

completely free from the notion of egoism. Even-minded in pain and pleasure, he remains supremely unaffected even when beaten or abused. Always content, he discovers a *flawless* infinite joy in himself whether he obtains even the means of his bodily sustenance or not. Steadfast in his meditation, self-controlled and firm in his resolve, he lives on joyously, his mind and intellect "ever centered in Me." "SUCH A PERFECT, DEVOTED YOGI," THE LORD SAYS, "IS DEAR TO ME."

The truth expressed in the stanza earlier, "I am very dear to the Man-to-Wisdom and he is dear to Me" (VII-17), is being more elaborately elucidated in all these seven verses of this chapter.

MOREOVER:

*15. He by whom the world is not agitated (affected) , and who cannot be agitated by the world, who is freed from joy, envy, fear, and anxiety --- he is dear to me.*

This stanza constitutes the SECOND SECTION in which again Lord Krishna enumerates three more characteristic features of a real devotee.

"HE BY WHOM THE WORLD IS NOT AGITATED" --- A Man-of-Perfection is one who will not create any agitations in the world around him. Where the Sun is, there cannot be any darkness, where the peaceful Master