

sance is inert in itself, because its constituents are all knowables—the three Guṇas. They appear as conscious on being reflected by the Puruṣa, *i.e.* the power of cognisance affected by a knowable, is reflected by the Puruṣa.

(2) The conscious Puruṣa is the experiencer according to the Sāṃkhya school. In this view, the desire for salvation can be justified. According to the Vaināśikas there is nothing beyond cognition ; or besides cognition their is void merely. Accordingly, the enterprise to arrest the flow of cognitions is improper. An object that can convert itself into a void or render itself unreal is unknown. So it is not possible that a piece of cognition will, sheerly out of inner necessity, convert itself into a void.

And the nihilists, with a view to achieving annihilation of the five Skandhas (*viz.* Vijnāna, Vedanā, Saṃjñā, Rūpa and Saṃskāra) or indifference to them or stoppage of birth or complete cessation, go to their preceptors and make vows of (learners') continence. But the thing for which they make so much ado, they regard as void, which seems to be absurd.

Even if, though illogically, one's own existence is eliminated, such feelings as 'I want to be free', 'I want to become void' cannot be avoided. So these discourses regarding negation of 'I' or self are empty talks. Mokṣa or liberation or Nirvāṇa really means separation from sorrow. Separation connotes two things—the sorrow, and the sufferer therefrom. It is therefore more correct to say that on liberation, sorrow, *i.e.* mind containing the sorrow, and the sufferer therefrom are separated. This apparent sufferer is the self or Puruṣa mentioned in the Sāṃkhya philosophy. That is the ultimate goal of the pure 'I' freed of all egoism.

भाष्यम्—कथम् ?—

चित्तेरप्रतिसंक्रमायास्तदाकारापत्तौ स्वबुद्धिसंवेदनम् ॥ २२ ॥

‘अपरिणामिनौ हि भोक्तृशक्तिरप्रतिसंक्रमा च, परिणामिन्यर्थे प्रति-
संक्रान्तेव तद्बुद्धिमानुपतति, तस्याश्च प्राप्तचैतन्योपग्रहस्वरूपाया बुद्धिहृत्तेरनुकार-
मात्रतया बुद्धिहृत्तविशिष्टा हि ज्ञानवृत्तिराख्यायते ।’ तथा चोक्तम् “न