

The "understanding" of the passionate (*Rajasic*) comes to judge the righteous (*Dharma*) and the unrighteous (*Adharma*), what is to be done and what is not to be done, in a slightly perverted manner (*Ayathaavat*). Such a *Rajasic* "understanding" cannot reach right judgements, because it is invariably coloured by its own preconceived notions and powerful likes and dislikes.

WHAT IS TAMASIC "UNDERSTANDING"?

32. That which, enveloped in darkness, sees ADHARMA as DHARMA, and all things perverted, that intellect (understanding) , O Partha, is TAMASIC (dull) .

The type of "understanding" which brings sorrow to everyone including the individual himself, is the "understanding" of the 'dull' (*Tamasic*). Actually it is no "understanding" at all; it can, at best, be called only a chronic bundle of misunderstandings. Such an intellect runs into its own conclusions, but unfortunately, it always lands up with wrong conclusions only. It has such a totally perverted "understanding" that it recognises "*Adharma*" as "*Dharma*," the 'right' as 'wrong.' This faculty of coming to wrong judgements is amply seen in the dull, because their entire reasoning capacity is enveloped by complete darkness and egoistic drunkenness.

DISCUSSING THE THREE TYPES OF "FORTITUDE,"
LORD KRISHNA CONTINUES: