

man with all prosperity. It is like the ebb of the tide. Then the water rushes up against the river, providing facilities to row the boat easily. The wind also begins to blow favourably then. By unfurling the sail the passage is quickened. A little effort at the appropriate time leads to great results. That is called the opportune moment. Arjuna is face to face with it now. The trials and tribulations of the exile in the forest are over. He has but to execute his duty now as a matter of course. The attainments of the earth and heaven, of victory and fame, and of enjoyment and blessedness are waiting to attend on him. Diffidence and despondency are therefore out of place at this juncture.

The tide of fortune and the opportune time come to one and all, consistent with the law of growth and evolution. Blessed are they who utilize these advantages to get fixed in *Sreyas*.

What are the adverse consequences of not utilizing these advantages that come but rarely ever in a life time? The answer comes :—

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*atha cet tvam imam dharmyam*

*samgrāmaṁ na kariṣyasi ।*

*tataḥ svadharmaṁ kīrtiṁ ca*

*hitvā pāpam avāpsyasi ॥*