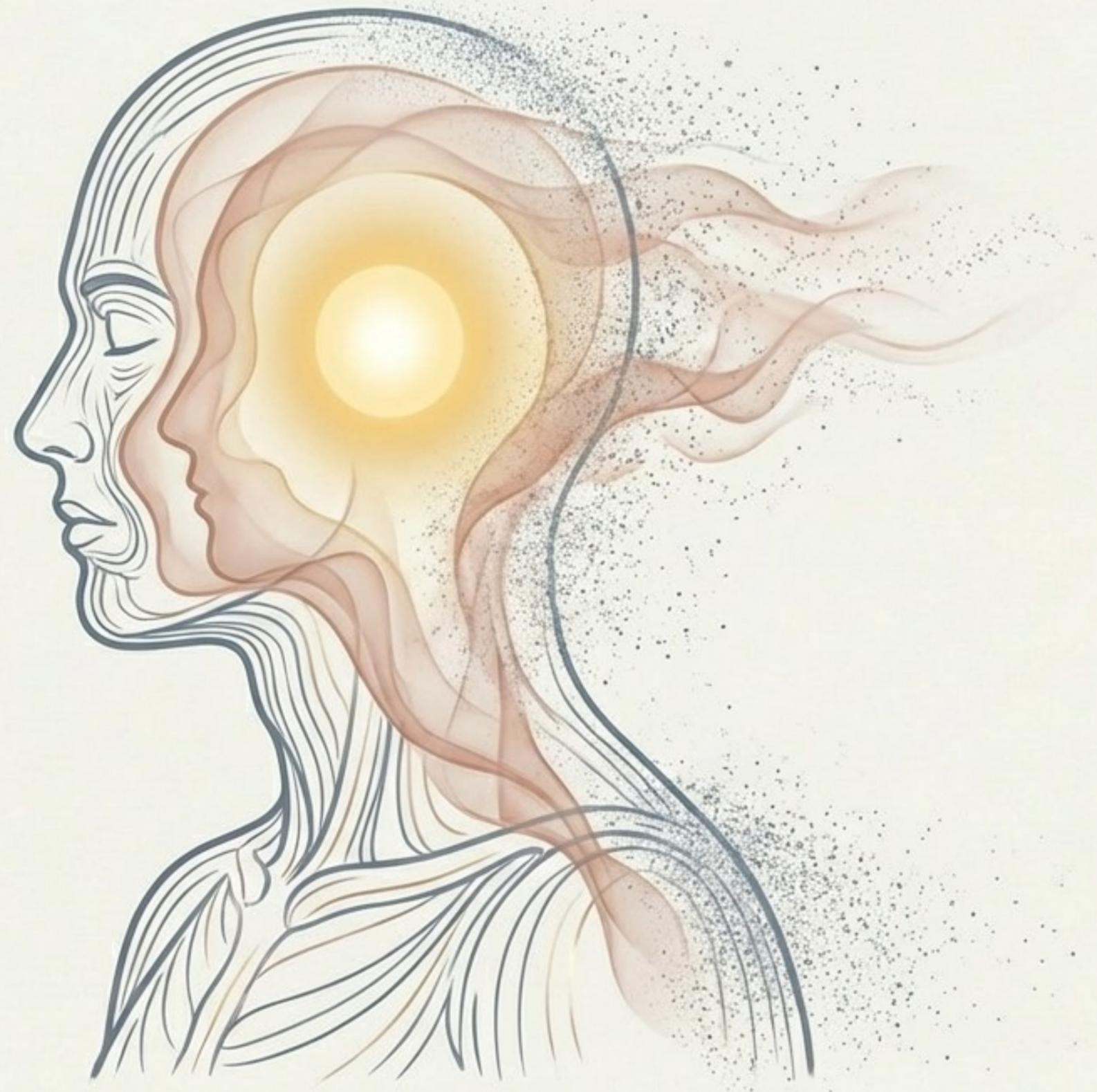
A hand is shown reaching out from a cracked, dry earth surface towards a pool of water. The water has ripples, suggesting a drop has just been thrown. The background is a light, hazy sky.

If I am a process, who is observing it?

A bright, glowing sun or star is visible in a hazy, light-colored sky.

**The seer is
never the seen.**

The core rule of Advaita Vedanta:
The subject and the object
are never the same thing.



