

*Desire* is that form of mentation which seeks the repetition of the contact with the objects that seem agreeable to the senses.

*Hatred* is that mental state which seeks to avoid with revulsion those sense-objects which are disagreeable or painful.

*Pleasure* is an experience that pacifies the mind and promotes *sattva guna*.

*Pain* is a mentation that is disagreeable and disquieting.

*The Aggregate* is the assemblage of the various parts of the body. A machine is assembled by fixing all its parts in their proper places. The best and the most marvellous organic machine is the human body. Its functioning at all levels is equally marvellous.

*Chetana* is intelligence or the power to reveal and interpret. A piece of iron that comes into contact with fire reveals the fire in its own way. Similarly the capacity of the senses to imbibe and to reveal the characteristics of the Atma is the *chetana* or intelligence inherent in them. Since the body is being experienced and interpreted by this intelligence, it is classified as the *Kshetra*.

*Dhṛti* or firmness is the stamina to keep the body and the senses fit and active. Left to themselves they get exhausted and drift into indolence. But the resolve that emanates from within infuses fresh energy and activity into them. This particular urge is called firmness. It gives longevity to the body. Since *dhṛti* is also an object of experience it is classi-