hence, their existence need not be considered separately with regard to the householders. So, when it is said that those other than the householders cannot have Liberation from Knowledge alone, it is to be understood that they attain Liberation through Knowledge combined with duties prescribed by the Smrtis.—Tr.

[5] The Jabala Upanisad says: 'After completing (the stage of) Celibacy. one should become а householder: householder-ship he should become an anchorite (lit. a forestdweller), and then become a mendicant. Or, if it happens otherwise, one should espouse monasticism even from the stage of Celibacy, or from his house (that is from the stage of the Householder), or from the forest' (see Jā. 4.1). The first successive sentence speaks of progress towards monasticism, and the second speaks of optional adoption of monasticism.

Combination of Knowledge with action may be of two kinds, krama-samuccaya and saha-samuccaya. Krama-samuccaya is where an aspirant embraces monasticism by gradually passing through the different stages of life. This is an indirect combination of Knowledge with action (rites and duties). Sankarācārya is ready to concede this in the case of some people. There is also the other alternative of saha-samuccaya, where Knowledge is sought to be directly combined with action. Śankarācārya rejects this standpoint totally. The Jābāla first speaks of krama-samuccaya, and then, by holding that one can become a monk from any stage of life, it rejects sahasamuccaya. Besides, there is the Upanisadic text, 'yadahareva virajet tadahareva pravrajet, one should renounce the very moment he acquires detachment' (Jā. 4). Ā.G. quotes a Smrti which, too, says, 'One should have recourse to the stage of life to which he is inclined.'—Tr.

[6] The references to these quotations from the Ma. Nā. are numbered according to C.P.U. According to the Ma. Nā.