

birth. Facilities for the fulfilment of those sinless desires are in abundance in the new setting. No sooner are the guiltless pleasures gone through than this aspirant takes to the practice of yoga. But that yogi who is born in the family of wise yogis has a better start. The favourable environment draws out the latent yoga elements in him. He feels as though he were going through the old lessons again. His inborn tendency ministered by the helpful surroundings, leads him on rapidly towards the ideal.

Swami Vivekananda and his *guru* Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa were perfect yogis born solely for the salvation of mankind. It is very striking to note that the former was born in the house of the pure and prosperous and the latter in a family of a wise yogi.

पूर्वाभ्यासेन तेनैव हियते ह्यवशोऽपि सः ।

जिज्ञासुरपि योगस्य शब्दब्रह्मातिवर्तते ॥ ४४

पूर्व-अभि-आसेन तेन एव हि-यते हि अव-शः अपि सः ।

जि-ज्ञासुः अपि योगस्य शब्द-ब्रह्म अति-वर्तते ॥

*pūrvābhyāsena tenai 'va hriyate hy avaso 'pi saḥ ।*

*jijñāsur api yogasya śabdabrahmā 'tivistate ॥*

पूर्वाभ्यासेन *pūrvābhyāsena* former practice तेन *tena* by that एव *eva* verily हियते *hriyate* is borne हि *hi* indeed अवशः *avasah* helpless अपि *api* even सः *saḥ* he जिज्ञासुः *jijñāsuḥ* he who wishes to know yoga अपि *api* even योगस्य *yogasya* of yoga शब्दब्रह्म *śabda brahma* word-Brahman अतिवर्तते *ativartate* goes beyond

By that very former practice he is led on in spite of himself. Even he who merely wishes to know of yoga rises superior to the performer of Vedic rites. 44