

Srimad-Bhagavad-Gita.

॥ पञ्चमोऽध्यायः ॥

FIFTH CHAPTER

अर्जुन उवाच ॥

संन्यासं कर्मणां कृष्ण पुनर्योगं च शंससि ॥

यच्छ्रेय एतयोरेकं तन्मे ब्रूहि सुनिश्चितम् ॥१॥

V. 1.

अर्जुनः Arjuna उवाच said :

कृष्ण O Krishna कर्मणां of actions संन्यासं renunciation पुनः again योगं performance च and शंससि commendest एतयोः of these two यत् which श्रेयः the better एकं one तत् that (एकं one) सुनिश्चितं decisively मे to me ब्रूहि tell.

Arjuna said :

Renunciation of actions, O Krishna, thou commendest, and again, its performance. Which is the better one of these? Do thou tell me decisively.

[In IV. 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 32, 33, 37 and 41, the Lord has spoken of the renunciation of all actions; and in IV. 42 He has exhorted Arjuna to engage in Yoga, in performance of action. Owing to the mutual opposition between the two, which makes it impossible for one man to resort to both.