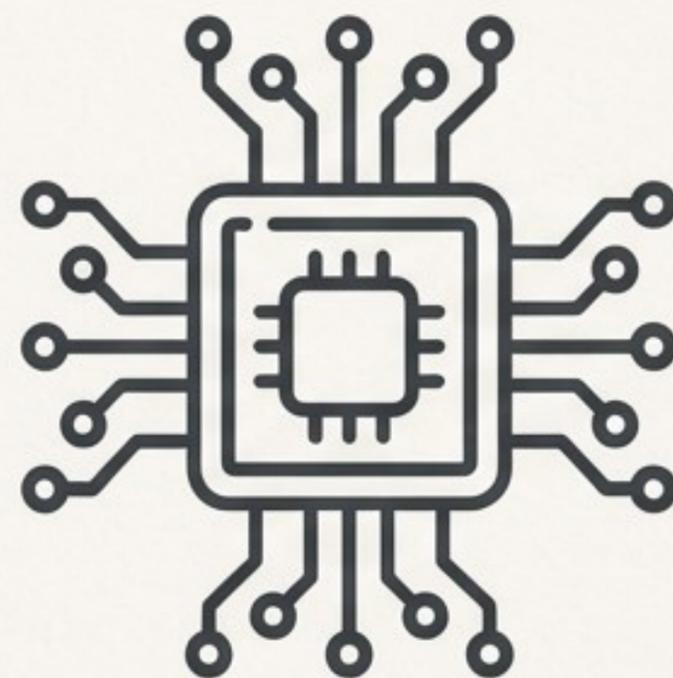
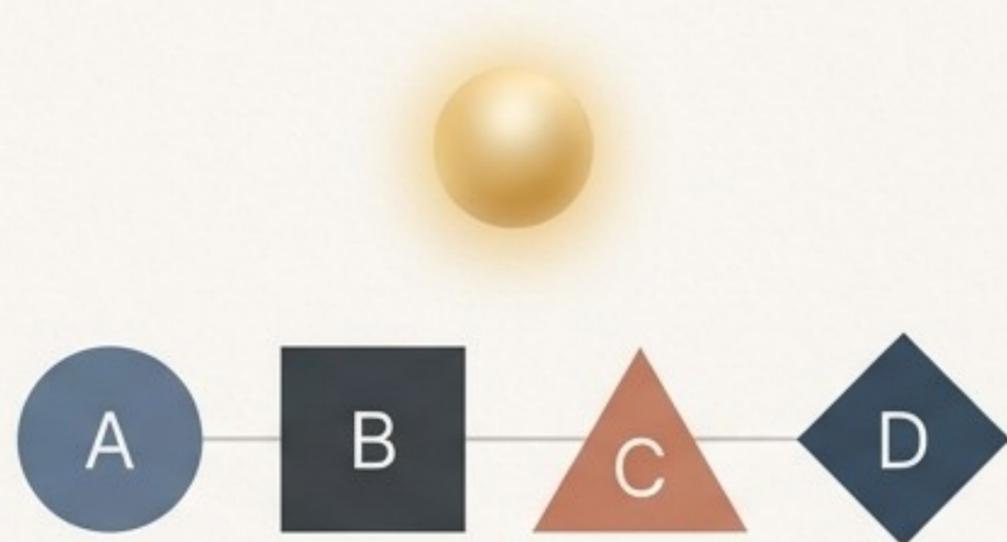
You are not the body or the breath.

- The body undergoes sixfold changes (birth, childhood, youth, maturity, ageing, death).
- The breath constantly changes (in-breath, out-breath, shallow, deep).
- Yet, the observer remains the exact same unchanging witness to all these states.

You are not the mind or the intellect.

Thoughts, emotions, and memories appear and disappear. The mind is just a psychological machine.

Artificial Intelligence can replicate complex intellect, decision-making, and creativity. But AI lacks consciousness. You can be intelligent without being conscious, proving the mind and consciousness are separate.



The Bare Light of Consciousness

When you strip away the physical body, the vital breath, the mental thoughts, and the intellect, what remains? Even in the deep void of dreamless sleep or general anaesthesia, the absence of experience is still experienced by something.



Consciousness is that singular which has no plural.

