



## Case Study

### Chapter - 18: Yoga of Renunciation

Once, a great King asked his Minister. “Oh Minister! Is God powerful?” The Minister said “Yes my King”. The King then asked “Does he have servants to help him?” The Minister responded “Yes my King”. The King then asked “Why then God has to take an avatar to come and help the people, rather he could have sent his servants to do this job. Isn’t so?” The Minister kept quiet and responded to the King saying that he will respond to the King at a later time.

Weeks went by and the King decided to go on a boat trip with all his ministers. Everybody including the King landed on the boat and was waiting for this Minister. The King was really angry since the Minister came very late. The Minister came running towards the King with somebody on his shoulder. When the King asked why the Minister was late, the Minister said that on his way, he saw the Prince who was adamant in joining him for the trip. Since the Minister couldn’t console him, he took the Prince with him, who had fallen asleep on his shoulder after crying continuously.

Midway through the journey, the King heard a noise and saw that the Prince was missing from the Minister’s shoulder. The King without any hesitation jumped into the water to save the Prince, only to find out that it was not the Prince but a wax idol.

1. Why do you think the King jumped in himself without asking any of his soldiers/ministers to save the Prince?
2. What made the King jump into the water immediately without any thought or hesitation?
3. What was the Minister trying to convey by throwing the wax idol of the Prince into the water?
4. What did you learn from this story?
5. According to you, why does the Divine come as Avatar into this world to help people?