

Rajasikas प्रेतान् *pretān* ghosts भूतगणान् *bhūta gaṇān* the hosts of Bhutas or the nature-spirits च *ca* and अन्ये *anye* the others यजन्ते *yajante* worship तामसाः *tāmasāḥ* the Tamasika जनः *janāḥ* people

**Sattvika men worship the Devas; Rajasika, the Yakshas and the Rakshasas; the others—the Tamasika men—the Pretas and the hosts of Bhutas.** 4

Men commingle with men in accordance with their temperament and disposition. It is but natural that the good associate with the good, and the bad with the bad. This classification goes on in the realm of worship as well. The *Sāttvika* group takes to the adoration of the Paramatman whose facets are Siva, Vishnu, Ambika, Ganesa and Subrahmanya. The *Rajasika* type attributes to the deity or deities characteristics which are their own. Revenge, wrath, vandalism – these are the traits attributed by the *Rajasika* men to their gods whom they worship ardently. The *Tamasika* men are lazy and ignorant. Their conception of godhood is in tune with their disposition. The god they worship is a wild deity that delights in hurting and teasing people.

The *Sāttvika* men are few in number. The others are in majority. Their ways are as follows:—

अशास्त्रविहितं धीरं तप्यन्ते ये तपो जनाः ।  
 दम्भाहङ्कारसंयुक्ताः क्रामरागद्वलान्विताः ॥ ५  
 कश्चिन्तः शरीरस्य भूतग्राममचेतसः ।  
 मां चैवान्तः शरीरस्य तान्निद्ध्यासुरनिश्चयान् ॥ ६