

misconception of the goal, fall under the *Tamasic* type. Habits of drinking, reckless gambling, corruption, etc., are all examples of the dull (*Tamasic*) "actions."

Such people have no regard for the consequences of their actions. Ere long, they lose their vitality, and injure all those who are depending upon them. They surrender their dignity and status, their capacities and subtle faculties --- all for the sake of their pursuit of a certain delusory goal in life. All they demand is a temporary joy of some sense gratification and a tickling satisfaction of some fancy of the hour.

"Actions" of this type (*Tamasic*) immediately provide the performer with a substantial dividend of sorrow. *Rajasic* "action" comparatively takes a longer time to bring its quota of disappointments and sorrows, while *Sattwic* "action" is always steady and blissful.

THE THREE KINDS OF 'DOERS' (ACTORS) ARE DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING STANZA:

26. An "agent" who is free from attachment, non-egoistic, endowed with firmness and enthusiasm, and unaffected by success or failure, is called SATTWIC (pure) .

So far we have a description of the three types of "Knowledge" and "Action." The third of the constituents that goes into the make-up of an action is the "Doer," the