

while their readings and interpretations of Him vary infinitely.

Why are people running after little things instead of seeking the Lord Himself? The fact is explained :—

Fruit of the Worship of the Minor Deities — 12

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*kāṅkṣantaḥ karmanām siddhiṁ yajanta iha devatāḥ ।*

*kṣipraṁ hi mānuṣe loke siddhir bhavati karmajā ॥*

काङ्क्षन्तः *kāṅkṣantaḥ* longing for कर्मणाम् *karmanām* of action सिद्धिम् *siddhiṁ* success यजन्ते *yajante* sacrifice इह *iha* in this world देवताः *devatāḥ* gods क्षिप्रम् *kṣipraṁ* quickly हि *hi* because मानुषे *mānuṣe* in the human लोके *loke* (in the) world सिद्धिः *siddhiḥ* success भवति *bhavati* is attained कर्मजा *karmajā* born of action

Longing for success in action on earth, they worship the gods; for quickly is success born of action in this world of man. 12

The higher the ideal the more arduously one has to prepare oneself for it and the longer one has to wait for it. Self-knowledge is harder to attain than the fruits of action. What is perceived by the senses is portrayed as the world of man, where quick results can be obtained; but they are impermanent in character. The ignorant seek for sense-objects easily obtainable. Access to a monarch is hard to get, but