

## Katha Upanisad 1.2.23

(also the Muëntaka Upanisad 3.2.3)

*näyam ätmä pravacanena labhyo  
na medhayä na bahunä çrutena  
yam evaiña väëute tena labhyas  
tasyaiña ätmä viväëute tanüà sväm*

### SYNONYMS

näyam—mundane knowledge; ätmä—knowledge of the self; **pravacanena—by discussing**; labhyaù—comprehensible; na—not; medhayä—by mental power; na—not; **bahunä—much**; **çrutena—by hearing**; yam—for such a person; eva—indeed; eña—this knowledge; väëute—is concealed; tena—by Him; labhyaù—comprehensible; tasya—His; eña—this; ätmä—the science of the self; viväëute—He reveals; tanüm—His own form; sväm—by His own will.

### TRANSLATION

The Supreme Lord is not attained by expert explanations, by vast intelligence, nor even by much hearing. He is attained only by one who He Himself chooses. To such a person He manifests His own form.