

ing gets completely distorted. That it is Iswara who manifests Himself as the universe, is something beyond their ken. They detest everything pertaining to the Divine. The deluded have therefore no alternative to self-destruction.

The way of the sieve is to let the fine things pass through and hold the coarse things to itself. Likewise, the way of the wicked is to let the merits go and hold the evils fast.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Who are they that get drawn to the Lord? They are delineated :—

Four Types of Virtuous Men — 16-19

चतुर्विधा भजन्ते मां जनाः सुकृतिनोऽर्जुन ।

आर्तो जिज्ञासुरर्थार्थी ज्ञानी च भरतर्षभ ॥ १६

चतुर्-विधाः भजन्ते माम् जनाः सु-कृतिनः अर्जुन ।

आर्तः जि-ज्ञासुः अर्थ-अर्थी ज्ञानी च भरत-ऋषभ ॥

*caturvidhā bhajante mām janāḥ sukr̥tino 'rjuna ।*

*ārto jijñāsur arthārthī jñānī ca bharata ṛṣabha ॥*

चतुर्विधाः *caturvidhāḥ* four kinds भजन्ते *bhajante* worship माम् *mām* me जनाः *janāḥ* people सुकृतिनः *sukṛtinaḥ* virtuous अर्जुन *arjuna* O Arjuna आर्तः *ārtaḥ* the distressed जिज्ञासुः *jijñāsuḥ* the seeker of knowledge अर्थार्थी *arthārthī* the seeker of wealth ज्ञानी *jñānī* the wise च *ca* and भरत ऋषभ *bharata ṛṣabha* O lord of the Bharatas

Four types of virtuous men worship Me, O Arjuna: the man in distress, the man seeking knowledge, the man seeking wealth and the man imbued with wisdom, O the best of the Bharatas.