

through living than by precept. He was delivering the message of poise to the poiseless humanity.

Wicked and sensuous rulers were in those days styled Asuras. It became imperative for Sri Krishna to do away with several of them. Every time he put an end to one of them he had perforce to give protection to a large number of women captives who were under the clutches of that villain. The deliverer of the innocent was in duty bound to give protection to thousands of the forlorn among the fair sex. His harem was thus swelling in number. He became their husband in the sense that he weaned them from moral depravity. The super-human task that the present day Indian Government does in regard to the reclamation of abducted women gives us a glimpse into the humanitarian work that the Lord Hrishikesa had to do in those days. All living beings are, according to a religious concept, viewed as brides and the Lord as the only Bridegroom capable of espousing and guiding them. Sri Krishna literally demonstrated this position during his earthly sojourn.

#### Sages Nara and Narayana

In days of yore there were two Rishis known as Narayana and Nara. Tradition has it that towards the end of the Dwapara Yuga these sages incarnated themselves as Sri Krishna and Arjuna. In both these cases they embodied in themselves the principles of the Paramatman and the Jivatman. The relationship between God and man is elucidated in several other ways, in the Upanishads. The allegory