

DO NOT TAINT ME NOR HAVE I ANY ANXIETY FOR THE FRUITS OF ACTIONS." Taint or "desire" can come only to an ego, which is "the Self, functioning through a given mind and intellect." When the subtle-body is tainted by "desires" and agitations then the ego in it seems to be played upon by these two. This is better understood by the following analogy.

The sun, reflected in a bowl of water, is entirely dependent upon the condition of the water. The reflected-sun is shaken when the water in the bowl is disturbed and it appears to be dim when the water is muddy. Neither the dimness nor the agitations of the reflection have caused any change at all in the original object --- the sun in the Infinite Heavens. Similarly, the ego suffers the evil tendencies and such other taints of the mind and also gets disturbed, due to the "desires" for the FRUITS OF ITS ACTIONS. The Self, in Its Pure Conscious-nature, is not at all affected by these delusory disturbances of Its own reflection in the mental pool.

THIS SEEMS TO BE A NOVEL INTERPRETATION OF THE USUAL VEDIC TECHNIQUE OF SELF-PERFECTION. IS THERE ANY PRECEDENT?... LISTEN:

*15. Having known this, the ancient seekers-after-freedom also performed action; therefore, you too perform action, as did the ancients in the olden times.*