

Fixing your mind on Me, you will by My grace, overcome all obstacles; but if from egoism you will not hear Me, you will perish. 58

The subjective and the objective or the internal and the external are the two aspects of the phenomenal existence. Impediments to smooth and harmonious living have their sources both in the subjective and the objective aspects. Man pays all attention to redress the obstacles caused by the external world. The unhealthy places are improved and made healthy. Copious supply of water is provided to places utterly dry. Hot regions are made comparatively cool by harnessing nature. These are instances of conquering the environment. Modern science pursues these endeavours with remarkable success. But the gaining of happiness does not lie in the subjugation of the external world. Undue extroverted attempt often aggravates pain instead of alleviating it. Introverted attempt is more consequential in this respect. A beneficent world is not beneficent to him who has not conquered his mind. All evils are more subjective than objective. A wicked mind projects wickedness upon the world outside and creates friction and suffering. There is no Satan other than the uncontrolled mind. But that mind which is dedicated to the Lord recognizes His beneficial doings alone everywhere. In the eyes of an ardent devotee, God's helpful hands are constantly at work aiding his onward march. Prahlada's frame of mind may be cited as an example. All the trials and tribulations that came upon him were willingly accepted by Prahlada as the