The villagers and the Train

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It was first time that a train was arriving at this remote village in India. Hence, lot of villagers had gathered at the platform to have a glance of this first ever visit of a train.

Oh! first time in my life I will be seeing a train.

Today, my dream will come true. I will see a train.

I have heard a lot about the train but have not been fortunate so far.
As the train started to near the village, some of the villagers got afraid and started to run away...

Oh a bright light. It’s coming towards us. Let me save myself!

It will burn us. Let’s run!
So they ran home, they were perhaps a little frightened. Their relatives asked them...

What does the train look like?

It's a big bright light
Others who stayed behind saw that behind the bright light was a long form and it was moving fast. Some got scared and ran...

Oh what a long fast moving form. It's coming in our direction. Let’s run from here before it hits us.
So they had more information. They ran home and they told their relatives...

What does the train look like?

The train has got a light on the front, it's long and it's moving fast.
Some of the villagers were brave and stayed till the train stopped at the station. They went inside....
They saw the seats, the people inside sitting and all other details of the train. They thus had full information.
The train has got a light on the front, it's long and it moves fast, but inside there are many many seats, there are people sitting, and you can get in and out.
MORAL:
There are different levels of understanding, Brahman, Paramatma and Bhagavan. Vadanti tat tattva vidas tattvam etc.

-Srila Prabhupada