

The motor car assembled of innumerable parts may be made use of for various purposes. Some may make use of it for murder and theft. Some others may avail themselves of it to rescue people involved in dangers and accidents. Yet others may utilize it for quick medical aid. Pleasure hunters put it to use in their own way. Educational tourists commission it for their purpose.

The human body may be used in all the ways mentioned herein. It is aptly called the *dharma kshetra*. The human tabernacle made of the five components, can be utilized for noble purposes. It may be sublimated into a temple and Divinity invoked into it. And these are verily acts of dharma. They are therefore right doings. This body which comes into being from the five causes enumerated above also allows itself to be converted into a den of demoniacal doings. All possible wrong may be perpetrated with it. It is as much useful for bad acts as for good ones.

All the activities carried on by man are brought under the triple heading—thought, word and deed. The subtlest of the karma takes place in the mind in the forms of thoughts and feelings. Not a moment passes without mind doing karma of one kind or another. The gross manifestations of it are words and deeds.

How is Atman connected with these activities going on in body, speech and mind? The answer comes —