

Arjuna is obliged to raise this question for obvious reasons. There are people who are very earnest about pursuing the path of self-perfection. To that extent, therefore, they are free from lust, anger and greed. They are definitely not of the demoniac type. Their knowledge of the scriptural ordinances is very meagre, though they are not antipathic to it. Circumstances do not permit their acquiring accurate and elaborate knowledge of the scriptures. They pursue the right path being prompted by their pure motive. Is their earnestness to be regarded as Sattvika which takes them upward, or as Rajasika which keeps them where they are, or as Tamasika which pushes them downward?

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*trividhā bhavati śraddhā dehinām sā svabhāvajā ।*

*sāttvikī rājastī caī 'va tāmasī ce 'ti tān śṛṇu ॥*

श्री भगवानुवाच *sri bhagavān uvāca* Sri Bhagavan said:

त्रिविधा *trividhā* threefold भवति *bhavati* is श्रद्धा *śraddhā* faith देहिनाम् *dehinām* of the embodied सा *sā* which स्वभावजा *svabhāvajā* inherent in nature सात्त्विकी *sāttvikī* Sattvika राजसी *rājastī* Rajasika च *ca* and एव *eva* even तामसी *tāmasī* Tamasika च *ca* and इति *iti* thus ताम् *tām* of it शृणु *śṛṇu* hear (thou)