

January in which the *Brāhma-muhūrtam* is contained. The worship of God done in this month has a salutary effect on the mind. The Lord therefore extols this month as a special attribute of His.

The life of the vegetable kingdom and that of the others too to some extent, get suspended in the snowy winter; but in the spring they get reanimated. Men and beings beam with fresh life and activities. So the Lord describes Himself as the Vasanta or the flowery spring among the seasons.

द्युतं छलयतामस्मि तेजस्तेजस्विनामहम् ।

जयोऽस्मि व्यवसायोऽस्मि सत्त्वं सत्त्ववतामहम् ॥ ३६

द्युतम् छलयताम् अस्मि तेजः तेजस्-विनाम् अहम् ।

जयः अस्मि वि-भव-साय. अस्मि सद्-त्वम् सत्त्व-वताम् अहम् ॥

*dyūtam chalayatām asmi tejas tejasvinām aham ।*

*jayo 'smi vyavasāyo 'smi sattvam sattvavatām aham ॥*

द्युतम् *dyūtam* the gambling छलयताम् *chalayatām* of the fraudulent अस्मि *asmi* (I) am तेजः *tejah* splendour तेजस्विनाम् *tejasvinām* of the splendid अहम् *aham* I जयः *jayah* victory अस्मि *asmi* (I) am व्यवसायः *vyavasāyah* effort अस्मि *asmi* (I) am सत्त्वम् *sattvam* the goodness सत्त्ववताम् *sattvavatām* of the good अहम् *aham* I

I am the gambling of the fraudulent, I am the splendour of the splendid; I am victory; I am effort; I am the goodness of the good. ३६

Robbery, forgery, fixing undue price on things, passing imitation articles as genuine — acts of these kinds are all fraudulent. Gambling also comes under this category. But peoples and governments