

HE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS GOOD --- Even though he has been, till this day, a man of evil ways, wicked and cruel, living the life of the senses, uncontrolled and passionate, even then, from the moment he has taken to the path of contemplation upon the Supreme, with devotion, he is to be considered, says Krishna, as 'SAINTLY AND GOOD.' Such usage of words is common to every language, when we want to emphatically assert a state or condition to be fulfilled in the immediate future. In all such cases, we claim it as a state accomplished, even in the present 'baking the bread,' 'making the tea,' are all examples when, even while kneading the flour or boiling the water, we refer to these acts with a term indicating anticipatory fulfilment. Similarly here, one who has taken to the "Path Divine" is called, from that very moment, as "GOOD AND SAINTLY" because he will soon (*Acirat*) grow out of himself to thrive and flourish in the vaster atmosphere of spiritual glory; it is an anticipatory statement.

Such an individual is to be considered good and divine, "FOR," as Krishna puts it, "HE HAS RIGHTLY RESOLVED." In the Life Divine, right resolution is more important than mere routine. The majority of seekers only plod on their "paths" --- a melancholy brood, like famished cattle, treading their way to the meat-market! Such a melancholy procession can reach nowhere but the butcher's block where Time hacks them into pieces! He who steadily walks the path with an iron-heart of resolution, open-eyed and enthusiastic, cheerful and