

*gatasaṅgasya muktasya jñānāvasthitacetasaḥ ।
yajñāyā 'carataḥ karma samagraṁ praviliyate ॥*

गतसङ्गस्य *gatasaṅgasya* one who is devoid of attachment मुक्तस्य *muktasya* of the liberated ज्ञानावस्थितचेतसः *jñānāvasthita cetasaḥ* whose mind is established in knowledge यज्ञाय *yajñāya* for sacrifice आचरतः *ācarataḥ* acting कर्म *karma* action समग्रम् *samagraṁ* whole प्रविलीयते *praviliyate* is dissolved

Of one unattached, liberated, with mind absorbed in knowledge, performing work for Yajna alone, his entire karma melts away. 23

Bondage and liberation are born of the attitude of the mind. He performs *Yajna* who engages himself in karma for the glory of God. Any amount of activities cause no harm to the man freed from attachment. All actions melt away even as heaps of salt consigned into the sea get dissolved.

The palms and the knife have to be besmeared with oil before cutting open the jack fruit and removing the pulp. Otherwise the gummy juice in it would stick to the fingers and cause hindrance. In that wise protect yourself with self-knowledge before you seek wealth and other worldly things which would otherwise entangle you.

— Sri Ramakrishna

How should the *sadhaka* view the worldly life ?
The clue is given :—

ब्रह्मार्पणं ब्रह्म हविर्ब्रह्माग्नौ ब्रह्मणा हुतम् ।

ब्रह्मैव तेन गन्तव्यं ब्रह्मकर्मसमाधिना ॥ २४

ब्रह्म अर्पणम् ब्रह्म हविः ब्रह्म-अग्नौ ब्रह्मणा हुतम् ।

ब्रह्म एव तेन गम्-तव्यम् ब्रह्म-कर्म-सम्-आ-धिना ॥