

have proved himself a coward if he had changed his dharma. Man should always evolve in the make up best suited to him.

A professional farmer does not lose courage and continues to cultivate even if there be a terrible drought for twelve long years. But a weaver who takes to tilling for a change of occupation gets disheartened if rain fails for one season. A true devotee does not deviate from the path of devotion for any reason whatsoever. In life and death he relies on the Lord.

—Sri Ramakrishna

In chapter two stanzas 62 and 63 and in chapter three stanza 34, the root cause of all evils has been unmistakably pointed out. Still Arjuna raises that question again here for further elucidation :—

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अर्जुन उवाच

अथ केन प्रयुक्तोऽयं पापं चरति पूरुषः ।

अनिच्छन्नपि वार्ष्णेय बलादिव नियोजितः ॥ ३६

अथ केन प्र-युक्तः-तः अयम् पापम् चरति पूरुषः ।

अन्-इच्छन् अपि वार्ष्णेय बलात् इव नि-योजितः ॥

arjuna uvāca

atha kena prayukto 'yaṁ pāpaṁ carati pūruṣaḥ ।

anicchann api vārṣṇeya balād iva niyojitaḥ ॥

अर्जुन उवाच *arjuna uvāca* Arjuna said:

अथ *atha* now केन *kena* by which प्रयुक्तः *prayuktaḥ* impelled अयम् *ayaṁ* this पापम् *pāpaṁ* sin चरति *carati* does पूरुषः *pūruṣaḥ* man अनिच्छन् *anicchan* not wishing अपि *api* even वार्ष्णेय *vārṣṇeya* O Varshneya बलात् *balāt* by force इव *iva* as it were नियोजितः *niyojitaḥ* constrained