

IX. 18.

गतिः The goal भर्ता supporter प्रभुः Lord साक्षी the witness निवासः abode शरणं refuge सुहृत् friend प्रभवः origin प्रलयः dissolution स्थानं substratum निधानं storehouse बीजम् the seed अव्ययम् immutable.

The Goal, the Supporter, the Lord, the Witness, the Abode, the Refuge, the Friend, the Origin, the Dissolution, the Substratum, the Storehouse, the Seed immutable.

[*Seed*: cause of the origin of all things.

Immutable—because it endures so long as the Samsâra endures.]

तपाम्यहमहं वर्षं निगृह्णाम्युत्सृजामि च ॥

अमृतं चैव मृत्युश्च सदसच्चाहमर्जुन ॥१८॥

IX. 19.

अर्जुन O Arjuna अहं I तपामि give heat अहं I वर्षं the rain उत्सृजामि send forth च and निगृह्णामि withhold अमृतं immortality च and एव also मृत्युः death च and अहं I सत् being च and असत् non-being.

(As sun) I give heat: I withhold and send forth the rain; I am immortality and also death, the being and non-being am I, O Arjuna !

[*Being*: The manifested world of effects.

Non-being—means, the cause which is unmanifested only, and not non-existence; otherwise we have to conceive existence coming out of non-existence, which is absurd. The Sruti says, "How can existence come out of non-existence?" —*Chhand. Upa. 6.*]

त्रैविद्या मां सोमपाः पूतपापा

यज्ञैरिष्ट्वा स्वर्गतिं प्रार्थयन्ते ॥