

The Blessed Lord said :

Very hard it is, indeed, to see this form of Mine which you have seen. Even the Devas are very eager to see this form. 52

In the scale of evolution the Devas are superior to the human beings. But their knowledge of Iswara is in no way higher than that of the human aspirants. In the spiritual enlightenment that Arjuna has had just now, he has excelled the Devas who are also ardently trying to probe into the mystery of the Supreme.

What are the paths pursued by the *sadhakas* for the attainment of Iswara? The elucidation follows:—

नाहं वेदैर्न तपसा न दानेन न चेज्यया ।

शक्य एवंविधो द्रष्टुं दृष्टवानसि मां यथा ॥ ५३

न अहम् वेदैः न तपसा न दानेन न च इज्यया ।

शक्-यः एवंविधः द्रष्टुम् दृश्-तवान् असु-सि माम् यथा ॥

*nā 'haṁ vedair na tapasā na dānena na ce 'jyayā ।*

*śakya evaṁvidho draṣṭuṁ dr̥ṣṭavān asi mām yathā ॥*

न *na* not अहम् *ahaṁ* I वेदैः *vedaiḥ* by the Vedas न *na* not तपसा *tapasā* by austerity न *na* not दानेन *dānena* by gift न *na* not च *ca* and इज्यया *ijyayā* by sacrifice शक्यः *śakyaḥ* (am) possible एवंविधः *evaṁ vidhaḥ* like this द्रष्टुम् *draṣṭuṁ* to be seen दृष्टवानसि *dr̥ṣṭavānasi* (thou) hast seen माम् *mām* me यथा *yathā* as

Neither by the Vedas, nor by austerity, nor by gift, nor by sacrifice can I be seen in this form as you have seen Me. 53