

the parent The doctor explained, "But then, my man, there was kept here yesterday a plate of candy My advice might have been mistaken by your son for selfishness " The responsibility of those who guide the society is very great

— Sri Ramakrishna

How then about the responsibility of the Lord Himself? The answer follows —

न मे पार्थास्ति कर्तव्यं त्रिषु लोकेषु किञ्चन ।

नानवाप्तमवाप्तव्यं वर्त एव च कर्मणि ॥ २२

न मे पार्थ अस्-ति कर्तव्यम् त्रिषु लोकेषु किम्-चन ।

न अन्-अव आप्-तम् अव-आप्-तव्यम् वर्त एव च कर्मणि ॥

*na me pārthā 'sti kartavyam trisu lokesu kimcana ।*

*nā 'navāptam avāptavyam varta eva ca karmani ॥*

न *na* not मे *me* my पार्थ *pārtha* O Partha अस्ति *asti* is कर्तव्यम् *kartavyam* to be done (duty) त्रिषु *trisu* in the three लोकेषु *lokesu* worlds किञ्चन *kimcana* anything न *na* not अनवाप्तम् *anavāptam* unattained अवाप्तव्यम् *avāptavyam* to be attained वर्ते *varte* am एव *eva* also च *ca* and कर्मणि *karmani* in action

There is nought in the three worlds, O Partha, that has not been done by Me, nor anything unattained that might be attained; still I engage in action. 22

Iswara or the Saguna Brahman is immanent in the universe Because of His proximity there are orderliness and precision in all the happenings in the cosmos These happenings, however, are all impersonal Incessant activities are evident even in His Incarnations as Rama, Krishna and others Sri Krishna had nothing to gain or lose in the Mahabharata warfare Still the part He played in it was