

This idea has been brought out in this stanza, when the Lord says: "THAT I ACCEPT... THE DEVOUT GIFT OF THE PURE-MINDED."

Therefore, on the whole, it is clear that an offering can be efficient, only when it is accompanied by the two required conditions; (a) "offered with devotion" and (b) "by the pure-minded." To the extent these features are absent, all offerings are mere economic waste and superstition-breeding false-beliefs. If properly done, it can serve as a good vehicle to tread the spiritual path of self-development.

THEREFORE:

*27. Whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever you offer in sacrifice, whatever you give in charity, whatever you practise as austerity, O Kaunteya, do it as an offering to Me.*

Through all activities of life one can constantly live in the spirit of "devout offering" unto the Supreme. Throughout the Geeta it has been, time without number, insisted upon that the mental attitude is of supreme importance, rather than the mere physical act. And, this is a fact which ordinarily the seekers forget.

All acts of perception and our reactions to the perceived, be they on the physical, mental, or intellectual levels, make them all a "DEVOUT OFFERING UNTO HIM." In