The Parable of the Tenth Man



Ten friends cross a river. The counter counts only nine, believing the tenth has drowned, causing immense suffering. A passerby turns the counter's hand inward, revealing: Thou art the tenth.

We suffer because we count everything in the external world—objects, wealth, other people—but forget to count the observer.

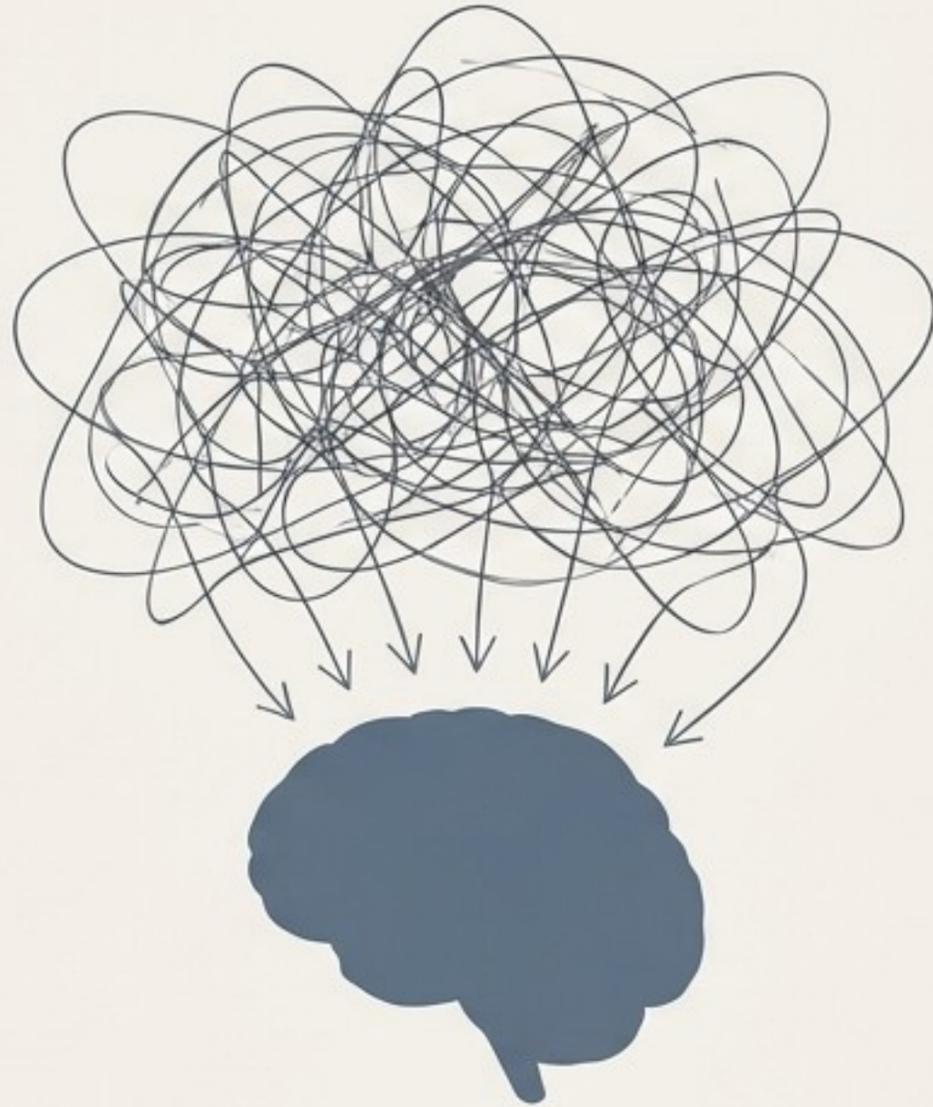
Advaita Vedanta: The Wave and the Ocean

You are distinct from the entire universe, but the universe is not distinct from you. Like 10,000 distinct, ever-changing waves in the Pacific Ocean—if you count the water, there is only one thing present.

