

A mother who serves her baby expects no reward. She finds satisfaction in service. The good and the holy worship the Lord expecting nothing in return. This divine act is inherent in them. Again their adoration is quite in tune with the ordinance of the scriptures. All forms of *Yajna* resolve themselves into the adoration of the Almighty. The *Sāttvika* men are given to this kind of worship.

While the Pandava brothers were in exile this pertinent question was put to King Yudhishtira by Queen Draupati. "Why should these series of troubles and tribulations befall you who are an embodiment of dharma?" The reply bespeaks the mental calibre of the man concerned. "Behold, O Queen, the yonder majestic Himalayas. I can't help adoring them. Sorrow finds no quarters in my mind given to this adoration." Yudhishtira was made of such stuff as this. And this verily is the way of the *Sāttvika*.

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*abhisamdhāya tu phalam dambhārtham api ca 'va yat
ijyate bharataśreṣṭha tam yajñam viddhi rājasam ॥*

अभिसंधाय *abhisamdhāya* seeking for तु *tu* indeed फलम् *phalam* fruit दम्भार्थम् *dambhārtham* for ostentation अपि *api* also च *ca* and एव *eva* even यत् *yat* which इज्यते *ijyate* is offered भरतश्रेष्ठ *bharata śreṣṭha* O best of