

they who are of questionable character, who are devoid of self-control, who do not engage themselves in the welfare of beings and who squander away money. When the recipients are received disrespectfully and insolently and when the doling out is made with abuses and scoldings — it is *Tamasika* gift.

The contributions made to public causes due to the pressure from government officers, are *Tamasika* in nature. Bribes very often put on the garb of voluntary contribution for good causes. They are also base in nature.

*Yajna*, *dāna* and *tapas* are the holiest of all karmas; but even they have a tinge of evil inherent in them. How are these evils to be rectified? The answer comes :—

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ओं तत्सदिति निर्देशो ब्रह्मणस्त्रिविधः स्मृतः ।

ब्राह्मणास्तेन वेदाश्च यज्ञाश्च विहिताः पुरा ॥ २३

ओम् तत् सत् इति निर्देशः ब्रह्मणः त्रि-विधः स्मृतः ।

ब्राह्मणाः तेन वेदाः च यज्ञाः च वि-(धा)हि-ताः पुरा ॥

*om tat sad iti nirdeśo brahmaṇas trividhaḥ smṛtaḥ ।*  
*brāhmaṇās tena vedāś ca yajñāś ca vihitāḥ purā ॥*

ॐ तत्सत् *om tat sat* Om Tat Sat इति *iti* thus निर्देशः *nirdeśaḥ* designation ब्रह्मणः *brahmaṇaḥ* of Brahman त्रिविधः *trividhaḥ* threefold स्मृतः *smṛtaḥ* has been declared ब्राह्मणाः *brāhmaṇāḥ* Brahmanas तेन *tena* by that वेदाः *vedāḥ* Vedas च *ca* and यज्ञाः *yajñāḥ* sacrifices च *ca* and विहिताः *vihitāḥ* created पुरा *purā* formerly