

resulting from action, is quickly attained in the human world.

[*Because success.....human world: Worldly success is much easier of attainment than Self-knowledge. Hence it is that the ignorant do not go in for the latter.*]

चातुर्वर्ण्यं मया सृष्टं गुणकर्मविभागशः ॥

तस्य कर्तारस्यपि मां विद्ध्यकर्तारमव्ययम् ॥१३॥

IV. 13.

मया By me गुणकर्मविभागशः by the differentiation of Guna and Karma चातुर्वर्ण्यं fourfold caste सृष्टं was created तस्य thereof कर्तारं author अपि even मां me अव्ययं changeless अकर्तारं non-doer विद्धि know.

The fourfold caste was created by Me, by the differentiation of Guna and Karma. Though I am the author thereof, know Me to be non-doer, and changeless.

[This sloka is intended to explain the diversity of human temperaments and tendencies. All men are not of the same nature, because of the preponderance of the different Gunas in them.

The caste system was originally meant to make perfect the growth of humanity, by the special culture of certain features, through the process of discriminate selection.

Though I am the author &c.: The Lord, though the author of the caste system is yet not the author. The same dread of being taken as a doer or an agent, crops up again and again. The paradox is explained in Chap. IX. 5-10. Maya is the real author, but He is taken as such, because it is His light which gives existence, not only to all actions, but to Maya herself.]

न मां कर्माणि लिपन्ति न मे कर्मफले स्पृहा ॥

इति मां योऽभिजानाति कर्मभिर्न स बध्यते ॥१४॥