

sincerity, the three-fold *tapas* as explained above, come to reap a large dividend from their austerities.

*18. The austerity which is practised with the object of gaining good reception, honour and worship, and with hypocrisy, is here said to be RAJASIC, unstable, and transitory.*

Penance that is performed with a view to gaining respect, honour and reverence is said to be of the *Rajasic* type, performed generally by men of "passionate" nature. Self control and self-application pursued not for the purpose of one's own inner development, but only for hood-winking the world and getting cheap respect, reverence or worship, is indeed, one of the basest deceits that a man of culture can ever practise. Earlier Shri Bhagawan Himself (III-6, 7) called such men hypocrites. Seekers belonging to this group perform austerities mainly for their propaganda value, and hence, Bhagawan says that their *tapas* is "with ostentation" (*Dambhena*).

One may wonder what harm is there in practising this type of *tapas*? After all "*tapas*," as we observed, "is economy of thought-forces and the intelligent reinvestment of the economised energy into more creative fields of self-development." And yet, the *Geetacharya* condemns those who perform *tapas* with this wrong motive, and declares that such *tapas* is "UNSTABLE AND TRANSITORY." Any intelligent self-effort, ordinarily, has a time-lapse, before it can produce its results. Self-