

But the men of mediocre understanding take it that help comes to them from the gods they worship

Water seems to be flowing out from the mouths of cows, tigers and lions attached to the drain pipes from the roof of the house But all these waters have actually come from the heavens in the form of rain Similarly the words uttered by the holy ones are very often the inspiration come from Iswara

— Sri Ramakrishna

What is it that the ignorant seek? The explanation comes —

अन्तवत्तु फलं तेषां तद्भवत्यल्पमेधसाम् ।

देवान्देवयजो यान्ति मद्भक्ता यान्ति मामपि ॥ २३

अन्त-वत् तु फलम् तेषाम् तत् भव-अति अल्प-मेधसाम् ।

देवान् देव-यज या-अन्ति मद् भक्ता या अन्ति माम् अपि ॥

*antavat tu phalam tesām tad bhavaty alpamedhasām ।
devān devayajo yānti madbhaktā yānti mām api ॥*

अन्तवत् *antavat* finite तु *tu* verily फलम् *phalam* the fruit तेषाम् *tesām* of them तत् *tat* that भवति *bhavati* is अल्पमेधसाम् *alpa medhasām* those of small intelligence देवान् *devān* to the gods देवयज *devayajaḥ* the worshippers of the Devas यान्ति *yānti* go to मद्भक्ता *mad bhaktāḥ* my devotees यान्ति *yānti* go to माम् *mām* to me अपि *api* also

But the fruit that accrues to those men of small intellect is finite. The worshippers of the gods go to the gods; My devotees come to Me. 23

Endeavours are practically the same in all the mines But there is a difference between the seekers of iron and the seekers of diamond All men seek to enrich life and to add to happiness Men of small intellect are they who are unable to distinguish