

32. *Thus innumerable sacrifices lie spread out before BRAHMAN --- (literally at the mouth or face of BRAHMAN ) --- Know them all as born of action, and thus knowing, you shall be liberated.*

In the world, no two different activities produce the same set of results. The twelve different *Yajnas* described so far, are all conspicuously different from one another, and so they must all be producing not an identical result but a series of different effects. In order to show that though the "paths" are different, all of them ultimately lead to the same goal, it is said here: "Various *Yajnas* lie open, leading to the gate of *Brahman*, the ETERNAL." Just as 'all roads lead to Rome,' all the above-mentioned techniques of *Yajna* also ultimately lead to one and the same goal.

KNOW THEM ALL TO BE BORN OF ACTION --- This timely reminder of the Lord has more than one direct suggestion: (a) these "paths" prescribed in the *Vedas* are all to be pursued through self-effort, and therefore, Arjuna is reminded of the inevitability of right action, if he wants to move ahead in his cultural self-development; and (b) it also suggests that all these "paths" are only the means and not the end. Action is born of "desires," and, therefore, as long as there is action there is no redemption from "desires." The "State-of-Desirelessness" is the "State-of-Perfection," and therefore, in the context of our understanding, these pregnant words of the verse ring a note of warning that we should not misunderstand these *Yajnas* as the very goal of life.