

*6. But even these actions should be performed leaving aside attachment and the fruits, O Partha; this is my certain and best belief.*

Even these actions, namely, 'Sacrifice' (*Yajna*), 'Charity' (*Daana*) and 'Austerity' (*Tapas*) should be performed "LEAVING ATTACHMENTS AND FRUITS." The term "attachment" in the Geeta has a peculiar flavour, and throughout, this term has been used to indicate the spirit in which an ego-centric personality will come to work in any field of activity, while fulfilling its own ego-centric desires. Thus, an ego and its desires are the component parts of attachments. When an ego strives to fulfil its own burning desires, it comes to live in a certain relationship with the world of things and objects around --- this wrong relationship is called "ATTACHMENT."

Once an individual starts working under the poison of "attachment," he comes to entertain an unintelligent, self-destructive anxiety to gain and enjoy the results of his actions. Long before the actions are completed, one's hope and hunger for their fruits can present themselves to weave a charm of their own, benumbing one's efficiency in the field of the action undertaken.

The idea that CHARITY, SACRIFICE and AUSTERITY must be performed in an attitude of "detachment," "renouncing all anxieties for the enjoyment of the fruits" is, Krishna admits, his own personal opinion (*matam*). It is not, however, purely an original Krishna-creed, but is