

# विकल्प

## Chapter One Samādhi Pādaḥ verse 9

śabda-jñāna-anupātī vastu-śūnyaḥ vikalpaḥ |

In Sūtra 1.9 Patañjali defines Vikalpa as an understanding arising from the spoken word. How do we discern whether Vikalpa is actually what arises from the spoken word from what was said to us, or what arises from the spoken word in how what was said is heard? In other words how to discern if there is any difference between what is said to us and what we imagine we hear?