**Chapter One:** “The Brahmin’s Son”—(Brahmin is a Hindu priest; Brahman is a word for “God the Creator”) This chapter introduces the confusion in Sidd’s mind; he is about 17 years old and has lots of questions about the world and religious teachings, etc.—typical of a teenager his age.

1. Describe Sidd and the way people perceive him.
2. Who is Govinda?
3. Why is Sidd restless?
4. What stage of life explains Sidd’s decision to leave home?
5. What types of love are illustrated in this chapter and by whom?
6. What theme(s) is best represented in this chapter? (See introductory handout.)
7. Symbols: What do the following symbolize? (a) Om- (b) radiating the glow- -and All-Radiant (c) Shadow- (d) Atman-

**Vocabulary:** Define the word and then add a context to help you with understanding its meaning.

1. Ablutions
2. Emaciated
3. Avaricious
4. Indignant
5. Ascetic
6. Demeanor