

But those who carp at My teaching and act not thereon, deluded in all knowledge and devoid of discrimination, know them to be ruined. 32

Fire hurts the one who mishandles it and it cooks food for another who utilizes it properly. Losers are they who do not know of this law of nature. Moral and spiritual laws are not different from the laws of nature. Those who avail themselves of these laws progress and prosper, while those others who defy and break them come to grief and debasement.

Cat's claws and teeth are benevolent to the kitten and malevolent to the rat. Similarly *maya*, the power of the Lord, is beneficial to His devotees and harmful to the malefactors.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Laws of life pertaining to all, inclusive of the enlightened and the ignorant, are as follows —

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*sadṛśam ceṣṭate svasyāḥ prakṛter jñānavān api ।*

*prakṛtim yānti bhūtāni nigrahaḥ kim karisyati ॥*

सदृशम् *sadṛśam* in accordance चेष्टते *ceṣṭate* acts स्वस्या *svasyāḥ* of his own प्रकृते *prakṛteḥ* of nature ज्ञानवान् *jñānavān* a wise man अपि *api* even प्रकृतिम् *prakṛtim* to nature यान्ति *yānti* follow भूतानि *bhūtāni* beings निग्रह *nigrahaḥ* restraint किम् *kim* what करिष्यति *karisyati* will do