

ordered to fight in defence of their culture and to consider themselves fortunate to get the chance to serve the country. Such battle-fields are the wide-open gates to Heaven for the defending heroes who fight diligently on the side of *Dharma*.

It is interesting to note how Lord Krishna, in the scheme of his exhortations, comes down slowly from the highest pinnacles of *Vedantic* ideologies to the lower plane of material philosophy, and still lower down to the point-of-view of an average worldly man. From all these different levels, he views the problem and presents Arjuna with the same logical conclusion that the war must be fought.

IT IS INDEED A FACT THAT IT IS YOUR DUTY, AND NOW IN CASE YOU RENOUNCE IT AND RUN AWAY FROM THE BATTLE-FIELD, THEN:

*33. But, if you will not fight this righteous war, then, having abandoned your own duty and fame, you shall incur sin.*

In case you refuse to engage yourself in this glorious war, then not only will you be renouncing your own "personal call-of-character" (*Swadharma*) and honour, in not having fulfilled your noble duty, but also incur positive sin. Not to face this army of un-Aryan forces is as much sinful as to murder and kill those who deserve not such a treatment.