

"FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS ALSO YOU SHOULD PERFORM ACTION":

*20. Janaka and others attained Perfection verily by action only; even with a view to protecting the masses you should perform action.*

Thus, the wise Kings of yore, such as Janaka and *Ashwapati*, had tried to attain Perfection, (*Samsiddhi*), by the 'Path-of-Action.' They were men of right understanding as they tried to liberate themselves through right actions performed in a spirit of detachment and self-dedication. They had set an example to the world by their achievement through an immaculate life of service.

Krishna means that Arjuna too, a prince by birth, and one who has taken upon himself the entire responsibility of mobilising and fighting the war, should respect his *Prarabdha* and act diligently without running away from the battle-field as he had earlier intended to do. This is the only method by which he can gain a complete *vasana*-exhaustion in himself. Born as a king, he had a greater responsibility towards the community, than any other member. Therefore, it was his duty that he should keep to his post and work diligently.

A creeper will never grow in a desert. It is nature's law that every living creature finds itself in the most