

striking. For, his entire life had been a series of tragedies which he had to suffer because of his elder brother's irresistible weakness to play the dice. No other example would have delivered the goods to Arjuna as efficiently as this one.

To modern students, this may not strike as very effective since dice is not a game very popular with us just now. But the substitutes are very easily recognised.

SPLENDOUR IN THE SPLENDID AM I --- At the same time, a seeker, who is ready to make use of this portion for meditation as it should be, will easily understand that the *Shastra* has said almost nothing. The splendour in a splendid object has not the qualities of the object from which the shine comes out. The splendour, in itself, has no qualities even --- it is merely AN EXPERIENCE. To facilitate that "experience," the mind borrows the light to illumine the magnitude and the glory of the object, but the splendour itself has nothing to do with the ingredients or constituents that together give rise to the experience of the splendour in our bosom. In short, as Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa once said, "Truth, no doubt, is Light, but it is 'light' without its properties."

I AM VICTORY; I AM EFFORT, I AM THE GOODNESS IN THE GOOD --- As explained above, here also it is these qualities, nay, the "experiences" lived in the presence of these qualities, that gives us an occasion to live the Self. These qualities connote a certain mental condition created