

A man suffers from a midnight dream that somebody comes with a sword in hand to butcher him to pieces. Being frightened beyond wit, he screams and wakes up. He finds in the dim lamp light the door bolted within and the presence of none in the room. Still his heart continues to palpitate rapidly for some time. This is the sign of one's identification with one's body.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Not only the spiritual standpoint, but the worldly standpoint also is now taken into consideration :—

Swerve not from Duty — 31-37

स्वधर्ममपि चावेक्ष्य न विकम्पितुमर्हसि ।

धर्म्याद्धि युद्धाच्छ्रेयोऽन्यत्क्षत्रियस्य न विद्यते ॥ ३१

स्व-धर्मम् अपि च अव-ईक्ष्य न वि-कम्पितुम् अर्हसि ।

धर्म्यात् हि युद्धात् श्रेयः अन्यत् क्षत्रियस्य न विद्यते ॥

*svadharmam api cā 'vekṣya*

*na vikampitum arhasi ।*

*dharmyādd hi yuddhāc chreyo 'nyat*

*kṣatriyasya na vidyate ॥*

स्वधर्मम् *svadharmam* own duty अपि *api* also च *ca* and अवेक्ष्य *avekṣya* looking at न *na* not विकम्पितुम् *vikampitum* to waver अर्हसि *arhasi* (thou) oughtest धर्म्यात् *dharmyāt* than righteous हि *hi* indeed युद्धात् *yuddhāt* than war श्रेयः *śreyaḥ* higher अन्यत् *anyat* other क्षत्रियस्य *kṣatriyasya* of a Kshatriya न *na* not विद्यते *vidyate* is

Again, looking at your own duty as well, you should not waver; for, there is nothing more welcome to a Kshatriya than righteous war. 31

A Kshatriya holds righteousness superior to mere living. By waging the war of the kind that has come about, righteousness is upheld; but by