

3. *That all actions should be abandoned as evil, declare some philosophers; while others (declare) that acts of sacrifice, gift and austerity should not be relinquished.*

In the previous stanza it was conclusively declared that ABANDONMENT is the "way" and total RENUNCIATION is the "goal." On this theory of abandonment there is a school of philosophers, the *Sankhyas*, who declare: "ACTION SHOULD BE ABANDONED AS EVIL." According to them, all actions are productive of *vasanas* which cloud the realisation of the Self; and therefore, without exception, all actions should be renounced. Some commentators upon the *Sankhyan* philosophy point out that "WORK IS NOT TO BE ABANDONED, EXCEPT WHEN IT IS GOING IN WRONG CHANNELS, MOTIVATED BY DEMONIC URGES LIKE PASSION, GREED, DESIRE ETC."

The philosophers not only indicate that all seekers should avoid unhealthy activities which have, in their reactions, a deadening influence upon the spiritual beauty in man, but also advise that every man should engage himself in creative, character-moulding, moral-rebuilding work that can aid the individual's personality-integration. This latter school of thinkers recommends that 'sacrifice' (*Yajna*), 'charity' (*Daana*) and 'austerity' (*Tapas*) should never be abandoned.

As students of the Geeta, we should know that Krishna wants Arjuna only to renounce all evil activities, and