

रागी *rāgi* passionate कर्मफलप्रेप्सु *karma phala prep-*  
*suh* desirous of the fruits of action लुब्ध *lubdhaḥ*  
 greedy हिंसात्मक *himsātmakaḥ* cruel अशुचि *asuciḥ* impure  
 हर्षशोक अन्वित *harṣa śoka anvitaḥ* moved by joy and  
 sorrow कर्ता *kartā* agent राजस *rājasaḥ* Rajasika परि  
 कीर्ति *parikīrtitaḥ* is called

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 greedy, cruel, impure, moved by joy and sorrow —  
 such an agent is said to be Rajasika. 27

A greedy person is he who tries by fair or foul  
 means to appropriate the properties of others to  
 himself. He does not hesitate to cause injury to  
 others while giving effect to his base design. Because  
 of his mean decision he is not pure in thought, word  
 and deed. When his plot succeeds he is beside him-  
 self with joy, when it fails sorrow overtakes him.  
 These are the traits of an agent who is *Rajasika* by  
 nature.

Cunning is no virtue. Nobody is more cunning than a  
 crow. It steals artfully. It is ever alert lest it should be caught.  
 It exploits the helplessness of little children. All the same, it is  
 ever out to eat filth. There are people of the nature of the crow.  
 They are deceitful, calculative and cunning. But their one  
 concern day and night is to grab low and vulgar things. Such  
 people are incapable of taking to the path of spirituality.

— Sri Ramakrishna

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*ayuktaḥ prākṛtaḥ stabdhaḥ śatho naiskṛtiko 'lasaḥ ।*

*viśādi dīrghasūtrī ca kartā tāmasa ucyate ॥*