

maintain man in the excellences he has so far acquired. But there are yet other excellences to acquire. New endeavours are the sure means to it. Crawling is a necessary step in a baby's life. But in remaining satisfied with it, the baby cannot evolve. He has further to stand, walk and run. Even so man progresses through new enterprises. There are those who hold that doing any new karma amounts to the creation of an additional bondage. The seeming progress on one side is nothing but bondage to karma on the other, is the view of these people. They advocate the avoidance of the chimera of action and its dreadful consequence in the shape of slavery to action. But this negative position is untenable. Man can make endless ethical and spiritual progress in life and at the same time remain untethered to karma. The Lord now provides the means to it as follows :—

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यज्ञार्थात्कर्मणोऽन्यत्र लोकोऽयं कर्मबन्धनः ।

तदर्थं कर्म कौन्तेय मुक्तसङ्गः समाचर ॥ ९

यज्ञ-अर्थात् कर्मणः अन्यत्र लोकः अयम् कर्म-बन्धनः ।

तद्-अर्थम् कर्म कौन्तेय मुक्त-सङ्गः सम्-आ-चर ॥

yajñārthāt karmano 'nyatra

loko 'yam karmabandhanah ।

tad artham karma kaunteya

mukta sangah samācara ॥

यज्ञार्थात् *yajñārthāt* for the sake of sacrifice कर्मणः *karmanah* of action अन्यत्र *anyatra* otherwise लोकः *lokaḥ* the world अयम् *ayam* this कर्मबन्धनः *karma bandhanah*