

Holy Geeta by Swami Chinmayananda

By performing "duties ordained by one's own nature" (*Swabhaava-Niyatam-Karma*) the individual comes to no evil --- meaning, the individual has no chance of imprinting any new impressions on his mind --- the impressions which, in their maturity, might force him to strive, to seek, to achieve and to indulge.

This closing chapter of the Geeta is a peroration of the beautiful discourse of the inspired Divine, and it is, naturally therefore, a summary of the whole Geeta. Hence, we find here a reiteration of almost all the salient ideas which have been discussed earlier, and which are very important for the cure of the "Arjuna-disease."

Anyone can appreciate the logic of it if he considers the following: (1) the deadly poison in the fangs of a serpent never kills the serpent; (2) living organisms crawling in fermented wine never get drunk; (3) the malarial germs in the mosquitoes do not attack them with shivering fevers. **THE SWABHAAVA OF EACH ONE CANNOT DESTROY HIM!** If the poison is drawn from the fangs and wine is poisoned, the crawling organisms die. Similarly, if the *Kshatriyas* were to perform the duties prescribed for the *Brahmana*-type of equipment, they would be only doing *harakiri*. Arjuna was a *Kshatriya*; hence retiring from the battle-field to a jungle for meditation would have destroyed him.

In short, it is no use employing our minds in fields which are contrary to our nature. Everyone has a precise place in