

acid of satire!! Krishna ends his "word-treatment" with an appeal to Arjuna to "Get up and act."

*Arjuna said: 4. How, O Madhusudana, shall I, in battle, fight with arrows against Bhishma and Drona, who are fit to be worshipped, O destroyer of enemies!*

The motive-hunting cowardice in Arjuna has come to pick up a great argument, seemingly quite convincing to the indiscriminating. On the other hand, to one who has not lost his balance and who knows perfectly the art of evaluating such a situation, this is no problem at all, and Arjuna's arguments are quite hollow. The war that is imminent is not between individuals due to any personal rivalry. Arjuna has no personality apart from the Pandava-forces, and the pair, Drona and Bhishma, are also not mere individual entities; in their identification, they are the Kaurava-forces. The two forces are arrayed to fight for certain principles. The Kauravas are fighting for their policy-of-*Adharma*. The Pandavas are fighting for the principles-of-*Dharma* as enunciated in the ancient lore of the Hindus.

So glorious being the cause, when the two armies representing the will of the People have marshalled themselves, Arjuna, the hero, had no individual right to accept any personal honour or dishonour, or to insist on any respect or disrespect, in meeting the individuals who were champions of the wrong side. Without taking this total view-point of the situation, Arjuna made the mistake