

but is only an acquisition of something which he is thirsting for. To a teetotaler, a drinking booth is nothing but a den of sorrow and death; but, to the drunkard the same is his haven of joy and harbour of happiness.

To the *Tamasic*, to be born in the animal kingdom is a wonderful chance to exhaust their appetites and to express fully their nature. Thus, philosophically viewed, we have to accept without any reservation that the '*Tamasic*' must mentally find a complete fulfilment in animal embodiment. So they are born there to fulfil their own elected purpose.

HERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY OF WHAT HAS BEEN TAUGHT IN THE PRECEDING FEW VERSES:

*16. The fruit of good action, they say, is SATTWIC and pure; verily, the fruit of RAJAS is pain, and the fruit of TAMAS is ignorance.*

In this stanza, Krishna, the great conversationalist, is summarizing again what he has already mentioned in the previous stanzas. Herein, he is indicating in brief the results gained when a psychological being lives the three *gunas* severally.

THE FRUIT OF GOOD ACTIONS, THEY SAY, IS 'SATTWIC' AND PURE --- If we carefully analyse, we shall find that thought is the father of all action. Thoughts