

declaration of the temperamental beauty, or ugliness, of the individual.

PERFORMED BY MEN DESIRING NO FRUIT --- Sacrifices undertaken by men of purity are always executed in a spirit of selflessness. We have already explained, earlier in the Geeta, that burning anxiety for the fruits-of-action is an unprofitable channel of dissipation of the sacred and vital human energy. Fruits belong to future periods of time, and to waste the present in anxiety over the future, is indeed an unintelligent policy of existence.

AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCES --- Actions in the world fall under four categories, according to ancient *Vedic* lore. Of them 'desire-ridden' (*Kamyā*) and positively self-insulting, and therefore 'forbidden' acts (*Nishiddha*) are the two types that are to be studiously avoided. The other two classes: (a) (*Nitya*) the 'daily duties' and (b) the 'special duties' on special occasions (*Naimittika*) are the types of actions that should not be avoided but must be most diligently pursued. These two types --- *Nitya* and *Naimittika* together constitute what the *Shastra* terms as the 'unavoidable' or 'obligatory duties.' These actions and duties are indicated here as those required by ordinance. This term is used here in contrast with the *Tamasic* type of activity, 'wherein no ordinance is observed' and men are always devoid of 'faith' (XVII-13).

SACRIFICE IS OUR DUTY --- This is the motive that propels the 'good' to act in life. He suffers no dissipation