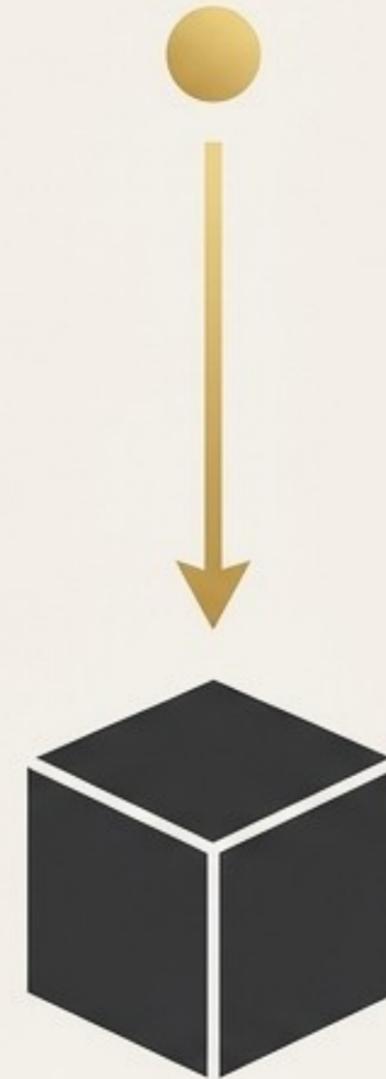
*Brahman alone is real,
the world is an appearance,
and you are that.*



The Hard Problem of Consciousness



There are currently over 325 competing scientific theories trying to explain how the brain creates consciousness. Materialism is failing.



Instead of matter creating consciousness, matter appears within consciousness. Consciousness is the fundamental ground of reality.

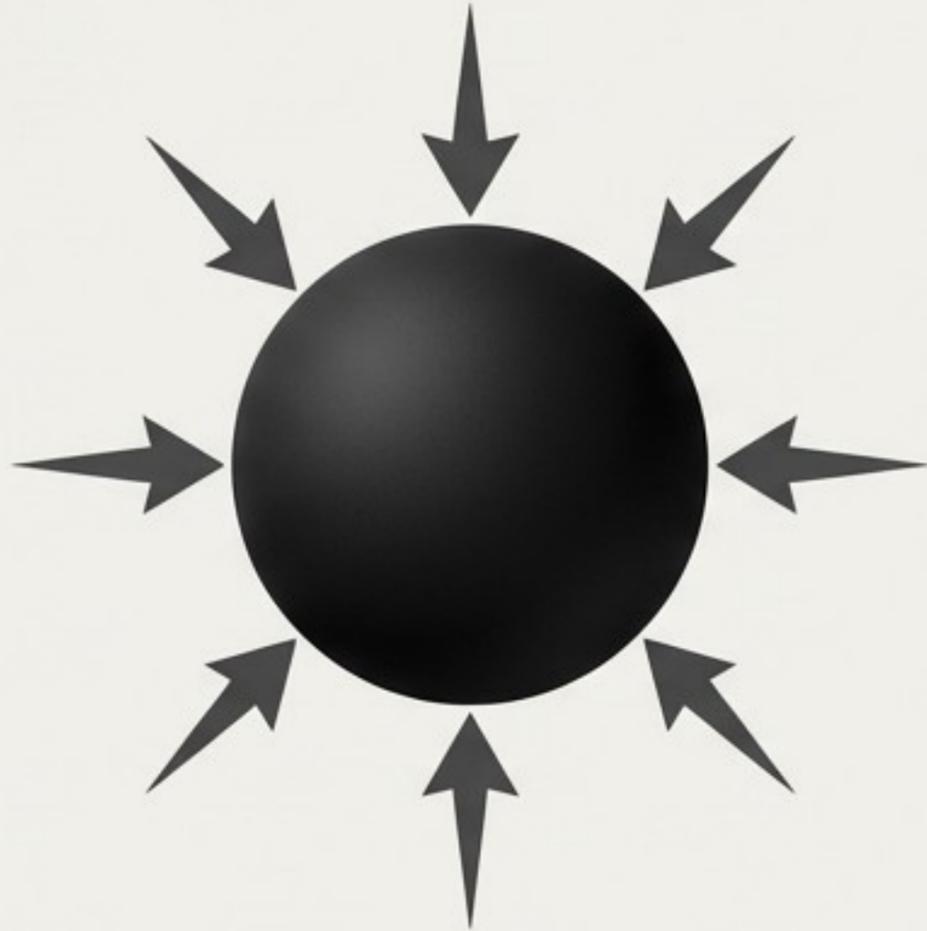
Pain is Inevitable; Suffering is Optional

The first arrow is the physical reality of the world—ageing, sickness, and inevitable pain.

