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hysterical blabberings which are typical of such a mental patient. The endeavour in Chapter I of the Geeta is to give the complete "case-history" of a patient suffering from the typical "Arjuna-disease." The Bhagawad Geeta gives, as I said earlier, an extremely efficient "Krishna-cure" for this soul-killing "Arjuna-disease."

Arjuna said: 28. Seeing these my kinsmen, O Krishna, arrayed, eager to fight,

29. My limbs fail and my mouth is parched, my body quivers and my hair stands on end.

In these two stanzas, there is an exhaustive enumeration of the symptoms that the patient could then recognise in his own physical body as a result of his mental confusions. That which Sanjaya had glorified as 'pity', when coming out of Arjuna's own mouth, gains a more realistic expression. Arjuna says: "seeing my kinsmen gathered here anxiously determined to fight, my limbs shiver"..., etc.

All these symptoms are described in the text-books of modern psychology as typical symptoms of the mental disease named 'anxiety-state-neurosis.'

30. The Gandiva-bow slips from my hand, and my skin burns all over; I am also unable to stand and my mind is whirling round, as it were.