

And who in what way is Adhiyajna here in this body, O destroyer of Madhu? And how art Thou known at the time of death, by the self-controlled?

श्रीभगवानुवाच ॥

अक्षरं ब्रह्म परमं स्वभावोऽध्यात्ममुच्यते ॥

भूतभावोद्भवकरो विसर्गः कर्मसंज्ञितः ॥३॥

VIII. 3.

श्रीभगवान् The Blessed Lord उवाच said :

अक्षरं The Imperishable परमं Supreme ब्रह्म Brahman स्वभावः (His) nature, the dwelling of Brahman in each individual body अध्यात्मं Adhyâtma उच्यते is said भूतभावोद्भवकरः that which causes the existence and genesis of beings विसर्गः offering (to gods) कर्मसंज्ञितः is called Karma.

The Blessed Lord said :

The Imperishable is the Supreme Brahman. Its dwelling in each individual body, is called Adhyâtma; the offering in sacrifice which causes the genesis and support of beings, is called Karma.

[*Offering in sacrifice*—includes here all virtuous works.

Karma: Cf. III. 14. 15.]

अधिभूतं क्षरो भावः पुरुषश्चाधिदैवतम् ॥

अधियज्ञोऽहमेवात्र देहे देहभृतां वर ॥४॥

VIII. 4.

देहभृतां Of the embodied वर the best क्षरः perishable भावः existence अधिभूतं Adhibhuta पुरुषः In-