

death of her baby The next moment she is busy arranging her jewels and costly clothings, scrupulously attending to her toilet as well The parents are driven into penury because of the marriages of two or three daughters Still the begetting continues as usual In litigation the property is drained away, but on that ground further litigation does not stop Though there is no wherewithal to maintain the existing brood of children, new additions do not fail to come in year after year. How strange!

— Sri Ramakrishna

आशापाशशतैर्वद्धाः कामक्रोधपरायणाः ।

ईहन्ते कामभोगार्थमन्यायेनार्थसञ्चयान् ॥ १२

आशा-पाश-शतै बद्धा काम-क्रोध-पर-अयना ।

ईह-अन्ते काम-भोग-अर्थम् अन्यायेन अर्थ-सम्-चयान् ॥

*āsāpāśasatair baddhāḥ kāmakrodhaparāyanāḥ ।*

*ihante kāmabhogārtham anyāyenā 'rthasamcayān ॥*

आशापाशशतैः *āsā pāśa sataiḥ* by a hundred ties of hope बद्धा *baddhāḥ* bound कामक्रोधपरायणा *kāma krodha parāyanāḥ* given over to lust and anger ईहन्ते *ihante* (they) strive कामभोग अर्थम् *kāma bhoga artham* for sensual enjoyment अन्यायेन *anyāyena* by unlawful means अर्थसञ्चयान् *artha samcayān* hoards of wealth

Bound by a hundred ties of hope, given over to lust and anger, they strive to secure by unjust means boards of wealth for sensual enjoyment. 12

*Dravya yajna* or the worship of the Lord through the acquisition of wealth by fair means and the expenditure of it on noble causes, is enjoined in the scriptures; and the virtuous people adopt it in their lives But the men of Asura mould make life complicated by cruel competition. Frenzy, falsehood and fraud are the norm with them. They amass wealth rapaciously for voluptuous sense-indulgence.