

[The *wheel* of action started by Prajâpati on the basis of Veda and sacrifice.]

यस्त्वात्मरतिरेव स्यादात्मतृप्तश्च मानवः ॥

आत्मन्येव च सन्तुष्टस्तस्य कार्यं न विद्यते ॥१७॥

III. 17.

तु But यः मानवः that man आत्मरतिः devoted to the Self एव alone च and आत्मतृप्तः satisfied with the Self च and आत्मनि in the Self एव alone सन्तुष्टः content स्यात् may be तस्य his कार्यं work to be done (i. e. duty) न not विद्यते exists.

But the man who is devoted to the Self, and is satisfied with the Self, and content in the Self alone, he has no obligatory duty.

नैव तस्य कृतेनार्थो नाकृतेनेह कश्चन ॥

न चास्य सर्वभूतेषु काश्चिदर्थव्यपाश्रयः ॥१८॥

III. 18.

तस्य Of that man इह in this world कृतेन by action done अर्थः object न not एव surely (अस्ति, is) अकृतेन by action not done कश्चन any (loss) न not (अस्ति, is) च and अस्य of this man सर्वभूतेषु among all beings काश्चित् any अर्थव्यपाश्रयः depending for any object न not.

He has no object in this world (to gain) by doing (an action), nor (does he incur any loss) by non-performance of action,—nor has he (need of) depending on any being for any object.

तस्मादसक्तः सततं कार्यं कर्म समाचर ॥

असक्तो ह्याचरन्कर्म परमाप्नोति पूरुषः ॥१९॥