

identifying with the spiritual dignity in Himself, experiencing His Absolute Nature, it is as the Eternal substratum for the entire PLURALISTIC world, as the Cause of all Creation, as the Might in all substances, that He is talking now. Transcending all time and causation, in a burning conviction of the lived Truth, He declares here: "At the very beginning of creation, these two 'paths' were given out by Me as the two possible methods by which the ACTIVE and the CONTEMPLATIVE could seek and re-discover the Eternal nature of their very Self."

THE 'PATH-OF-ACTION' IS A MEANS TO AN END, NOT DIRECTLY, BUT ONLY AS A PREPARATION TO THE 'PATH-OF-KNOWLEDGE'; WHEREAS THE LATER, WHICH IS ATTAINED BY MEANS OF THE 'PATH-OF-ACTION,' LEADS TO THE GOAL DIRECTLY WITHOUT EXTRANEIOUS HELP. TO SHOW THIS THE LORD SAYS:

*4. Not by non-performance of actions does man reach 'actionlessness' ; nor by mere renunciation does he attain 'Perfection.'*

Spiritually, as the Self, everyone of us is All-full and Perfect. Due to our 'ignorance' of this spiritual experience, we entertain in our intellect unending desires, each of them being our own intellect's attempt to fulfil itself! It is very well-known that we desire things that are not already with us in full, or in a satisfying quantity. As the desires in us, so are our thoughts; thoughts are the disturbances