

mathematical truth has been accepted by the modern preachers of secularism also; but in their practical application, the old *Rishis* and the modern politicians seem to differ to a large extent.

In the modern world, the attempt is to increase the numerator, which is represented by the "number of the desires fulfilled." The Scriptural Masters of India also were living in a world peopled by a society of men, and their philosophical contemplations were upon man as a social being, and their aim too was to bring more happiness in their society. Unlike the present prophets of profit, these *Rishis* of Religion did not conceive that an attempt to increase the NUMERATOR without a corresponding attention upon the rate of increase of the DENOMINATOR, could produce any palpable increase in joy. On the other hand, today, we are struggling hard to increase the "number of desires fulfilled" without at the same time, trying to control the "number of desires entertained." That this state of affairs cannot produce any palpable increase in the QUOTIENT OF HAPPINESS is the scriptural verdict which seems to be an easily understandable scientific truth.

Herein, the Geeta is only repeating what the *Upanishadic Rishis* never get tired of emphasising in the Scriptures of India. The "desirer of desires" can never come to perfect peace (*Shanti*). Only he who has, in his spirit of detachment, gained a complete control over his mind, so that the sense-objects of the outer world cannot create in