

as virtue and which rejected as vice? Among the fuels, that which smokes too much is bad and that which smokes less is good. Among the karmas that which is attendant with more evil than good, is vice, and that other in which there is more good than evil, is virtue. It is in accordance with place, time and circumstance, that a karma becomes good or bad. The knowing ones ought to discern and do the good karma only.

But the yogi has his own criterion. He discharges his duty as an act of worship of the Lord. A pilgrim who halts at a wayside rest house, cooks his food there with the fuel available and proceeds further. He does not delay on the way for want of good fuel. The attitude of the yogi is very much like this. He performs for the sake of the Lord, that karma to which his body is found fit. And he acts with the sole motive of reaching the state of Inaction or Atman. The embodied one is obliged to act in a good and useful manner. The yogi therefore discharges his *svadharma* as an adoration of the Almighty.

How his act becomes an adoration is further explained —

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असक्तबुद्धिः सर्वत्र जितात्मा विगतस्पृहः ।

नैष्कर्म्यसिद्धिं परमां संन्यासेनाधिगच्छति ॥ ४९

अ-सज्ज-त-बुद्धिः सर्वत्र जि-त-आत्मा वि ग(म्)-त-स्पृहः ।

नैष्कर्म्य-सिद्धिम् परमाम् सम-नि-भासेन अधि-गच्छ-ति ॥