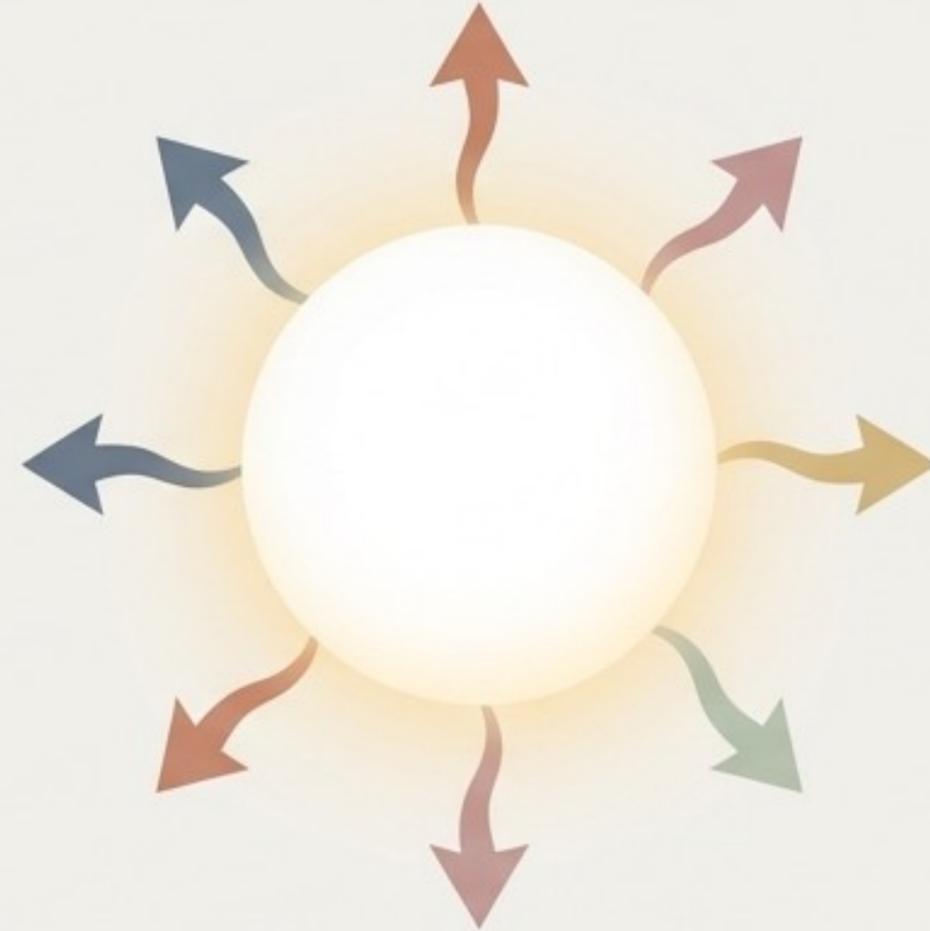
The second arrow is our egoic reaction to it—the anxiety, the resentment, the suffering. Realising our true nature as the "bare light" protects us from the second arrow.



The True Meaning of Renunciation



Renunciation is not running to the Himalayas. The ego is a 'black body' that constantly tries to extract happiness and validation from the world to fill an unfillable hole.



The enlightened state is a 'white body.' Because you are already completely full, you effortlessly radiate outwards, acting in the world unconditionally.

Only what I do not give can ever be lacking.

Polishing the Mirror: The Four Yogas



Karma Yoga (Action)

Selfless service and altruism without seeking transactional rewards.



Bhakti Yoga (Devotion)

Channeling worldly desires into deep love and surrender.



Raja Yoga (Meditation)

Quieting the restless mind to thin out the ego.



Jnana Yoga (Knowledge)

Constant self-inquiry and the use of the intellect to separate the real from the unreal.

Swadharma: Your Unique Path

1,000,000

The pursuits of the world—wealth, career, relationships—are all zeros. On their own, they amount to nothing. But if you place the '1' of spiritual realisation at the front, every single zero suddenly adds profound, exponential value to your life.

*Follow your highest intrinsic ideal,
and add as many zeros as you like.*