

selves in the sacrificial fire of Iswara. This is the sublimest act that a human being can ever do.

He is truly a holy man whose body and mind are entirely dedicated to the Lord. He has no occupation other than being absorbed all the while in God. Knowing that the Lord is residing in the hearts of all, he devotedly serves them to the best of his ability. And these are the sure indications of a true man of God.

— Sri Ramakrishna

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*antakāle ca mām eva smaran muktvā kalevaram ।*

*yaḥ prayāti sa madbhāvaṁ yāti nā'sty atra saṁśayaḥ ॥*

अन्तकाले *antakāle* at the time of death च *ca* and माम् *mām* me एव *eva* only स्मरन् *smaran* remembering मुक्त्वा *muktvā* leaving कलेवरम् *kalevaram* body यः *yaḥ* who प्रयाति *prayāti* goes forth सः *saḥ* he मद्भावं *madbhāvaṁ* my being याति *yāti* attains न अस्ति *na asti* is not अत्र *atra* here संशयः *saṁśayaḥ* doubt

And whoever, at the time of death, leaving the body, goes forth remembering Me alone, he attains My being; there is no doubt about this. 5

'My being', mentioned here comprises Iswara in His supreme state.

The essence of the sum total of the entire thoughts and feelings that have been taking place in the mind of man during the span of his life, stands condensed into a single state of mind at the time of his departure from the body. To effect the