

UNDERSTANDING THUS, YOU SHALL BE FREE --- Here the word "understanding" is not a mere intellectual apprehension but a complete spiritual comprehension, in a vivid subjective experience of Reality.

Right-Knowledge was represented as a "Knowledge-sacrifice" (IV-24). Then, several sacrifices have been mentioned. Knowledge is now being extolled, as compared with these latter kinds of sacrifices, which are all means of attaining the *Purushartha* --- the inner integration.

33. Superior is "knowledge-sacrifice" to "Sacrifice-with-objects," O Parantapa. All actions in their entirety, O Partha, culminate in Knowledge.

Krishna compares the *Dravya-Yajna* --- the sacrifice of material oblations --- with *Jnana-Yajna*, and declares that, for cultural self-development, *Jnana-Yajna* is any day nobler and diviner than mere formalistic ritualism with material offerings (*Dravya-Yajna*).

In the second line of the verse the Lord explains how and why He considers "the sacrifice of 'ignorance' in Knowledge" (*Jnana-Yajna*) as greater and nobler than "the sacrifice of food and other materials in the sacred fire" (*Dravya-Yajna*). Ritualistic *Karmas* produce results to enjoy which the individual ego has to take up new manifestations, wherein again, he has yet to undertake and perform more and more activities. *Karma* never ends