

ATTAINS PEACE (NIRVANA), THE END OF ALL THE MISERY OF MUNDANE EXISTENCE (SAMSARA). IN SHORT, HE BECOMES BRAHMAN.

THIS DEVOTION TO KNOWLEDGE IS EXTOLLED AS FOLLOWS:

*72. This is the BRAHMIC -state, O Son of Pritha. Attaining this, none is deluded. Being established therein, even at the end of life, one attains to oneness with BRAHMAN.*

To renounce all desires is to destroy completely the last vestures of one's ego. Renunciation of ego is not a state of dull, meaningless emptiness. Where the delusory ego has ended, the State of Full-Knowledge, or Selfhood, has dawned. To realise the Self in one's own bosom is to realise at once the Self which is All-pervading and Eternal (*Brahman*).

When the ego has ended, the Consciousness is not known to be anything other than the Eternal, and as such the Knower of Truth, in a brilliant experience of the Self, becomes the Self, and therefore, this state is called Self-hood (*Brahmi-sthitih*).

A doubt may still arise that even after this realisation, we may again fall into the delusion of the ego and come to suffer the ego's world of imperfections and sorrows. To deny this tragedy, we have been told how, having realised the Self once, no more can the individual fall back into his